

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS/ONLINE, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
July 14, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**

This month's City Council meeting was held using an online platform. Audience members had the option to visit <https://cityofnewberry.webex.com/cityofnewberry/onstage/g.php?MTID=e330172d4a6aa65793b3d1d579bbbc683> on their computer, tablet or smart phone device to allow them to view the meeting.

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, Police Chief Roy McClurkin, City Attorney Robert Lake, virtual audience members

Media Present: Elyssa Haven

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ORDINANCE:

Approval of Ordinance #2020-1011 to Temporarily Suspend the Normal Operating Procedures and to provide for emergency procedures applicable to Public Meetings during the continuance of such emergency

Motion was made by Councilman DuBose and seconded by Councilman Wicker to accept first and final reading of Ordinance #2020-1011 to temporarily suspend the normal operating procedures applicable to city public meetings. The ordinance allows the Mayor, Council members and City Boards and Commissions to remotely participate in voting and operations procedures by telephone or other means of electronic communication provided that they comply with the provisions of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

This ordinance was enacted in May, however, was set to expire after 61 days unless extended by council. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ORDINANCE:

Approval of Ordinance #2020-1012 to Amend Ordinance #2020-1010 requiring individuals to wear face coverings in certain circumstances and matters related thereto so as to extend its duration

Motion was made by Councilman Wicker and seconded by Councilman Goude-lock to accept first and final reading of Ordinance #2020-1012 to amend Ordinance #2020-1010 requiring individuals to wear face coverings in certain circumstances and matters related thereto so as to extend its duration.

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Last month, council approved an ordinance requiring face coverings in grocery stores, pharmacies and dollar stores. Set to expire on July 31, council amended the previous ordinance to extend the measure through August 29.

Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

MINUTES:

Councilman Goudeock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Force to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of Newberry City Council held on June 9, 2020 and June 16, 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 June 30, 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 continuing steady decrease in water receipts due to the reduction of Saluda usage and that staff was waiting on June's allocation for the property tax numbers to accrue back to fiscal year 2020.

UPDATE:

Update on Leadership and Business Development Training

City Manager Matt DeWitt gave council an update on the potential for a Newberry Civic Leadership Academy that would provide those that live and worked in the Newberry community an opportunity to learn more about governmental departments and services. Mayor Senn told council he was looking into networking opportunities that he would also report back on.

UPDATE:

City of Newberry Splash Pad Update

Mayor Senn asked City Manager DeWitt to provide an update on the progress at the city's splash pad and the recreation complex. City Manager DeWitt said the contractors had been released and city staff had been focusing on the final touches such as installing overhead street lighting, more curbing and outlining areas for courts such as pickleball and ping-pong.

UPDATE:

Good Publicity about Completion of Fiber Project

Mayor Senn updated council on the television coverage from WLTX and WOLO on the completion of the city's fiber network. He also highlighted coverage in The Newberry Observer and Newberry Magazine.

CITY COUNCIL: Water Service – 738 Giff Street

Mayor Senn indicated that the property owner of 738 Giff Street submitted a request to receive out-of-city water service. The owner has agreed to execute an annexation covenant indicating a willingness to annex the property if Council determines it is in the best interest of the City to annex the property. This property is adjacent to an existing City water line and will require no extension beyond a standard tap.

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock to allow out-of-city water service for 738 Giff Street. The motion was carried followed by a unanimous vote of the Council members present and voting.

CITY COUNCIL: Water Service – Lindsay Circle (Tax Map #286-1-6)

Mayor Senn indicated a request to receive out-of-city water service for property (tax map #286-1-6) located on Lindsay Circle. The piece of property is currently for sale and both the realtor and potential owner of the property have agreed to execute an annexation covenant indicating a willingness to annex the property if Council determines it is in the best interest of the City to annex. This property is adjacent to an existing City water line and will require no extension beyond a standard tap.

Councilman Force made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose to allow out-of-city water service for the property on Lindsay Circle. The motion was carried followed by a unanimous vote of the Council members present and voting.

REVIEW: Review of Newberry Police Department use-of-force policies

Police Chief Roy McClurkin reviewed with Council the police department's use-of-force policies with those provided by Campaign Zero's "8 Can't Wait" project to curtail police violence. These included:

- Require De-Escalation
- Duty to Intervene
- Requires Warning Before Shooting
- Requires Exhaust All Alternatives Before Shooting
- Ban Shooting at Moving Vehicles
- Ban Chokeholds and Strangleholds
- Requires Use of Force Continuum
- Requires Comprehensive Reporting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Glasgow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 P.M. Councilmember DuBose 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

