

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
JUNE 11, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor Foster Senn, Councilmember Edwin E. Wicker, Councilmember Zebbie D. Goudelock, Councilmember Thomas Louis Boyd, Councilmember David E. DuBose.

Absent: Councilman R. LeMont Glasgow

Also Present: Interim City Manager W. A. Harvey, Assistant City Manager Matt Dewitt, Assistant Utility Director Marc Regier, Finance Director Shannon Smith, PRT Director Scott Sawyer and Public Works Director Mac Bartley. Others Present: Paul and Bette Brannon, Michael Wood, Neicy Polifrone, Lee Potts, Fred Arrago, Kevin Atkins, Alvina Goudelock, Narvis Boyd and others. News representatives: Tammy Kitchen and Elyssa Parnell.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Senn called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Goudelock gave the invocation.

MINUTES

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Goudelock, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of Newberry City Council held on May 6, 2013 as presented, the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on May 7, 2013 as presented, the minutes of the special meeting of Newberry City Council held on May 11 2013 as presented and the minutes of the special meeting of Newberry City Council held on May 18, 2013 as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Senn advised that members of City Council had received a copy of the Financial Report for the period ending May 31, 2013 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. Interim City Manager Harvey remarked that we're at 92% level on revenues and 90% on expenditures thus far. Some revenues may be a bit behind but feel comfortable with where we stand.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:

Mayor Senn and Interim City Manager Harvey recognized Michael Wood, Police Sergeant, for his ten years of service. They also recognized Bette Brannon, Senior Administrative Assistant, for her thirty-five years of service. Each received a certificate and gift selection packet commensurate with their years of service.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Rezoning Speer Street School Property

Mayor Senn declared a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments concerning the rezoning of the Speer Street School property from R-8 Medium Density Residential to Planned Development to accommodate the use of the property by Newberry College.

No one appeared to submit comments and Mayor Senn declared the public hearing closed.

PUBLIC HEARING:

FY2013-2014 Budget

Mayor Senn declared a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments concerning the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

Interim City Manager Harvey presented the City's Manager Budget Message which provided detailed information about the various funds of the budget. The City Manager's Budget Message will be contained in the finalized budget document.

No additional comments were offered and Mayor Senn declared the public hearing closed.

ORDINANCE:

Rezoning Speer Street School Property – Second and Final Reading

Mayor Senn offered for second and final reading an Ordinance (#2013-1003) to amend the Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map of the City of Newberry by rezoning the Speer Street School Property, identified by Tax Map #343-2-3-1 & 2, from R-8 Medium Density Residential to Planned Development. He explained that Newberry College intended to convert the school to a building to house its education department.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose, to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ORDINANCE:

Article 9 Amendment – Electric Rate Increase – First Reading

Mayor Senn presented for first reading an Ordinance (#2013-1004) to amend section of Article 9 of the City Code to adjust the City's electric rates to accommodate an increase passed to the City by Piedmont Municipal Power Agency (PMPA). He stated that the increase in rates would average approximately 6.7%.

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

ORDINANCE:

Levy Taxes and Adopt Budget for FY2013-2014 - First Reading

Mayor Senn presented for first reading an Ordinance (#2013-1005) to levy taxes at a rate of 87.4 mills and to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. He indicated that Interim City Manager Harvey had provided information on the budget during the public hearing.

Council stated that they would accept the budget as presented, but would like to eliminate the tax increase. Interim City Manager stated adjustments would be made to the budget for final presentation.

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

ORDINANCE:

Sections 4-1(a) and 7-31, City Code Amendment - First Reading

Mayor Senn presented for first reading an Ordinance (#2013-1006) to amend Section 4-1(a) and Section 7-31 of the City Code. He explained that the changes related to the International Fire Code and more particularly to the handling of appeals. He stated that the City will opt to have appeals related to the International Fire Code processed in accordance with S. C. Code Article 23, Chapter 9.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:50 P.M. Councilmember DuBose seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

Foster Senn
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Tina P. Wicker, City Clerk
Newberry, South Carolina

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