

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
APRIL 12, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor Foster Senn. Council: R. LeMont Glasgow, Edwin Wicker, Zebbie D. Goude-lock, Louis Boyd, Gregg Summer, David E. DuBose.

Also Present: City Manager Jeff Shacker, City Clerk Tina P. Wicker, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Scott Sawyer, City Planner Doug Currier. Others Present: Allison Moore, Katherine Mock, Brett Wright, Brittany Horne, Natalie Hudson, Kristen Martin, Betsy Neeley, Roshni Patel, Heath McCutcheon, Jenny Fulmer, Amber Long, Sara Macon, Lindsey Smith, Tricia Ulch, Angie Amick, Nadia Andrade, Christen Chestnut, Jim Wiseman, Joe Trainor, Lindsey Dangerfield, Todd Moon, Jerry Coffey, Woody and Elaine Cornwell, Margaret Brackett, Karen Wyatt, David Carlsen, Barbara Franklin, Johnnie Caldwell, Tom Pope, Rhett Frazier, George and Agnes Routon, Scott Gardner, P. K. Fuller, Bryan Bedenbaugh, Scott Koerwer, Deborah Smith, and others.
News representatives: Natalie Netzel, Heather Hawkins.

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on March 8, 2011 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 March 31, 2011. Mayor Senn indicated that the report would be attached to and made a part of the minutes.

City Manager Shacker stated that expenditures and revenues are still on track with the adjustments made at mid-year, but are lagging behind where staff would like them to be. He remarked that he would keep Council apprised as the year closes out and reminded Council that a budget work session would be conducted after the May 10th City Council meeting.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES

Mayor Senn and City Manager Shacker recognized Allison Moore, Police Corporal, for five years of service to the City. He presented her with a certificate and a gift order packet commensurate with her years of service.

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COUNCIL:

Presentation by the Senior Nursing Students at Newberry College

Doctor Betsy McDowell of Newberry College provided a brief update on the progress of the nursing program at Newberry College. Professor Mock advised by working in conjunction with City staff she had developed a list of potential public health research topics, divided her Community Health class of senior nursing students into three groups, and assigned each group a research question.

Group 1 led by Tricia Ulch examined the question of health and wellness benefits of public investment in community recreation facilities. The presentation discussed the health benefits of physical activity, the positive impact that well planned and implemented recreation facilities can have on community wellness, the importance of the location and accessibility of those facilities to the public and possible strategies for funding the construction of these facilities.

Group 2 led by Brittany Horne and Natalie Hudson identified the most effective methods for encouraging employee participation in employer sponsored health screening and wellness programs. This presentation discussed the negative impact of sedentary workdays on employee health, the public health challenges associated with rising rates of obesity, the need for employer sponsored wellness programs, the three main factors influencing employee participation in these programs (communication, health knowledge, accessibility), and action steps that the City can take to strengthen its employee health programs with respect to these factors.

Group 3 led by Lindsay Dangerfield researched ways that employers can promote or facilitate employee volunteerism within the community. The presentation discussed the prevalence of malnourishment among disadvantaged senior citizens, the ramifications of this problem, the proportion of surveyed City employees who currently volunteer within the community and several methods the City could employ to incentivize a higher level of community volunteerism.

Mayor Senn thanked Professor Mock and the nursing students for their very informative presentations.

PRT:

Recreation Master Plan

Mayor Senn explained that the objective of this project is to provide Council with an unbiased assessment of the City's facilities and programs and to make specific recommendations on ways the City can improve recreational opportunities in the community.

