

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
JUNE 14, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: City Manager Jeff Shacker, City Clerk Tina P. Wicker, Assistant to the City Manager Matt Dewitt. Others Present: Deborah Shaw.
News representatives: Heather Hawkins, Cindy Pitts.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ORDINANCE (#2011-1006): **Chapter 9 of City Code – Implementation of Electric and Sewer Rate Increases – Second and Final Reading**

Mayor Senn submitted for second and final reading an Ordinance (#2011-1006) to amend certain sections of Chapter 9 of the City Code which specifically address electric and sewer rates. He stated that the increase in electric rates reflect a 7.5% wholesale power cost implemented by Piedmont Municipal Power Agency and that the increase in sewer rates of 3.5% was to begin generating sufficient revenue to replace the wastewater pump station located on SC Highway 219.

Councilman Glasgow 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.

ORDINANCE (#2011-1005): **Adopt Budget and Levy Taxes – Second and Final Reading**

Mayor Senn introduced for second and final an Ordinance (#2011-1005) to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 and to levy taxes at 86.4 mills which represents a 1.4% as allowable under State law and a 1.1 mill increase for a non-operating levy to maintain the City's reserve for capital depreciation.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock, to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Voting "Aye": Glasgow, Wicker, Goudelock, Summer, Boyd, DuBose. Voting "Nay": Mayor Senn. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a six-to-one vote of City Council members present.

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ORDINANCE (#2011-1007): **Amend Section V of FY2010-2011 Budget Ordinance –
Second and Final Reading**

Mayor Senn presented for second and final reading an Ordinance (#2011-1007) to amend Section V of the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget Ordinance to give the City Manager authority to transfer appropriations within the City's various funds provided that the transfer does not increase the total budget of any fund.

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

RESOLUTION: **Financial Policies**

Mayor Senn offered for Council's consideration a Resolution authorizing the adoption of financial policies to guide the financial management of the City.

City Manager Shacker provided three alternatives for City Council to consider in setting caps on the Fund Balance of the General Fund. He explained the first option set forth a 30% minimum and a ceiling of 60% on the unassigned fund balance. He stated that another option would be a 33% minimum and a 67% maximum. He recommended that to handle funds that exceeded the ceiling amount a transfer would be made to the capital reserve depreciation fund. He indicated that the third alternative would be to have no ceiling.

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Summer, to adopt the Resolution along with the Statement of Financial Policies setting forth a minimum fund balance of 33% and a maximum of 67%. Voting "Aye": Glasgow, Wicker, Senn, Summer, Boyd and DuBose. Voting "Nay": Goudelock. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a six-to-one vote of City Council members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock, to enter an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter 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 7:55 P.M with no action on the discussion of the Newberry Opera House Employee-Sharing Agreement. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:55 P.M. Councilman Glasgow 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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