

**SPECIAL MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
OCTOBER 21, 2013 – 5:30 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: City Manager W. A. Harvey, Municipal Clerk Tina P. Wicker, Assistant City Manager Matt Dewitt, Utility Director Marc Regier, Police Chief Jackie Swindler, Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Scott Sawyer, Fire Chief Keith Minick, Public Works Director Mac Bartley. Others Present: Teresa Cawley, Lee Potts, and others. News representatives: Elyssa Parnell.

CALL TO ORDER

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

COUNCIL: Proposed Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)

Ms. Teresa Cawley, Financial Advisor, was present to guide City Council through its review of the Capital Improvements Plan for the General Fund. She again reinforced that this was part of multi-meeting work sessions and that City Council would be reviewing and discussing capital improvement projects planned for the General Fund which primarily addressed police, fire, public works and recreation divisions. She noted how apparent it was to keep in mind that this was a fluid document and the projects are prioritize in importance of need at this point in time. She indicated that she would call on the City Manager and the respective department heads where necessary to provide information on the projects and the need/justification for these projects. She stated that the funding for the projects would be addressed at future workshops.

City Manager Harvey began with the Planning & Development Services Department where there were plans to replace two vehicles in FY15 and later out in FY21. He moved along to the Police Department and stated that each year the City would replace four police vehicles each year. Councilman Glasgow asked about alternative fuels for police vehicles. Chief Swindler responded that from time-to-time the City had looked and continued to evaluate which vehicles would operate more efficiently and provide the service needed by the department.

Fire Chief Minick remarked that the first item was the purchase of 33 SCBA's for the department noting that the current SCBA's were beginning to cost in repair. He addressed the three vehicle replacements explaining what each is used for. He mentioned that the plan contained the replacement of two pumpers in FY15 and FY20. He said he was proposing the construction of a training facility to replace the current facility at the "rat" house and presented a slide show of various facilities around the State. Chief Minick indicated that ISO evaluation was due at any time and the increase in the City square miles may necessitate another station. He provided

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information on the remaining items in the Fire Department's part of the CIP which are fairly straight forward equipment purchases primarily to replace and/or upgrade existing equipment.

Public Works Director Mac Bartley explained that there were five divisions within the department and began with the administration division and the remodeling of the warehouse for relocation of the offices and a new vehicle for the director in FY15. He mentioned the need for an additional equipment shed to house equipment of the department and possible other departments in FY16. He said in FY18 there would be a need to replace the gasboy fleet system and then in two more years the bulk tanks nearing thirty years of age would need to be replaced.

Director Bartley started with the street division and explained the projected expenditure for the resurfacing of streets within the City which has a source of funding through the State C-funds. He reported on the remaining equipment replacement items planned over the next ten years. Mayor Senn mentioned the possibility of implementing some type of recycling collection program and may need to adjust the CIP accordingly.

Director Bartley indicated that the items contained in the sanitation division were replacement of equipment and vehicles currently used by this division. He added that the vehicles contained in the building maintenance and garage divisions were to replace existing vehicles.

Manager Harvey indicated that the Oakland tennis complex is still contained in the CIP because it was a priority project when he came on board. He explained some of the funding sources for this complex and the issues related to depending on some of these funding sources were of concern. He said this was a good project if the City could afford it, but he did not think the City could afford it. He remarked that we could downsize and design the project to phase it in as revenue is generated by the multi-industrial park and taxes from the mill project.

PRT Director Scott Sawyer reviewed the remaining department's CIP projects which included relocating football to Kendall and upgrading the baseball field at Kendall as well. He stated that the trail master plan and implementation were slated for FY15 and FY16 and that a small amount of grant money has been allocated to initiate planning. He explained the upgrades planned for the parks throughout the City and the other equipment replacement/upgrade projects listed within the CIP. Mayor Senn recommended holding neighborhood meetings to receive input from the residents on what they would like to have in their neighborhood parks.

Mayor Senn asked about the "tbd" funding source listing that appears primarily in the PRT department. Ms. Cawley explained that the City must make a determination on how the projects in this category will be financed. She indicated that her responsibility was not to set priorities, but to help the City identify financing sources that are available for the projects that are important to the City. She identified additional funding sources are taxes, use of fund balances, general obligation bond, hospitality tax, capital sales tax, capital reserve fund, fees and similar

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sources. She concurred with the City Manager in that she would be very hesitant to recommend any transfer from the combined utilities to fund projects in the general fund.

City Manager Harvey said that the next meeting would be November 6 at 5:30 P.M. and Ms. Cawley stated that Council would begin a more in depth determination of project funding.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:24 P.M. Councilmember Boyd 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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