SPECIAL MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC JUNE 17, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: City Manager W. A. Harvey, Municipal Clerk Tina P. Wicker, Assistant City Manager Matt Dewitt, Finance Director Shannon Smith, Utility Director Marc Regier, PRT Director Scott Sawyer, Public Works Director Mac Bartley. Others Present: None. News representatives: None.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ORDINANCE: Sections 9-134, 9-136 & 9-137 (Sanitation Fees) -Second and Final Reading

Mayor Senn presented for second and final reading an Ordinance (#2014-1002) amending Sections 9-134, 9-136 and 9-137 of the City Code pertaining to fees charged by the City for sanitation services. He noted that residential mobile cart fees will increase from \$7.00 per month to \$10.00 per month, six cubic yard commercial containers will increase from \$20.00 per month to \$23.00 per month and eight cubic yard commercial containers will increase from \$22.00 to \$25.00 per month. He stated that the increase in fees will generate approximately \$138,713.00 in revenue.

Councilmember Wicker made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

ORDINANCE:Chapter 9 of City Code (Electric, Water & Sewer Rates)- Second and Final Reading

Mayor Senn introduced for second and final reading an Ordinance (#2014-1003) to amend various Sections of Chapter 9 of the City Code which will result in an increase in electric, water and sewer rates. He advised that the electric rate increase was to offset the 9.88% wholesale electric rate adjustment which was implemented by Piedmont Municipal Power Agency (PMPA) in May of 2014. He added that the increases in water and sewer rates were necessary to fund capital improvement projects needed to upgrade the facilities at the treatment plants and other infrastructure.

Councilmember DuBose made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to adopt the Ordinance as presented with the stipulation that Council review future year increases prior to any implementation of rate adjustments. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

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ORDINANCE:

Section 12-3 (PRT Fees) – Second and Final Reading

Mayor Senn submitted for second and final reading an Ordinance (#2014-1005) to amend Section 12-3 of the City Code to give the PRT Department more flexibility in charging fees for instructional programs offered by the Department. He indicated that the amendment to Section 12-3(1) would allow the use of the actual costs of the program to be determined and a cost per student assessed. He stated that costs for the program would be advertised prior to registration and special discounts could be offered to City residents.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember DuBose, to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

ORDINANCE: Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget – Second and Final Reading

Mayor Senn offered for second and final reading an Ordinance (#2014-1004) to adopt the budget and levy taxes for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. He noted that there would be no increase in taxes and the millage rate would remain at 86.4 mills.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker, to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Boyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:11 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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