## REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC MAY 6, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: City Manager W. A. Harvey, Municipal Clerk Tina P. Wicker, Assistant City Manager Matt Dewitt, Finance Director Shannon Smith, Public Works Director Mac Bartley, Fire Chief Keith Minick. Others Present: Benji Morris and family, Louis Neiger, Deborah Smith, Stuart Smith, Burt Mohler, Blake Davis, Lisa Toland, Tim Swygert, David Hurst 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 DuBose to approve the minutes of the special meeting of Newberry City Council held on April 10, 2014 and to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on April 15, 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 April 30, 2014 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager Harvey stated both revenues and expenditures were on track. He explained that the MASC collects business licenses from insurance companies and that money does not arrive until June but local business license were as anticipated.

### **RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES**

Mayor Senn and City Manager Harvey recognized Benji Morris, Fire Engineer, for his fifteen years of service. He received a certificate and gift selection packet commensurate with his years of service.

### <u>CITIZEN REQUEST:</u> Louis Neiger – Ban on Texting While Driving

Mayor Senn indicated he had failed to communicate with Mr. Neiger about appearing before City Council at an earlier meeting and apologized for that error.

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Mr. Louis Neiger appeared before City Council advocating the adoption of laws prohibiting texting while driving. He presented statistical information about texting and its effects on driving. He suggested that the City consider prohibiting its employees from texting while driving. He stated he had been to all local governments within the County encouraging passage of a prohibition on texting while driving. He updated City Council on the progress of this type legislation on the State level.

City Manager Harvey stated that he had contacted Representative McLeod and that there was one bill referring to this matter that would be up for debate in the House and Senate. He distributed information about other local governments across the State that had passed Ordinances to ban texting while driving.

Mayor Senn indicated that Council would take Mr. Neiger's request under advisement and would discuss this matter further at the June meeting with a draft of an Ordinance.

### <u>CITY COUNCIL:</u> Alcohol Consumption – A Taste of Newberry

Mayor Senn advised that the City's Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department was requesting that alcoholic beverages be allowed to be consumed within the event area for the Taste of Newberry scheduled for Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. He advised that the event area was defined as Main Street from Nance to Holman Streets, Boyce Street from Nance to Lindsay Streets, McKibben Street from Boyce to Main Streets, Caldwell Street from Boyce to Main Streets, College Street from Boyce to Main Streets, Lindsay Street from Martin to Main Streets and Martin Street from Lindsay to Graham Streets. He reported that the beverages would only be allowed in clear 16 oz. cups provided to the various venues by the City PRT Department.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to approve the request allowing the consumption of alcoholic beverages within the designated area for the Taste of Newberry event on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council's members present.

## **RESOLUTION:** Local Government Services, LLC

Mayor Senn submitted for Council's consideration a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with Local Government Services, LLC for services to review the local cable franchise agreement to ensure that the City is receiving the proper amount of franchise fees from the local cable television provider.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker, to adopt the Resolution as presented. 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 Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:29 P.M. Councilmember Glasgow seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.