

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
DECEMBER 13, 2005 – 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor T. Edward Kyzer. Council Present: R. Lemont Glasgow (late), Zebbie D. Goudelock, Gregg W. Summer, Andrew Shealy, Sarah F. Dipner (late).

Also Present: City Manager Eric G. Budds, Municipal Clerk Tina P. Wicker, Assistant to City Manager Jeff Shacker, Utility Director Charles Guerry, Police Chief Jackie Swindler, Building & Zoning Official Ward Braswell, City Planner Doug Currier. Others Present: Leslie Ammons, Pat Wilkes, Roger Everett, Todd Chapman, Everett Mayes, Gordon Johnson, Foster Senn, and others.
News Representatives: Heather Hawkins, Lee Gray.

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Shealy, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Newberry City Council held on November 8, 2005 as presented and to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of Newberry City Council held on November 21, 2005 as presented. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Kyzer stated that members of City Council had received copies of the Financial Report for the period July 1, 2005 through November 30, 2005 and that a copy of the Financial Report would be attached to and made a part of the minutes.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: **Water Treatment Plant**

Mayor Kyzer and City Manager Budds announced that the City's water treatment plant had received the Directors Award in recognition of successful completion of Phase 3 Self-Assessment Procedures of the Partnership for Safe Water. The Utility Director Charles Guerry accepted this award on behalf of the water plant staff.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: **Police Department**

Mayor Kyzer and City Manager Budds announced that the City had received the 2005 South Carolina Traffic Safety Community of the Year award presented by the Carolina Motor Club Foundation for Traffic Safety. Chief Swindler was recognized for this accomplishment and the plaque presented.

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RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE

Mayor Kyzer and City Manager Budds recognized Leslie Ammons, Building Maintenance Specialist in the Public Works Department, for completion of ten years of service with the City. He was presented a longevity pin and a gift from the City.

ORDINANCE (#2005-1030): **Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Secs. 511 & 513 – Second and Final Reading (Postponed)**

Mayor Kyzer introduced for second and final reading an Ordinance to amend Sections 511 and 513 of the Zoning Ordinance. He explained that Section 511 would provide restrictions when property zoned General Commercial adjoins or is within fifty feet of residentially zoned property in order to provide additional buffering and that Section 513 would be amended so as to eliminate some uses listed under the miscellaneous amusement category in the Core Commercial District. He added that City staff had met with concerned property owners and were working on a compromise suitable to all parties. He indicated that the staff was recommending that second and final reading of the Ordinance be postponed until the City Planning Commission had the opportunity to review the changes.

Councilman Shealy made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock, to postpone adoption of the Ordinance as presented until February. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ORDINANCE (#2005-1032): **Rental Property Registration – First Reading**

Mayor Kyzer presented for first reading an Ordinance to establish a requirement that rental property be registered. He stated that this measure would enable the City to better monitor rental property to ensure compliance with applicable City ordinances and regulations.

Mr. Roger Everett, a rental property owner, presented an article from the *State* concerning property taxes on rental property. He expressed concerns about the fees that may be established under the proposed Ordinance as well as the frequency of the registration requirements.

Mayor Kyzer remarked that Council would be considering options that would best serve the entire City.

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Shealy made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock, to enter an Executive Session at approximately 7:39 P.M. to discuss legal and personnel matters as outlined on the agenda. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Mayor Kyzer , to return to open session at approximately 8:45 P.M. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Summer, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:46 P.M. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

T. Edward Kyzer
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Tina P. Wicker, City Clerk
Newberry, South Carolina

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