Dr. Brett Wright of Clemson University appeared before City Council to publicly present an overview of the PRT Master Plan. He reviewed each element of the Master Plan which included:

- (1) An Introductory Session that discusses the social, personal, economic and environmental benefits of PRT facilities and programs;

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- (2) A Vision Plan for the City's PRT Department modeled after that of the S. C. Recreation and Parks Association;
- (3) A Facilities Inventory of the City's current parks and recreation facilities;
- (4) A Tabular Comparison of selected municipal PRT agencies within the State that present several variables including population, staffing, the amount of indoor and outdoor recreational space and annual budgets;
- (5) Implementation Strategies which consists of a series of recommended action steps in the areas of organizational structure, funding and personnel, the creation and improvement of facilities, the enhancement and addition of programs, and other implementation strategies related to partnerships, Newberry College, PRT marketing and continued community beautification; and
- (6) An Appendix with useful information and links to web-based resources.

Mayor Senn and members of City Council thanked Dr. Wright for his presentation and asked that the City's appreciation be conveyed to Dr. Brookover for the development of a very comprehensive Master Plan.

Mayor Senn stated that Council had asked the City Manager to research funding options and prepare an implementation strategy using the results summarized in the Master Plan document.

Mr. Heath McCutcheon stated that he felt that he had been successful because of the recreational opportunities which gave him the chance to secure a scholarship. He indicated that he felt it was imperative for the City to once again become a front runner in the recreational arena. He asked that all sports, races and sexes be considered in the development of a plan for the community.

ORDINANCE (#2011-1003): **Customer-owned Renewable Generation Systems – Second and Final Reading**

Mayor Senn offered for second and final reading an Ordinance (#2011-1003) to amend the City Code to include regulations and fees associated with customer-owned renewable generation systems. He explained that the Ordinance would adopt the policy established by PMPA for customer-owned renewable generation which establishes the use of the three agreements: (1) Standard Interconnection Agreement, (2) Application for Interconnection of a CRG System, and (3) Tri-Party Net Metering Point Agreement. He pointed out that the Ordinance would establish application fees to cover the administrative costs of permitting the CRG system.

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

RESOLUTION: **Fair Housing Month**

Mayor Senn introduced for Council's consideration a Resolution declaring April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Newberry. He noted that adoption of the Resolution demonstrated the City's commitment to fair housing.

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

COUNCIL: State Accommodations Tax Funds

Mayor Senn advised that the City's Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee met in March to consider the applications submitted for State Accommodations Tax Funds totaling \$26,707. He stated that the recommendation from the Committee was to award \$21,000 to the Newberry Opera House for advertising and downtown promotions and to award \$5,707 to the City's PRT Department for promotion of Oktoberfest, 2011.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow, to approve the recommendation of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee and award the funds in accordance with that recommendation. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

APPOINTMENT: Municipal Planning Commission – Woody Cornwell

Mayor Senn indicated that Mr. Woody Cornwell who resides on Harrington Street had agreed to serve as a member of the Municipal Planning Commission.

Councilman Wicker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock, to appoint Woody Cornwell to the remaining vacant seat on the Municipal Planning Commission. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

APPOINTMENT: Municipal Election Commission – Nick Davenport

Mayor Senn indicated that Mr. Nick Davenport had agreed to serve again on the Municipal Election Commission for a six year term.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock, to reappoint Nick Davenport to the Municipal Election Commission. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to reconvene the regular meeting at approximately 9:44 P.M. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

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Mayor Senn advised that Council received information from the City Manager and Chairman of the Newberry Opera House Foundation Board regarding the lease agreement between the City and the NOHF, but no action would be taken. He added that Council deferred the City Manager's annual evaluation until a later date. He indicated that the City Manager also provided Council with information regarding the provision of wastewater service to a prospective industry, but no action would be taken.

COUNCIL:

Real Estate Exchange between the City and Oakland Mill Development, LLC (Fair Avenue/Second Street)

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock to authorize the City Manager to execute legal documents transferring real estate owned by the City at 2701 and 2703 Fair Avenue to Oakland Mill Development, LLC in exchange for the title to real estate from Oakland Mill Development, LLC to the properties located at 1302, 1304, and 1306 Second Street. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Glasgow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:46 P.M. Councilman Goudelock seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

Foster Senn
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Tina P. Wicker, City Clerk
Newberry, South Carolina

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