

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
September 13, 2016 – 6:00 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: City Manager W. A. Harvey, Assistant City Manager Matt DeWitt, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, Utility Director Marc Regier, Fire Chief Keith Minick, Planning and Development Director Ward Braswell, Interim Police Chief Roy McClurkin, HR and Risk Management Director Tamra Tootle, Public Works Director Mac Bartley, Opera House Director Molly Fortune and PRT Director Scott Sawyer

Others Present: Penny Harvey, Mary Sims, John Donnelly, Paul and Bette Brannon, Gregg Taylor, Tim Swygert, Burt Mohler, Andrew Morris, Phil Spotts, Michelle Long, Kevin Goodman, Mike O'Connell, David Hurst and Family, Brian Beck, Jimmy Bickley, James Gallman, Ron Taylor, Doyle Shealy, Blake Davis, Lisa Toland, Stuart Smith, Carlton Kinard, Heather, House of Representative Walt McLeod, Chris Carter, Tina Wicker, Robert Lake, and others. News representative: Elyssa Haven

CALL TO ORDER

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Mayor Senn made a motion to add item 10F to the agenda. This matter pertained to approval of a contract for employment with the Municipal Judge. Councilman Wicker seconded the motion and Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

MINUTES

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on August 9, 2016 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, 2016 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager Harvey gave a brief summary of the financial report.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:

Mayor Senn and City Manager Harvey recognized Heather Hawkins for her five years of service with the Newberry Opera House. Andrew Morris was recognized for his 10 years of service with the City Fire Department. Mayor Senn and City Manager Harvey also recognized Mary Sims for her fifteen years of service as the Municipal Clerk of Court with the Justice and Law Department. Finally, Michael O'Connell was recognized for his 25 years of service with the Newberry Police Department. All of the recognized employees received a certificate and gift selection packet commensurate with their years of service.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Senn, Interim Police Chief Roy McClurkin and Training Lieutenant Mike O'Connell recognized James Gallman for his 15 + years of service as a reserve officer for the Newberry Police Department. David W. Hurst, Jr. and Doyle W. Shealy were also recognized for their 10 years of service as volunteer reserve police officers. Mayor Senn and Interim Chief McClurkin expressed their gratitude for the time and devotion to the Newberry Police Department. All of the volunteer officers received a certificate of appreciation, plaque and gift certificate.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance #2016-1012 – Appointment of Newberry County Superintendent of Schools as ex-officio member of NOH Board- Second and Final Reading

Mayor Senn stated that the Opera House Board has requested that the Superintendent of Education be designated as an ex-officio member of the board.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember DuBose to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance #2016-1012 to appoint the Newberry County Superintendent of Schools as an ex-officio member of the Newberry Opera House Board.

RESOLUTION:

**Authorizing Members of City Staff to
Execute Financial Transactions**

Mayor Senn presented for consideration a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, City Clerk and Finance Director to sign all official documents of the City such as contracts, checks, bank accounts and other financial instruments. He stated that two signatures are required on such documents and that in the past, Council has granted signatory authority to these three members of staff.

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd to adopt the resolution granting signature authorization to required staff. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

APPOINTMENT:

Newberry Housing Authority Board

Mayor Senn advised that Mr. Andrew Shealy's term on the Newberry Housing Authority's Board of Directors will expire on September 15, 2016. Jan Piersol, Executive Director, indicated that Mr. Shealy had been a dedicated board member and desired to be considered for reappointment for another 5 year term.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to re-appoint Mr. Andrew Shealy 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.

RESOLUTION

Mayor Senn stated that since its inception, the City of Newberry has been a member of the Piedmont Municipal Power Association along with several other towns located in the Piedmont area of South Carolina. As a member it is necessary to appoint members of the staff or council to the board of directors for the association. Mayor Senn stated that in the past he has served as the voting director, while Utility Director Marc Regier served as the alternate member for Newberry. Mayor Senn further stated that Marc Regier was regarded as somewhat of an expert in the newest technology of the power field and should represent the City of Newberry as the voting director.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock to appoint Utility Director Regier as the voting director and Mayor Senn as the alternate voting member to the PMPA Board. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers.

ORDINANCE:

Ordinance #2016-1014- expand the number of members on the Newberry Opera House Board - First Reading

Mayor Senn introduced for first reading an Ordinance (#2016-1014) to increase the number of members on the Newberry Opera House Board from fifteen to seventeen.

Councilman Wicker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2016-1014 to increase the number of members on the Newberry Opera House Board. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members.

ORDINANCE:

Ordinance #2016-1013- Amend the FY2016-2017 Budget – First Reading

Mayor Senn submitted first reading an Ordinance (#2016-1013) to amend the City's FY2016-2017 budget to include a line item for the West End II Water and Sewer Project. Mayor Senn further stated that the project was due to be completed in early in the FY 2016-2017 budget, however, there was still a substantial amount of work that needed to be completed.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to amend the City's FY2016-2017 Budget. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members.

Assistant City Manager Matt DeWitt gave an update to Council on the progress of the West End II project.

COUNCIL:

Mayor Senn indicated that after discussion in Executive Session, Council would must vote whether to extend the Municipal Judge's contract. The city has employed Frank Partridge as the municipal judge since 1976. Judge Partridge's term is set to expire on October 12, 2016. If re-appointed, his contract would run to October 12, 2020.

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to extend Frank Partridge's contract as Municipal Judge until October 12, 2020. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Glasgow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 P.M. Councilmember Boyd seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members.

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Foster Senn
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Jennie O'Shields, City Clerk
Newberry, South Carolina

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