

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
OCTOBER 13, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: City Manager W. A. Harvey, Assistant City Manager Matt DeWitt, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, Public Works Director Mac Bartley, Utility Director Marc Regier, Human Resources Director Tamra Tootle, PRT Director Scott Sawyer, Newberry Opera House Executive Director Molly Fortune, Jimmy and Doris Cromer, Todd Guy, Lisa Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Davis, Kenneth McBride and others. News representatives: Sami Truong and Carson Lambert

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Councilmember Force made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Glasgow to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on September 9, 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 September 30, 2015 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager Harvey gave a brief explanation of the financial statement highlighting the revenue obtained from the sales of unserviceable equipment, the purchase of a side-loading garbage truck, an increase in the of consumption of utilities and the lag in court fines.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:

Mayor Senn and City Manager Harvey recognized Todd Guy for his fifteen years of service with the Utility Department. Todd began his employment with the City on October 2, 2000 and holds the position of Electrical Lineman "A"- Crew Leader. Jimmy Cromer was also recognized for his ten fifteen years of service with the City's Utility Department. He began his employment with the City on October 23, 2000 and holds the position of Electrician.

Both employees received a certificate and gift selection packet commensurate with their years of service.

ORDINANCE:

Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance (#2015-1011) for Consideration of the Renewal of the Newberry Dove Club Lease

Mayor Senn advised that the Newberry Dove Club had leased a parcel of land belonging to the City for more than twenty years and wished to renew the lease for another 3 year term. It was further stated that the lease contains a hold harmless provision protecting the City from any claims of loss of property or injury or death to any person whatsoever while engaged in the activities of the Newberry Dove Club. The Dove Club maintains liability insurance to protect all parties from such claims.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd to adopt an ordinance to renew the Newberry Dove Club Lease. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

ORDINANCE:

Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance (#2015-1010) to Establish Business License Fees to be paid by Duke Energy

Mayor Senn stated that Mr. Theo Lane with Duke Energy contacted the city staff in search of an agreement between the City of Newberry and Duke Energy regarding payments made to the city each year. Duke's auditors were trying to locate this agreement, so that Duke could reference the document with the payment they make to the City each year. Duke nor the City has been able to locate any agreement authorizing the collection of service fees since the document was believed to be signed before the 1920's. The ordinance would not change how Duke compensates the City but would specify the charges and fees outlined in the City's Business License Ordinance.

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dubose to approve the first reading of an ordinance to establish business license fees to be paid by Duke Energy. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

DISCUSSION:

Trails Project

Mayor Senn advised that the staff met with Blake Sanders with Alta to review the status of the Trails report being prepared for City Council approval. He further stated that it is now apparent that guidance from City Council was now needed in before engineering documents can be prepared.

The city staff recommended that Council meet with the Alta staff in a work session to review preliminary plans for the trail system in the City. Wednesday, October 28th, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. was suggested.

City Council members present were in agreement with the date and time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember Boyd made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter and other contractual matters as outlined in the agenda. Councilmember Goudelock seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council.

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

Mayor Senn announced that no action was taken on items discussed in executive session.

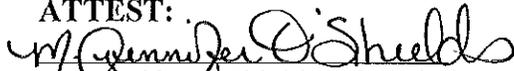
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Glasgow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:15 P.M. Councilmember Goudelock seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council.



Foster Senn
MAYOR

ATTEST:



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

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