

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT NEWBERRY COLLEGE CENTER FOR TEACHER EDUCATION, NEWBERRY, SC
February 11, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: City Manager Matt DeWitt, Utility Director Tim Baker, Division Director Tamra Tootle, Public Works Director Mac Bartley and Police Chief Roy McClurkin.

Others Present: David Eldridge, Kevin Goodman, Mary Alex Kopp, students and faculty from Newberry College.

Media Present: Elyssa Haven

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Senn called the meeting to order. The National Anthem was sung by Dr. David Fowler of Newberry College. Councilman Glasgow gave the invocation.

MINUTES:

Councilman Goude-lock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on January 21, 2020, 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 January 31, 2020 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager DeWitt gave a brief summary of the financial report highlighting the steady decrease in water receipts due to the reduction of Saluda usage. He also highlighted that they had received the Clinton Newberry Natural Gas Authority (CNNGA) contribution in January. The city also received two quarters of the Local Government Fund allotment which brings the total collected in the fiscal year 2020 to \$121,829. By this time last year, DeWitt said they had only received one quarter.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Matt DeWitt, 10 yrs.

Mayor Senn announce that the City of Newberry Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (ATAC) would be accepting applications for funding from **non-profit** community organizations engaged in "Tourism Related Activities" benefitting the City of Newberry. Requests for funding will be considered by the ATAC at its Tuesday, March 3, 2020 meeting. He announced that organizations interested in requesting funding should download the application from the City's website www.cityofnewberry.com and that all application packages must be submitted in proper form to the above stated office by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, February 28, 2020.

ORDINANCE:

Ordinance #2020-1001 so as to provide for amendments to the revenue and expenditure appropriations in the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget – Second Reading

Mayor Senn said that City staff saw the need to amend the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget due to various unknown factors when submitting the original budget requests. These factors included the need for public restrooms at Marion Davis and Wise Street parks, West End demolition (reimbursable through CDBG grant), several recreation complex items budgeted for the last fiscal year that carried into this year, completing the fiber project in FY2020 instead of FY2021, water/sewer line replacements on King, Queen and Devine Streets, complete substation ties down Wilson Road to eliminate delivery 2, adding a public restroom to City Hall, purchasing right of way equipment, and legal fees associated with the City of Newberry vs. Rock Hill case.

Other projects included funds for the Planning and Development department for a new property maintenance program, as the current program became obsolete unexpectedly. Also in that department, came the upfront cost for the work in the West End area to dilapidated housing.

In the recreation complex fund, amendments are needed to carryover costs from the last fiscal year that were not completed.

Under utilities, with the accelerated completion date of the fiber roll out project, amendments were needed to the current budget along with the project to complete the substation ties down Wilson Road, eliminating the city's rental of the Duke substation. Water and Sewer lines are also planned to be replaced on King, Queen and Divine Streets.

Other changes included additional legal fees due to an ongoing contractual issue with Piedmont Municipal Power Association (PMPA).

Lastly, a public restroom is planned for City Hall.

Motion was made by Councilman Lemont Glasgow and seconded by Councilman David DuBose for second and final reading to amend the ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter related to PMPA and discussion of several appointments to city boards and commissions as outlined in the agenda. Councilmember Wicker seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

Councilmember DuBose 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.

11A – Discussion of a contractual matter related to PMPA

Information was received and no action was taken.

11B – Discussion of appointments to the Construction Board

Motion was made by Councilman Wicker and seconded by Councilman Force to appoint Michael Cruickshank's to the Construction Board. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

11C – Discussion of appointments to the Planning Commission

Motion was made by Councilman Wicker and seconded by Councilman DuBose to appoint Brunell Gray and Charles Sims to the Planning Commission. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

11D – Discussion of appointments to the Accommodations Tax Committee

Information was received and no action was taken.

11E – Discussion of appointments to the Architectural Review Board

Motion was made by Councilman Goude-lock and seconded by Councilman Wicker to reappoint Lisa Senn, Cile Hursey and Bob Montgomery to the Architectural Review Board. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

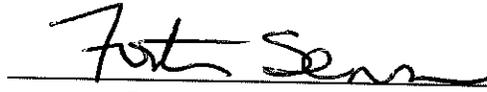
11F – Discussion of appointments to the Miss Newberry Scholarship Board

Motion was made by Councilman Goude-lock and seconded by Councilman Wicker to reappoint Tamra Tootle and Margaret Brackett to the Miss Newberry Scholarship Board.

ADJOURNMENT

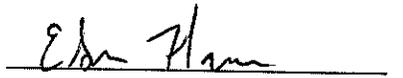
There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Goude-lock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 P.M. Councilmember Wicker seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members.

Newberry City Council Minutes
February 11, 2020



Foster Senn
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Elyssa Haven, Acting City Clerk
Newberry, South Carolina

