

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC  
JANUARY 18, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor Foster Senn. Council: R. LeMont Glasgow, Zebbie D. Goudelock, Louis Boyd, Gregg Summer, David E. DuBose.

Also Present: City Manager Jeff Shacker, City Clerk Tina P. Wicker, Fire Chief Keith Minick, City Planner Doug Currier. Others Present: Mike Hawkins, R. J. Dowd, Kyle Vaughn, Karen Wyatt, Jimmy Bickley, Mike Meadow, and others.  
News representatives: Leslie Moses, Brice Zimmerman.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES**

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on December 14, 2010 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 been provided a copy of the Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2010. Mayor Senn indicated that the report would be attached to and made a part of the minutes.

City Manager Shacker stated that the staff was fairly pleased with the financial report and would continue to track a few of the revenue accounts that due to the current economic conditions were slightly lower than anticipated. He reminded Council that areas of concern would be addressed during the mid-year budget adjustments.

**RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES**

Mayor Senn and City Manager Shacker recognized Mike Hawkins, Police Corporal, for five years of service and R. J. Dowd, Fire Engineer, for five years of service. Each employee being recognized received a Certificate and a gift selection package based on their years of service.

Following the recognition of employees, Mayor Senn thanked all City employees for their work during the recent snow storm. City Manager Shacker also offered thanks to the SCDOT and Newberry County for the work on the streets throughout the City.

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**ORDINANCE (#2010-1013):**

**Sections 4-20, 4-40, 4-50, & 4-60 of City Code  
Amended– Second and Final Reading**

Mayor Senn introduced for second and final reading an Ordinance (#2010-1013) to amend Section 4-20, 4-40 4-50 and 4-60 of the City Code. He explained that the modification of these sections of the Code would allow public owners and residential owner-occupants (homeowners) to perform building and mechanical scopes of work on their own properties provided that all requirements of state law are met. He commented that Title 40 of the Code of Laws of the State of South Carolina allows homeowners to perform much of their own electrical, plumbing and mechanical work provided they complete a Homeowner Disclosure Statement and file it with the County Clerk of Court and also allows public owners to perform their own work provided it does not exceed the limits of \$350,000 for general scopes of work and \$125,000 for mechanical scopes of work. He added that the changes being proposed did not alter the existing requirements for building permits and inspections.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock, to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

**CITY ELECTION**

City Manager Shacker announced that the proposed date for the election for the City Council District 2 seat is February 15<sup>th</sup> provided the City receives preclearance from the U.S. Department of Justice.

**ORDINANCE (#2011-1001):**

**Amend FY2010-2011 Budget – First Reading**

Mayor Senn presented for first reading, by title only, an Ordinance (#2011-1001) to amend the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget. He explained that a detailed report would be submitted to City Council at the meeting in February prior to adoption of the Ordinance.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow, to approve first reading of the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

**ORDINANCE (#2011-1002):**

**Amend Section 9-137, Solid Waste Collection &  
Disposal – First Reading**

Mayor Senn submitted for first reading an Ordinance (#2011-1002) to amend Section 9-137 of Article V-Solid Waste Collection and Disposal of the City Code. He indicated that the amendment to Section 9-137 incorporate roll-off commercial garbage collection with a monthly rental fee of fifty dollars and a twenty-five dollar charge per pick-up. He stated that there were

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some businesses with unique solid waste needs which were not effectively met with the use of the City's standard bulk containers. He indicated that the City would make every reasonable effort to meet the needs of local businesses provided the fees offset the cost of the service.

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to approve first reading of the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

**CITY COUNCIL:**

**2011 City Council Meetings and Work Session Dates**

Mayor Senn remarked that a schedule of City Council Meetings and Work Session Dates had been prepared and include a recommendation to change the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting in June to the first Tuesday, June 7 and that the quarterly work session in July be moved to August 20, the all day Saturday work session. Mayor Senn requested that the work session in April be rescheduled to April 5<sup>th</sup>. He indicated a copy of the schedule would be attached to the minutes.

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock, to approve the schedule as recommended. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present and voting.

**CITY COUNCIL:**

**Budget Calendar for FY2011-2012**

Mayor Senn stated that a calendar for the Fiscal year 2011-2012 budget process had been prepared and submitted to City Council for adoption.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock, to approve the Budget Calendar for FY2011-2012 as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members present.

**CITY COUNCIL:**

**Work Session Topics – January 18, 2011**

Mayor Senn indicated that because of the postponement of the January 11<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting due to inclement weather the January 18<sup>th</sup> Work Session would begin at 5:00 P.M. prior to the Council meeting. He reported that the City Manager recommended topics for discussion include: (1) city refund policy, (2) employer-employee relations; (3) capital improvements planning and finance; (4) wireless communications infrastructure; (5) progress report on FY2010-2011 goals and objectives; and (6) current projects update.

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**CITY COUNCIL:**

**Grant Agreement - \$500,000**

City Manager Shacker announced that the City had received approval for a grant of \$500,000 from the S. C. Department of Commerce to make renovations in the West End community for upgrading water and sewer infrastructure within an identified area of the community. He stated that in addition there were funds allocated in the project for street repaving in areas where the paving was disturbed. He added that the City would match these funds for a total project cost of 1.2 million dollars.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose, to enter an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and contractual matters as outlined on the agenda. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose to reconvene the regular meeting at approximately 8:11 P.M. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following unanimous vote of City Council members present. Mayor Senn advised that no action was to be taken by City Council on the items discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:12 P.M. Councilman Glasgow seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

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**Foster Senn**  
**MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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Tina P. Wicker, City Clerk  
Newberry, South Carolina

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