

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
SEPTEMBER 8, 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, Public Works Director Mac Bartley, PRT Director Scott Sawyer, Fire Chief Keith Minick, Police Chief Roy McClurkin, Others Present: Mr. Ed Rollins, Mrs. Tina Wicker, Lisa Wicker, Nate Bernado, Lisa Shaw, Justin Weaver, Mike O'Connell, Teal O'Dell, Sam Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Davis 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 Glasgow to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on August 11, 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 August 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 the sale of surplus equipment and the increase in water and electric utilities due to the summer temperatures.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:

Mayor Senn and City Manager Harvey recognized Deborah Hawkins for her ten years of service with the Finance Department. Deborah began her full time employment with the City on August 1, 2005 and holds the position of Accounting Technician. Justin Weaver was also recognized for his ten years of service with the Police Department. Justin began his employment with the city August 15, 2005 and holds the position of Police Corporal. Finally, Mayor Senn and City Manager Harvey recognized Mr. Mac Bartley for his twenty-five years of service with the City's Public Works Department. Mr. Bartley began his employment with the City on August 27, 1990 and is the Director of the Public Works

Department. Each of these employees received a certificate and gift selection packet commensurate with their years of service.

RECOGNITION:

Mr. Ed Rollins – Newberry Election Commission

Mayor Senn recognized Mr. Ed Rollins for his retirement from the City Election Commission. Mr. Rollins was appointed to the commission in May of 2004 and was named chairman on May of 2006. Between his years with the City and the County Election Commissions, Mr. Rollins has served in some capacity for more than 64 years without ever missing an election.

PRESENTATION:

ACE Special Project Trails Grant

Mayor Senn advised that Nate Bernardo had requested to address council regarding the recent grant that was awarded to the City. Mr. Bernardo gave a brief overview of how the grant money was divided and spent along with the improvements made in conjunction with the Eat Smart Move More Campaign.

APPOINTMENTS:

Capital Project Sales Tax Committee

Mayor Senn presented for consideration two candidates to serve on the Capital Project Sales Tax Committee. Mayor Senn stated that the Capital Project Sales Tax Committee will reconvene in 2016 and two local citizens should be appointed as members. Mayor Senn stated that it was the consensus of Council that Mr. Jimmy Coggins and Mrs. Lisa Toland, who provided excellent representation for the City of Newberry, should be nominated to fill the open positions once again. Both nominees had been contacted and both agreed to serve on the committee.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Glasgow to appoint Jimmy Coggins and Lisa Toland to the Capital Projects Sales Tax Committee. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers.

ORDINANCE:

First Reading of an Ordinance (#2015-1011) to Authorize the Renewal of the Dove Club Lease

Mayor Senn presented for first reading an ordinance to approve the renewal of the Dove Club Lease for a parcel of land owned by the City of Newberry. Mayor Senn stated that for approximately twenty years the Newberry Dove Club has leased a parcel of land (approximately 13.5 acres) belonging to the City of Newberry and located adjacent to the Bush River Waste Treatment Plant. The Dove Club is requesting that the City agree to renew the lease for an additional three year period. 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 along with the guarantee to provide liability insurance to protect all parties from such claims.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Goudelock to approve the first reading of an ordinance to authorize the renewal of the Dove Club Lease. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers.

ORDINANCE:

First Reading 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 Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember Goudelock 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 Boyd seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Glasgow to award a consulting contract to Alta. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Council.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:12 P.M. Councilmember Wicker seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

M. Jennifer O'Shields

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

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