

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
October 11, 2016 – 7:00 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 Matt DeWitt, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, Utility Director Marc Regier, Fire Chief Keith Minick, HR and Risk Management Director Tamra Tootle, Public Works Director Mac Bartley, Opera House Director Molly Fortune, PRT Director Scott Sawyer and Municipal Judge Frank Partridge

Others Present: Elyssa Haven, Gina Koon, Brian Moran, Gordon and Carolyn Minick, Cathey Force, Ashley Page, Barbara Chapman, Gina Koon, Rhonda Ackerman, Sam Ziady, Jennie DuBose, Jody Day and family, Tina Wicker, Chris Bouknight, Michael Parker, Burt Mohler, Tim Swygert, Lucille Kinard, Randy Malloy, Ted Williams, Brandon Wicker and others. News representative: Kelly Duncan

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MINUTES:

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on September 13, 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 September 30, 2016 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager DeWitt gave a brief summary of the financial report, highlighting the purchase of body cameras for the police department, the state revolving fund payments and the purchase of security features for City Hall.

CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES:

Mayor Senn presented a letter from Mrs. Shanna Proctor, with the Newberry County Registration and Election Commission declaring that the incumbent candidates for City Council

Districts 2, 4, and 6 were each re-elected to four-year terms without opposition. She noted that no write-in candidates declared during the official period.

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd to accept the report as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

OATHS OF OFFICE:

Judge Partridge administered the Oaths of Office to Councilmember Wicker, Councilmember DuBose and Councilmember Force.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:

Mayor Senn and City Manager DeWitt recognized Chris Bouknight, Maintenance Worker and Jody Day, Services Supervisor for their ten years of service with the Public Works Department. Keith Minick, Fire Chief, was recognized for his twenty-five years of service with the Fire Department. Brian Moran, Garage Supervisor was recognized for his thirty years of service with the Public Works Department. All of the recognized employees received a certificate and gift selection packet commensurate with their years of service.

ORDINANCE:

Ordinance (#2016-1014) expand the number of members on the Newberry Opera House Board - Second and Final Reading

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

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose to adopt 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 – Second and Final Reading

Mayor Senn submitted second and final 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 DuBose to approve the second and final 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.

RESOLUTION:

Mayor Senn indicated that the staff received a request to adopt an *All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan* to comply with the current FEMA standards.

Councilman Wicker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to adopt the *All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan*. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Senn stated that last month Council adopted the first reading of an ordinance to expand the number of members on the Opera House Foundation Board from fifteen to seventeen. The request was initiated by the Opera House Board to expand its inclusion of representation from educational, cultural, business and governmental agencies serving Newberry County.

Mayor Senn further explained that in order to implement the legislation, Council would need to appoint 2 members to fill unexpired terms and one additional member. After vetting all candidates, Cole Lawrimore and Joe McDonald's terms would expire July 1, 2017. Luke McCormick's term would expire July 1, 2018.

Mayor Senn also stated that Matt DeWitt, who became the Newberry City Manager on October 1st, 2016 and Jim Suber, Newberry County Superintendent would be recognized as members of the Opera House Foundation Board as ex-officio members. Once appointed to office, ex-officio members need not be reappointed as long as they retain their professional or business positions.

Mayor Senn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to table the item until the end of the Executive Session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE:

Mayor Senn offered for first reading an Ordinance (#2016-1015) authorizing the execution of a Lease/Purchase Agreement for funds not exceeding \$168,000 to purchase an automated leaf machine to replace the 1975 model currently in use.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Glasgow to adopt the first reading of Ordinance 2016-1015 as presented. City Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ashely Page with the End Childhood Hunger in South Carolina Campaign came forward to inform the public of their goal and current programs. Ms. Page thanked Mrs. Barbara Chapman for her efforts with the summer food program and parade in Nance Forest. Ms. Page indicated that the long term goal included an after school program and the incorporation of a food truck. She also stated that any non-perishable snack items can be dropped off at the Literacy Council located at 1208 Main Street in Newberry. Finally Ms. Page thanked council and the community for their support.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter related to the Newberry Tennis Center and a personnel matter related to the Newberry Opera House as published in the agenda. Councilmember Glasgow seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

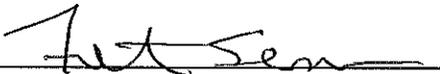
Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dubose to return to open session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

APPOINTMENTS:

In Open Session, Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow to appoint Cole Lawrimore and Joe McDonald to terms that would expire July 1, 2017 and Luke McCormick to a term that would expire July 1, 2018, and to appoint Matt DeWitt and Jim Suber as ex-officio members to the Opera House Board. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Boyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M. Councilmember Goudelock seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members.



Foster Senn
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

Jennie O'Shields, City Clerk
Newberry, South Carolina

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