

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
March 10, 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, Police Chief Roy McClurkin, Fire Chief Keith Minick and Newberry Opera House Director Molly Fortune.

Others Present: David Eldridge, Kevin Goodman, Ben Hughes, Stuart Smith, Ben Bower, Boris Alvarado, Jessica and Brooklyn DeWitt, Liz Rivera, Ann Smith, Carlton Kinard, Jackie Holmes and others.

Media Present: Elyssa Haven

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 DuBose to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on February 11, 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 February 29, 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 the city had received funds for the County Recruitment Contribution in February last fiscal year and that he hoped they would receive this money in March this year.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Michael Parker, 5 yrs

City Council and Fire Chief Keith Minick recognized Michael Parker for his five years of service with the fire department. Brandon began working with the department on March 14, 2005 and holds the position of Fire Engineer.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Brandon Wicker, 15 yrs

City Council and Fire Chief Keith Minick recognized Brandon Wicker for his 15 years of service with the fire department. Brandon began working with the department on March 14, 2005 and holds the position of Fire Engineer.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Kevin Goodman, 25 yrs

City Council and Police Chief Roy McClurkin recognized Kevin Goodman for his 25 years of service with the police department. Kevin began working with the department on March 13, 1995 and holds the position of Captain.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

William Stuart Smith, 30 yrs

City Council and Fire Chief Keith Minick recognized William Smith for his 30 years of service with the fire department. William (Stuart) began working with the department on February 12, 1990 and holds the position of Lieutenant.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Volunteer Impact Responder of the Year – Ben Bowers

City Council and Fire Chief Keith Minick recognized Ben Bowers for being the Volunteer Impact Responder of the Year for 2019 at the Newberry Fire Department. Ben well-exceeded the departments standard of 10 volunteer hours per month for 2019 and completed the year with 329 volunteer hours, 266 hours of that being staff activities.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Citizen recognition by Newberry Police Department

City Council and Police Chief Roy McClurkin recognized citizen Sonya Byrd for her bravery, courage and professionalism during a time of crisis that occurred near the end of last year. Sonya assisted law enforcement negotiators with communications that eventually led a suspect to surrender to law enforcement.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

**Proclamation recognizing the Newberry Academy
Competition Cheer Team**

Mayor Senn and Council recognized the Newberry Academy competition cheer team for competing and winning the state cheerleading championship. Team members recognized included Summer Harbert, Gracie Bedenbaugh, Michelle Brown, Cassie Waites, Jayla Williams, Jade Hughes, Lucy Catucci, Gracie Baker, Bethany Sawyer, Cassie Gilliam and Brooklyn DeWitt

along with coaches Christie Gardner and Chelsea Ellisor. Each was presented with a proclamation honoring the accomplishment.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Announcements from Mayor

Mayor Foster Senn made several announcements to include the upcoming 2020 Census and two celebrations held on March 21 and 28 in town. He also announced the Newberry-PMPA Community Scholar Scholarship was officially open for high school seniors to apply. City Manager Matt DeWitt told council that city staff had taken precautions for potential spread of the Coronavirus to ensure continuity of city services.

UPDATE:

Fiber Deployment Update

Assistant Utility Director David Eldridge gave Council and the public an update on the Fiber Network build out highlighting that Zone 3 was completed and construction on Zone 4 had started early. The original target completion of April is still on target.

ORDINANCE:

Second and Final Reading of Ordinance #2020-1002 to authorize Lease/Purchase of a Rear-Load Packer Truck

Councilman Glasgow made a motion to accept second reading to authorize Lease/Purchase of a Rear-Load Packer Truck from Nu Life Environmental for the price of \$151,147.00. The financier is with BB&T Bank at an interest rate of 2.17% for a term not exceeding three years. The motion was seconded by Councilman DuBose. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ORDINANCE:

First Reading of Ordinance #2020-1003 to authorize the City of Newberry to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Newberry County for recreational purposes.

Motion was made by Councilman Dubose and seconded by Councilman Force to accept first reading of an ordinance formalizing the remittance of the tax from Newberry County to the city for recreational opportunities within the county as a whole. This agreement does not create a new tax whatsoever and will need to be renewed or adjusted in ten years. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorization to Allow Alcohol in Designated Areas for Pork in the Park

Motion was made by Councilman Wicker and seconded by Councilman Goudebeck to approve a request from the Newberry County Chamber of Commerce to allow beer, served by designated event venue staff using pre-approved plastic cups to be sold at Pork in the Park on Friday, April 17th from 5-8 p.m. and

Saturday April 18th from 11 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. and traveled within the outdoor event area. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

Event area includes Main Street from Nance to College Streets, Boyce Street from Nance to Caldwell Streets, McKibben from Boyce to Main Streets, and Caldwell from Boyce to Main Streets.

AUTHORIZATION: **Authorization to Allow Alcohol in Designated Areas for
Newberry Arts for All Community Concert featuring the
Harlem Quartet**

Motion was made by Councilman Glasgow and seconded by Councilman Wicker to approve a request from the Newberry Opera House to allow beer and wine served by designated event venue staff, using pre-approved plastic cups to be sold at the Newberry Arts for All Community Concert on Saturday, May 2 from 6-10 p.m. and traveled within the outdoor event area. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

The event area includes Main Street from Nance to Caldwell Streets, Boyce Street from Nance to Caldwell Streets, McKibben from Boyce to Main Streets, and Caldwell from Boyce to Main Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing several appointments to city boards and commissions, a discussion of proposed locations for the expansion of city services and a discussion of a contractual matter concerning the City Manager's office 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 Goudelock to return to open session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

10A – Discussion of appointments to the Planning Commission

Motion was made by Councilman DuBose and seconded by Councilman Force to appoint Ronnie Spruill to the Planning Commission. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

10B – Discussion of appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion was made by Councilman Goudelock and seconded by Councilman DuBose to appoint Mike Graham to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

10C – Discussion of appointments to the Accommodation Tax Committee

Motion was made by Councilman Wicker and seconded by Councilman Force to appoint Jerry Hammond to the Accommodation Tax Committee. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

10D – Discussion of appointments to the Miss Newberry Scholarship Board

Motion was made by Councilman Glasgow and seconded by Councilman Goudelock to reappoint Sandra Rouse to the Miss Newberry Scholarship Board.

10E – Discussion of proposed location for the expansion of City Services to serve the public body

Information was received and no action was taken.

10F – Discussion of a contractual matter concerning the City Manager's office

Information was received and no action was taken.

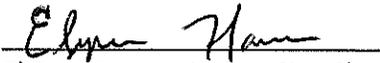
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M. Councilmember Wicker seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members.



Foster Senn
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Elyssa Haven, Acting City Clerk
Newberry, South Carolina

