

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
JULY 14, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: Assistant City Manager Matt DeWitt, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, PRT Director Scott Sawyer, Finance Director Shannon Smith, HR Director Tamra Tootle, Public Works Director Mac Bartley, Fire Chief Keith Minick, Utility Director Marc Regier, Police Chief Roy McClurkin, Others Present: Mr. Frank Burnside and family, Travis Reeder, Lisa Toland, Media Present: Elyssa Parnell and Sami Truong

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MINUTES:

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on June 9, 2015 and a Special Council Meeting held on June 16, 2015 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 May 30, 2015 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. Assistant City Manager DeWitt gave a brief explanation of the financial statement highlighting certain line items of interest such as Oakland Mills Project, business licenses and recreational fees from the Art Center.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:

Mayor Senn and Assistant City Manager DeWitt also recognized Mr. Yank Floyd and Mr. Frank Burnside for their retirement. Yank began his employment with the City on April 24, 1978 and held the position of Parks, Buildings and Facilities Maintenance Specialist. Frank began his employment on January 4, 1999 and held the position of Heavy Equipment Operator. Both received a commemorative gift and monetary award commensurate with their years of service.

DISCUSSION

Gallman Park

Mayor Senn opened the discussion of the Gallman Park Renovation Project and asked for PRT Director Sawyer to come forward and give an analysis of the progress.

PRT Director Scott Sawyer came forward and gave an overview of the progress made on the Gallman Park renovation including cutting back to one basketball court, gravel for parking verses asphalt, and narrowing the width of the trail walkways. Sawyer further explained that his department was in the process of securing grants to offset costs and stay within budget. PRT Director Sawyer asked Council for permission to continue in negotiations with bidders and contractors to further the Gallman Park Renovations Process.

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Goude-lock, to allow PRT Director, City Manager Harvey and Assistant City Manager to continue with negotiations. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

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Mutual Aid Agreement

Mayor Senn stated that The City of Newberry entered into a mutual aid agreement with the town of Prosperity. Once the agreement was signed, the Prosperity Town attorney requested a few minor changes in the wording. After revisions and approval by the City of Newberry attorney, Mayor Senn stated the document was ready for final approval.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker, to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Town of Prosperity presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Goude-lock made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters. Councilmember Dubose seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members present.

No action was taken during executive session.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Force to return to open session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members present and voting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Glasgow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:30 P.M. Councilmember Goude-lock seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.



Foster Senn
MAYOR

ATTEST:



M. Jennifer O'Shields, City Clerk
Newberry, South Carolina

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