

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
NOVEMBER 10, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: City Manager W. A. Harvey, Assistant City Manager Matt DeWitt, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, Fire Chief Keith Minick, Public Works Director Mac Bartley, PRT Director Scott Sawyer, Police Chief Roy McClurkin, Rev. Floyd Sides, Doggett and Christy Whitaker, Butch Price, Burt Mohler, Gary Roberts, Michael Parker, Lisa Toland, Tim Swygert, Brandon Wicker and others. News representatives: Carson Lambert and Sami Truong

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Councilman Goude-lock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of Newberry City Council held on September 30, 2015 and October 13, 2015 along with the Special Meeting held on October 28, 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 October 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 in increased usage in all of the City utilities.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Rev. Floyd Sides Retirement

Fire Chief Keith Minick recognized Rev. Floyd Sides for his 25 years of service as a volunteer fireman with the City's Fire Department. Rev. Sides served as Chaplain for the Fire department from July 1989 to November 2015.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Keep Newberry Beautiful

Mayor Senn presented the Keep Newberry Beautiful Award to Public Works Director Mac Bartley for the efforts of his department and their contribution to the Keep Newberry Beautiful campaign. On October 20, 2015 the City of Newberry was recognized for its efforts in the Great American Cleanup.

APPOINTMENTS:

Newberry Housing Authority

Mayor Senn advised that Mr. Tommy Bowers (Chairman) and Ms. Robin Newton's terms on the Newberry Housing Authority's Board of Directors will expire in November and December, respectively. Jan Piersol, Executive Director, indicated that both of these individuals had been dedicated board members and desired to be considered for reappointment for another 5 year term.

Councilman Wicker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to re-appoint Mr. Tommy Bowers and Ms. Robin Newton to the Newberry Housing Authority Board of Directors for a 5 year term. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

APPOINTMENTS:

Accommodations Tax Committee

Mayor Senn advised that it was necessary to re-establish the terms of the 2016 Accommodations Tax Committee members since some of the terms had expired. City Manager Harvey stated that an A-Tax meeting was held on Monday, November 9, 2015 to assign members and their terms. The meeting yielded the following members and their terms: Four (4) year appointments; Kathy Kyzer and Cynthia Vannerson. Three (3) years appointments; Steve Foulis and Manning Dukes. Two (2) year appointments; Gina Lester and Amberia Lanteigne. One (1) year appointment; Don Ringer.

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to appoint Kathy Kyzer and Cynthia Vannerson to 4 year terms; Steve Foulis and Manning Dukes to 3 year terms; Gina Lester and Amberia Lanteigne to 2 year terms and Don Ringer to a 1 year term on the Accommodations Tax Committee. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

ORDINANCE:

First Reading of an Ordinance (#2015-1012) to Amend the Rental Fees for the Newberry Firehouse Conference Center

Mayor Senn indicated that the City Staff had requested an increase of \$100 for the rental fee charged for “Wedding Day Event” rentals at the Newberry Firehouse Conference Center. The current rental rate is \$950. The proposal is for an increase to \$1050. It was stated that “Wedding Day Event” rentals are offered for a period of 12 hours and require more work hours for full and part-time staff, as opposed to standard rentals which include 8 hours. It was also recognized that wedding event rentals are more labor intensive prior to, during and following the event. The “Wedding Day Event” rental fee has not increased since the building opened in 2007, but with the increase the rates remain very competitive within the marketplace

Councilman Force made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow to approve the first reading of an ordinance to amend the Rental Fees for the Firehouse Conference Center. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

CITY COUNCIL:

2016 Budget Calendar

Mayor Senn advised that the staff had compiled a list of proposed dates for the FY 2016 Budget Calendar for City Council’s approval. He noted that the first budget meeting would begin the week of May 10th following the regular Council meeting and continue on May 11th and 12th beginning at 6:00 P.M. as needed to complete the process.

Mayor Senn also stated that first reading of the FY2015-2016 Budget would be held on June 14th and second reading on June 21st at a special council meeting to be held at 6:00 pm. City Manager Harvey asked the council if there were any conflicts and also stated that the work session dates were flexible.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow, to approve the Budget Calendar as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

CITY COUNCIL:

2016 Council Meeting Schedule

Mayor Senn indicated that the staff had prepared a calendar containing meeting dates and work sessions for 2016. He noted that the regular council meeting was the second Tuesday of each month and that the staff had provided council with a comprehensive calendar of all meeting dates that required council participation. Mayor Senn noted that due to a conflict in schedules for the month of April, it was suggested that the regular meeting be moved to April 19th. Mayor Senn further stated that due to conflicts in Council’s schedule for July, it was suggested that the Council meet on July 19th. Finally the November regular meeting coincided with Election Day and it was suggested that the Council meeting be held on November 15th.

Councilman Force made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to approve the Meeting Date/Work Session Calendar as amended. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

APPOINTMENTS:

Planning Commission

Mayor Senn noted it was necessary to reappoint members to the Planning Commission. Mark Senn's term expired on July 10th, 2015 and Mark Scott's term expires on November 10th, 2015. The staff recommended that both be reappointed for 3 year terms.

Councilman Goudeock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to reappoint Mark Senn and Mark Scott to the Planning Commission for another 3 year term. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Glasgow made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters as outlined on the agenda. Councilman Boyd seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council.

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

OPEN SESSION:

Amended the Agenda

Mayor Senn made a motion seconded by Councilmember Glasgow to amend the current Agenda by adding Item 9B, pertaining to a real estate matter discussed in Executive Session. There was a unanimous vote of the City Council.

CITY COUNCIL:

**Authorization to City Manager to
Obtain the option of a land purchase**

Mayor Senn indicated that during Executive Session there was an agreement among City Council Members to authorize City Manager Harvey to execute an option for property discussed in Executive Session.

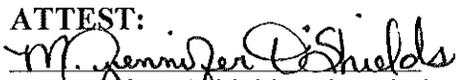
Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to authorize City Manager Harvey to obtain the option as discussed in Executive Session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Dubose made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. Councilman Boyd 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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