

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor Foster Senn, Councilmember R. LeMont Glasgow, Councilmember Edwin E. Wicker, Councilmember Zebbie D. Goude-lock, Councilmember Thomas Louis Boyd, Councilmember David E. DuBose, Councilman David T. Force.

Also Present: Interim City Manager W. A. Harvey, Municipal Clerk Tina P. Wicker, Assistant City Manager Matt Dewitt, Assistant Utility Director Marc Regier, Fire Chief Keith Minick. Others Present: Angela Summer, Debbie Smith, Al Shealy and family, Kevin Longshore, Debra Shaw, Richard Waddington, Neicy Polifrone, Lee Potts, and others. News representatives: Elyssa Parnell and Tammy Kitchen.

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Goude-lock, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on August 13, 2013 as presented, and the minutes of the special meeting of Newberry City Council held on August 20, 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 August 31, 2013 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. Interim City Manager remarked that this early in the fiscal year there was nothing remarkable to report.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:

Mayor Senn and Interim City Manager Harvey recognized Al Shealy, Water Plant Operator A, for his thirty-five years of service. He received a certificate and gift selection packet commensurate with his years of service.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: **AWOP Award**

Interim City Manager Harvey acknowledged that the City had for the eleventh time received the Award for Area Wide Optimization Program from S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control recognizing the City's efforts to optimize the performance of existing surface water

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treatment facilities and meet or exceed all state and federal safe drinking water standards. He recognized Angela Summer, Water Plant Superintendent, and her staff on this accomplishment and presented the award to her.

RESOLUTION: Personnel Policy Amendment (Sec. 17.7 – Residency)

Mayor Senn presented for Council's consideration a Resolution to amend Section 17.7 of the City's Personnel Policies and require that all city department heads reside inside the City of Newberry. He indicated that no other changes would be made to this section and that the two current department heads residing outside the City would be grandfathered under the former policy, but should they move or replacements be employed the change in this section would apply.

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

COUNCIL: Alcohol Consumption – Rocktoberfest, Oct. 5

Mayor Senn remarked that Council had received a request from the Parks, Recreation and Tourism office to allow alcohol sales in Astwood Park on Saturday, October 5, from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. by a third party vendor, Pour Richards. He stated that Rocktoberfest was in conjunction with the City's annual Oktoberfest Festival. He added that beer would be the only alcohol sold for this event and the consumption would be confined to Astwood Park and the adjacent Courthouse parking lot area.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker, to approve the request as presented and authorize the sale and consumption of alcohol (beer only) for this event. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

COUNCIL: Alcohol Consumption – Oktoberfest, Oct. 5

Mayor Senn reported that the City had received a request from the Newberry Opera House Foundation requesting authorization to serve alcohol at Oktoberfest on October 5th and to allow the consumption of the alcohol on Boyce Street between McKibben and Nance Streets as well as in Memorial Park.

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

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**COUNCIL: Engagement Letter – McKinley, Cooper & Company,
LLC**

Mayor Senn advised an engagement letter from McKinley, Cooper & Company, LLC which provides an overview of the duties and responsibilities of each party in the auditing process had been provided to members of City Council in order to comply with a requirement issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. He indicated Council did not need to take action but simply acknowledge receipt of the letter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, enter an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter related to the City Manager's Department. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to return to Open Session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

COUNCIL: Employment Contract – W.A. Harvey, City Manager

Mayor Senn announced that City Council had successfully negotiated a contract of employment with Interim City Manager Harvey appointing him City Manager for an initial term concluding September, 2015.

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to execute an employment contract with W. A. Harvey to serve as City Manager. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Boyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:12 P.M. Councilmember Goudelock 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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