

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
AUGUST 11, 2015 – 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 E. DuBose, Councilman David T. Force.

Also Present: City Manager W. A. Harvey, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, Fire Chief Keith Minick, Chief Roy McClurkin, Public Works Director Mac Bartley, PRT Director Scott Sawyer, Captain Gene Shealy Others Present: Susan Lee, George Burke, Arnold Hiller, Ken McBride, Jim and Tina Liptak, Kevin Goodman, Mike O'Connell, Dr. Maurice Scherrens, Lisa Toland, Angela Summer, Lisa Shaw, Greenville Police Chief Terrance Greene and others. News representatives: 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 July 14, 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 and Financial Summary for the period ending July 31, 2015 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager Harvey gave a brief explanation of the financial statement highlighting a purchase by the Public Works department that came in under budget, an unexpected expense in the City Hall Utility fund and water and electric receipts from the month of July.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:

Mayor Senn and City Manager Harvey recognized Susan Lee for her twenty-five years of service with the Utility Departments' Water Treatment Plant. Susan began her employment on June 25, 1990 and holds the position of Water Plant Operator "A". Mrs. Lee received a certificate and gift selection packet commensurate with her years of service.

Mayor Senn and City Manager Harvey also recognized Leo Cannon for his twenty years of service with the Public Works Department Street Division. Leo began his employment with the city on July 31, 1990 and holds the position of Maintenance Worker – Street Division. Mr. Cannon will receive a certificate and selection packet commensurate with his years of service.

RECOGNITION:

Re-Accreditation of Newberry Police Department

Mayor Senn asked Greenville Police Chief and SCLEA Representative Terrance Green to come forward to discuss the City's Police Departments' recent re-accreditation.

Chief Greene commended the Newberry City Police Department on the outstanding job that the officers and staff were doing and noted that the City of Newberry Police Department has been accredited since 1999, making it the first law enforcement agency in South Carolina to receive state accreditation status for a sixth consecutive three-year period. Chief Green read aloud some of the comments made by the accreditation board including praise for the professionalism of the City of Newberry Police Department. Chief Green then presented Police Chief Roy McClurkin and Lieutenant Michael O'Connell with the plaque recognizing the accreditation for the entire Newberry City Police Department.

Chief McClurkin and Lieutenant O'Connell both took turns expressing their gratitude for the City of Newberry police force and staff, Newberry County Sheriff's Department and detention center, SLED and the SCLEOA – Mike O'Connell thanked them.

CITY COUNCIL:

Alcohol Sales for Oktoberfest – October 3, 2015

Mayor Senn advised the City PRT Department was seeking permission to allow beer and wine sales and consumption at Oktoberfest on October 3, 2015. He announced that the alcohol will be served and sold by designated event vendors and venues who have the proper permits and that the beverages must be in plastic cups no larger than 16 ounce. He advised that wristbands would have to be worn by all over age 21. Mayor Senn further stated that the alcoholic beverages may be taken throughout the designated event venue which will be Main Street from Nance to Holman Street; Boyce Street from Nance to Lindsay Street; McKibben Street from Boyce to Main Street; Caldwell Street from Boyce to Friend Street; College Street from Boyce to Main Street; and Lindsay Street from Martin to Main Street.

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd to authorize the sale and consumption of beer and wine with the designated area for Oktoberfest on October 3, 2015 as outlined above. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

DISCUSSION:

Trails Plan for the City

Mayor Senn advised that the city staff had requested to update Council on the latest progress in the Trails Plan for the City. Mayor Senn deferred to PRT Director Scott Sawyer to lead the discussion and field questions from Council.

PRT Director Sawyer began by saying that the city staff had mailed Requests for Qualification to eight firms that had experience with trails projects in the past to offer a plan the City of Newberry Trail system. Of those eight, two submitted their qualifications although others did express interest but were unable to submit qualifications in the required time.

PRT Director Sawyer indicated that there had been talks with two firms that had submitted the Requests for Qualification. The two firms were Allées, a local group and Alta a firm from the upstate with firms located nationwide. PRT Director Sawyer stated that while both firms were qualified to help with this project, Alta had extensive railroad experience as well as vast knowledge of recreational trails program, paperwork and the applications process for grants.

City Manager Harvey interjected that once the scope was determined that the PRT department would come back to Council in a Public Meeting before proceeding with any work. Once Council was in agreement, the next step would be to go to bids before the construction phase.

Mayor Senn asked what areas were intended for the current trails project and would they include Marion Davis Park and Nance Street to O'Neal Street.

PRT Director Sawyer stated that while no formal decision had been made about which area to work on, that completing the Greenway Trail to the middle school had been discussed in detail because it was the first time that CSX had consented to talks to allow access underneath the railroad track.

Councilmember Boyd inquired about the trail portion that would run through Willowbrook Park and connect to downtown, completing the Greenway Trail and stated that it was discussed in 2013.

Councilmember Dubose stated that the Marion Davis trail was also discussed in prior meetings and wanted to know if it is being considered for this project and had questions about the path under the railroad.

PRT Director Scott Sawyer laid out the three possible scenarios for the trails project including the Greenway trail, Marion-Davis section and Kendall area, but that the Kendall section was unlikely due to easement concerns.

Councilmember Glasgow questioned the easiest route for the trail project at this point, the timeline to apply for and receive grant money and the likelihood of receiving the grant money.

PRT Director Sawyer stated the project decision would likely need to be made by November to have ample amount of time to apply for grants and by using Alta the likelihood of the receiving the grant money would be advantageous.

City Manager Harvey stated that while he hoped to receive grants to complete both the Greenway and Marion-Davis trail that Council would vote which project(s) to fund.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Goudelock to move forward with the West End II water and sewer project. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

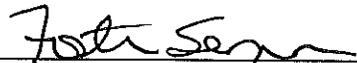
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Wicker made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter outlined on the in the agenda. Councilmember Boyd seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members present.

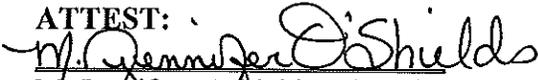
Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Glasgow to return to open session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members present and voting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:51 P.M. Councilmember Wicker 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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