REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC FEBRUARY 11, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.

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

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, Fire Chief Keith Minick, PRT Director Scott Sawyer. Others Present: Boris Alvarado and family members, Frank Burnside and family members, Randy Malloy, Jason Stuhr and others. News representatives: None.

CALL TO ORDER

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

COUNCIL:

Weather Update

City Manager Harvey and Chief Swindler provided an update on weather conditions and on plans for City operations.

MINUTES

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of Newberry City Council held on January 9, 2014 as presented and the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on January 14, 2014 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 January 31, 2014 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager Harvey stated that there was nothing significant to note.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:

Mayor Senn and City Manager Harvey recognized Boris Alvarado, Police Corporal, for his five years of service; Marc Regier, Utility Director, for his five years of service; Frank Burnside, Heavy Equipment Operator in the Public Works Department for his fifteen years of service and Scott Sawyer, PRT Director, for her fifteen years of service. Each received a certificate and gift selection packet commensurate with their years of service.

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FIRE: SAFER Grant – Recruitment & Retention Coordinator

Mayor Senn reported that the City had received notification of receipt of the SAFER Grant for the staffing of a Recruitment and Retention Coordinator. He pointed out that this person would be a certified Firefighter as well as a Fire Instructor and would concentrate efforts in the recruitment and retention of volunteers for the department as well as working with the current Explorer program. Chief Minick provided more information on the responsibilities and duties of this new position which will begin in April of this year and run for a four year period.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker, to accept the SAFER Grant Award. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

PRT: Irish Fling – Allowing Alcohol in Designated Area

Mayor Senn remarked that the PRT Department was requesting authorization from City Council to allow alcohol consumption within a designated area for the Irish Fling event scheduled for March 14th. He stated that the beverages would have to be in plastic event cups being provided by PRT to the merchants and the designated area boundaries would be: Harrington and Martin Streets to the North; Friend Street to the South; Livingston's Station and the old Transmission shop on Main Street to the East; and Nance Street to the west. He reported that appropriate markings would be in place to identify the area as well. He added that the PRT Department would be assisting in the advertising campaign for the participating local restaurants to provide information on the food & drink specials and entertainment offered at each location.

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to approve the request for alcohol consumption within the designated area for Irish Fling as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

<u>APPOINTMENTS:</u>Newberry Housing Authority – Perry Threat and JamesHunter (5 yr. terms)

Mayor Senn presented a recommended to re-appoint Mr. Perry Threat and Mr. James Hunter each to another five year term as members of the Board of Directors of the Newberry Housing Authority.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Force, to approve the appointments of Mr. Perry Threat and Mr. James Hunter to the Board of Directors for the Newberry Housing Authority as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

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APPOINTMENTS: CNNGA Board of Director

Mayor Senn explained the procedures for appointing members of City Council to the Board of Directors of the CNNGA. He stated that the CNNGA Director Bryson had requested that these appointments be formerly acted upon. He reminded Council that Councilman Goudelock and Councilman Glasgow currently serve as the City's representatives and this reappointment term would coincide with their terms of office.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember DuBose, to appoint Councilman Glasgow and Councilman Goudelock to the CNNGA Board of Directors. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

<u>RESOLUTION:</u> 2014-2015 Legislative Agenda for MASC

Mayor Senn presented for Council's consideration a Resolution endorsing the 2014-2015 Legislative Agenda of the Municipal Association of South Carolina which sets forth three priorities for changes to state law that would better serve the residents and businesses by increasing the ability of local government to meet local needs. He added that the priorities included: (1) legislation that gives SC cities and towns more flexibility in rehabilitating or removing dilapidated structures; (2) ensuring that all revenue collected by the state on behalf of local governments is returned to cities and towns through the statutorily funded Local Government Fund; and (3) bringing together local and state elected leaders and experts to develop long-term and stable funding sources for roads, bridges and infrastructure maintenance, improvements and expansion.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Goudelock, to adopt the Resolution as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present. He noted that copies of the Resolution would be forwarded to Senator Cromer and Representative McLeod.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Glasgow, to enter an Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter as outlined on the agenda. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Glasgow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:02 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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