

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
OCTOBER 2, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor T. Edward Kyzer. Council: R. LeMont Glasgow, Foster Senn, Zebbie D. Goudelock, Gregg Summer, Thomas Louis Boyd, David E. DuBose.

Also Present: City Manager Eric G. Budds, Assistant City Manager Jeff Shacker, City Clerk Tina P. Wicker, Public Works Director Arnold Hiller. Others Present: Ann Baum, Janet Long, Tucky Taylor and others. News Representatives: Lee Gray, Heather Hawkins.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kyzer called the meeting to order and Councilman Glasgow gave the invocation.

MINUTES

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on September 11, 2007 as presented. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Kyzer indicated that members of Council had received copies of the Financial Report for the period July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007 and noted that the Financial Report would be attached to and made a part of the original minutes of the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:

Mayor Kyzer and City Manager Budds recognized Ann Baum, Maintenance Worker in the Street Division of the Public Works Department, for five years of service to the City and presented her with a gift and longevity pin. They also recognized Janet Long, Administrative Assistant in the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department, on completion of fifteen years of service and presented her with a gift and longevity pin.

CITIZEN REQUEST:

Newberry County – Fee Waiver (Library)

Mayor Kyzer advised that the City had received a letter from the County Administrator requesting consideration be given to a waiver of the building permit and plan review fees for the library project. He reminded Council of a Resolution adopted earlier this year establishing a policy on the waiver of fees and that should the waiver be granted that it is done so because of the benefits of the project to the City's downtown revitalization efforts and the City's desire to partner with the County on the project. He added that if

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the waiver is granted it be contingent upon the County's commitment to reinvesting the savings in landscape, signage and other improvements compatible with the streetscape improvements currently being implemented by the City.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goude-lock, to approve the request from Newberry County and grant a waiver of the building permit and plan review fees with the stipulation that the funds saved would be reinvested in site improvements. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ORDINANCE (2007-1019): Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Sec. 525.4) – ARB – First Reading

Mayor Kyzer presented for first reading an Ordinance to amend Section 525.4 of the City's Zoning Ordinance addressing appointments to the Architectural Review Board. He explained that the change would expand the membership of the ARB from five to seven and provides greater flexibility in appointments to this Board. He noted that these changes would assist in the City's efforts to become a South Carolina Department of Archives and History certified local government. He added that this designation would place the City in a position of receiving additional historic preservation grant funds.

Councilman Goude-lock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow, to approve first reading of the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ORDINANCE (2007-1020): Lease/Purchase Ordinance – First Reading

Mayor Kyzer introduced for first reading an Ordinance authorizing the execution of a Lease/Purchase agreement for a knuckleboom loader for the Public Works Department and a service truck for the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$235,000. He remarked that the City would obtain bank bids for financing prior to second reading.

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to approve first reading of the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Goude-lock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to enter an Executive Session at approximately 7:18 P.M. to discuss personnel and contractual matters as outlined on the agenda. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

