

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC  
OCTOBER 14, 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, Utility Director Marc Regier, Police Chief Dennis Brown, Finance Director Shannon Smith, Fire Chief Keith Minick, City Judge W. F. Partridge. Others Present: Tim Cogdell, John Glasgow, Alvena Goudelock, Narvis Boyd, Sharon Senn, Ann Moseley 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.

**MINUTES**

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on September 2, 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 September 30, 2014 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager Harvey stated that revenues collected in both funds were at 23% and the expenditures were at 22%.

**CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDATES**

Mayor Senn presented a letter from Mr. Ed Rollins, Chairman of the Municipal Election Commission, declaring that the incumbent candidates for Mayor and City Council Districts 1, 3, and 5 were each reelected to four-year terms without opposition. He noted that no write-in candidates declared during the official period.

Councilmember DuBose made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker, to accept the report as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

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**OATHS OF OFFICE**

Judge Partridge administered the Oaths of Office to Mayor Foster Senn. Judge Partridge then administered the Oaths of Office to Councilmember Glasgow, Councilmember Goudeock and Councilmember Boyd.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Mayor Senn and City Manager Harvey recognized Tim Cogdell, Wastewater Plant Superintendent, for his ten years of service. He was presented with a certificate recognizing his service and a gift selection packet commensurate with his years of service.

**PROPERTY:** Acceptance of Deed from Newberry County School – Mollohon Park

City Manager Harvey stated that the Newberry Council School District had agreed to deed a vacant parcel of land adjacent to Mollohon Park to the City. He noted that many years ago the old Mollohon School was located on the property adjacent to South Player Street and since its demolition the City had been maintaining the property.

Councilmember Glasgow suggested investigating installing a historical marker for the school.

Councilmember Goudeock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to accept the Deed from the Newberry County School District. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

**ORDINANCE:** Lease/Purchase Agreement (Fire Truck - \$443,119) – First Reading

Mayor Senn presented for first reading an Ordinance (#2014-1011) authorizing the execution of a Lease/Purchase Agreement for funds not exceeding \$443,119 to purchase a fire truck. He stated that the lowest adjusted bid was from Spartan Fire Equipment. He added that bids would be solicited from financial institutions to finance the debt over a ten year period and that these bid results would be included in the Ordinance prior to second reading.

City Manager Harvey stated the staff hoped to sale the 1991 truck for approximately \$20,000.

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

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**POLICE:** K-9 Project

Chief Brown provided an update on the K-9 Project. He mentioned that during his discussions with officers in his first ninety days several officers had suggested a canine unit would be a huge asset to the department. He said a local businessman had donated funds to purchase the animal and the cage was donated by Greenwood County. He noted that all medicines for the dog had been secured by David Hurst through his veterinarian resources. He advised that the dog and handler, Jacob Huffstetler, were currently undergoing a 30-day training session. He emphasized the importance of this program as a tool to greatly increase the Police Department's ability to detect, seize and to deter illegal narcotic activity.

**ORDINANCE:** Tax Levy for FY2014-2015 – First Reading

Mayor Senn introduced for first reading an Ordinance (#2014-1012) to set a tax levy for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 following reassessment by Newberry County. He advised that for the tax levy to feature a revenue-neutral property tax the millage would be set at a total of 83.8 mills. He indicated that this represented 82.7 mills for the general operating budget and 1.1 mills for debt service. He explained that it would be necessary to hold second reading of this Ordinance next Tuesday, October 21, at 5:00 P.M.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to enter an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel and a contractual matter as outlined on the agenda. Councilmember DuBose seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker to return to Open Session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Glasgow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:54 P.M. Councilmember Goudelock seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

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**Foster Senn  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**Tina P. Wicker, City Clerk  
Newberry, South Carolina**

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