

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
March 10, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor T. Edward Kyzer. Council: R. LeMont Glasgow, Foster Senn, Gregg Summer, Thomas Louis Boyd, David E. DuBose. Member Absent: Zebbie D. Goudelock.

Also Present: City Manager Eric G. Budds, Assistant City Manager Jeff Shacker, City Clerk Tina P. Wicker, Utility Director Fred Yandle. Others Present: Angela Summer, Deborah Smith, Aimee and Greg Talbot, Wesley Palmore, George and Helen Routon, Rhett Frazier, James Wiseman, Peggy West, Phil Spotts, Tommy Pope, Eddie Anderson and others.
News Representatives: Leslie Moses, Heather Hawkins.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kyzer called the meeting to order and Councilman Glasgow gave the invocation.

MINUTES

Councilman DuBose made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on February 10, 2009 as presented. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Kyzer reported that members of City Council had been provided with a copy of the Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2009. Mayor Kyzer indicated that the report would be attached to and made a part of the minutes.

NEWBERRY SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Ms. Aimee Talbot, Business Consultant for the Small Business Development Center, appeared before City Council to acknowledge the financial assistance provided by the City to the Center and to update City Council on the planned activities for the center. She explained that this was the sixteenth Small Business Development Center in the State and the offices would be open on Monday and Thursday from 9:00 to 5:00 at the Dufford House on College Street. She stated that the office provided free and confidential counseling to small businesses.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES

Mayor Kyzer and City Manager Budds recognized Angela Summer, Water Plant Superintendent, for her twenty years of service. She received a longevity pin and gift from the City.

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Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow, to re-appropriate \$40,000 from the Local Hospitality and Accommodations Funds to the NOH as requested. Mayor Kyzer abstained from voting as he sits on the NOH Board. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

RESOLUTION:

Records Retention Policies & Schedules

Mayor Kyzer offered for City Council's consideration a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to certify record retention schedules as needed to avoid bringing these items before City Council when changes are made in the policies and/or schedules.

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

RESOLUTION:

Fair Housing Month (April)

Mayor Kyzer presented a Resolution designating April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Newberry.

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

COUNCIL:

Federal Stimulus Money

City Manager Budds advised that City staff was pursuing funding for projects that are currently needed or anticipated to be needed in the next five to seven years. He indicated that the focus included projects in the areas of Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades and expansion, water system improvements including a new clear well and elevated tank, sidewalk construction and rehabilitation, street resurfacing, fiber optic and wireless communications, public safety equipment, vehicles and communications, housing construction and rehabilitation programs, and possible green or energy efficient projects, electric system improvements and advanced meter reading systems.

City Manager Budds announced that the City acquired 1.5 million in federal grant funds for the wastewater plant upgrade and expansion. He informed Council that the City was eligible for \$26,000 in a direct appropriation for public safety. He indicated that he would keep Council informed as progress was made on identifying funding for various projects and/or programs.

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COUNCIL: Work Session Topics (April 21)

City Manager Budds advised that the staff had recommended that the topic for the work session scheduled for April 21 be focused on the budget balancing options and priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

ANNEXATION AGREEMENT: Water Service – 1301 Giff Street

Mayor Kyzer advised that the City had received an Annexation Agreement and a request for water service from the property owner of 1301 Giff Street. He advised that the request did not require any extension of the City's system other than the customary water tap.

Councilman Senn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Summer, to approve the Annexation Agreement and request for water service to 1301 Giff Street. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ANNEXATION AGREEMENT: Water Service – 126 Wren Street

Mayor Kyzer advised that the City had received an Annexation Agreement and a request for water service from the property owner of 126 Wren Street. He advised that the request did not require any extension of the City's system other than the customary water tap.

Councilman DuBose made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to approve the Annexation Agreement and request for water service to 126 Wren Street. Councilman Glasgow abstained because of a conflict of interest. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman DuBose made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to enter an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter related to the appointment of a City Attorney. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

Council returned to open session at approximately 8:28 P.M.

RESOLUTION: Hiring Freeze

Mayor Kyzer presented a Resolution freezing vacant general fund positions.

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

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Mayor Kyzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:30 P.M. Councilman Boyd seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

T. Edward Kyzer
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Tina P. Wicker, City Clerk
Newberry, South Carolina

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