

**SPECIAL MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
June 29, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.**

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

Also Present: Assistant City Manager Matt DeWitt, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, Interim Police Chief Roy McClurkin, Director, HR and Risk Management Tamra Tootle. Others Present: Elyssa Haven and Field Services Specialist with MASC, Jeff Shacker. News representatives: Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

CALL TO ORDER

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

AMENDMENT

Mayor Senn stated that he would entertain a motion to add an action item to the agenda to be referenced as Item 6A regarding the City Manager's position. Mayor Senn further stated that City Manager Harvey's contract expires September 30, 2016, and stated that there is a 90 day clause in which action must be taken before the 90 day mark. There being a two-day threshold before the 90 day mark, Mayor Senn entertained a motion to add an action item to the agenda related to the City Manager's office. The item would be tabled until after executive session.

Councilman Wicker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to add an action item regarding the City Manager's office to the agenda. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter as described 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.

Item 6A

Once in open session, Mayor Senn stated that after a discussion of a personnel matter related to the City Manager's office, a motion and a vote would be made for item 6A. Before the motion, Mayor Senn noted that after the departure of the former City Manager, W.A. Harvey was asked to come back to the City of Newberry as Interim City Manager in 2013. His contract was later extended and he was named City Manager through September 30, 2016, after which City Manager Harvey indicated to council that he planned to retire. Mayor Senn stated that The City of Newberry was very grateful for his years of service and much appreciated all of his efforts and leadership during this time.

Mayor Senn said that Council had put much effort and thought in considering the next City Manager.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow to offer Assistant City Manager Matt DeWitt an employment contract to be the next City Manager beginning October 1, 2016, through June 30, 2018, while also authorizing Mayor Senn to sign the employment contract on the City's behalf. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members.

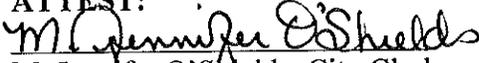
Mayor Senn further said that through Mr. DeWitt's six years of service to the city, he had proved himself as a leader and the right person for the job.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Boyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 P.M. Councilmember Glasgow 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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