

**SPECIAL MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
AUGUST 20, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor Foster Senn, Councilmember R. LeMont Glasgow, Councilmember Edwin E. Wicker, Councilmember Zebbie D. Goudelock, Councilmember Thomas Louis Boyd, Councilmember David E. DuBose, Councilman David T. Force.

Also Present: Interim City Manager W. A. Harvey, Municipal Clerk Tina P. Wicker, Assistant City Manager Matt Dewitt, Fire Chief Keith Minick, PRT Director Scott Sawyer, Utility Director Marc Regier. Others Present: Suzanne Elston, Trey Wells, Richard Waddington, Deborah Smith, Neicy Polifrone, Lee Potts and others. News representatives: Tammy Kitchen and Elyssa Parnell.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ORDINANCE:

**Transfer of \$755,000 from Gross Revenue to Utility
Capital – Second and Final Reading**

Mayor Senn introduced for second and final reading an Ordinance (#2013-1008) authorizing the transfer of \$755,000 from the Gross Revenue to the Utility Capital Fund to purchase 4,100 solid state residential electric meters.

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.

FIRE:

SAFER Grant

Fire Chief Minick offered information to City Council on the SAFER Grant program through FEMA which provided for the hiring of a Recruitment and Retention Coordinator. He explained that the grant was for a four-year period with no match from the City and noted that the coordinator would be responsible for maintaining and increasing through recruitment the current volunteer and explorer programs and would be tasked with identifying ways to diversify the department staff. He indicated that the position would be at the Captain level and could work a daily schedule. He said that the application would also include funds to assist with the explorer group and recruitment/retention advertising. He requested authorization from City Council to apply for the grant.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker, to authorize the grant application and to accept the grant if approved. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present and voting.

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UTILITIES:

Outside Water Service – 2213 Timber Lane

Mayor Senn reported that the City had received an executed Annexation Agreement along with a request for outside water service to the property located at 2213 Timber Lane owned by James and Ellen Mack. He indicated that the property was adjacent to an existing water line and would not require the extension of service other than the standard water tap.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to accept the Annexation Agreement and approve the outside water service request. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

COUNCIL:

Smoking in Public Places and Places of Employment

Mayor Senn stated there had been several requests related to prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment. Interim City Manager Harvey indicated that Council had been considering the adoption of an Ordinance and he had received a copy of the City of Greenville's Ordinance and had requested a copy of an Ordinance from Lexington addressing this issue. He reported that the Lexington Ordinance had been upheld in the Supreme Court and was a less complicated document. He indicated the purpose of placing this matter on the agenda was to inform the public that this was an item City Council was interested in pursuing. He noted that he would recommend a public hearing on this matter as well as the required two readings of the Ordinance as Council progresses through the process.

PRT:

Recreation Programs and Fees

PRT Director Sawyer provided City Council with information concerning youth recreation program fees currently charged by the City in comparison to neighboring recreational programs. He recommended an increase in fees in order to provide enhancements to all the programs primarily in regard to uniforms and team photographs. He also recommended adopting changes related to coaches including background checks, certifications and clinics. He submitted a summary of the proposed recommendations for City Council's consideration which along with his report is attached to the minutes.

PRT:

Firehouse Conference Center Overview

PRT Director Scott Sawyer presented information related to the operation of the Firehouse Conference Center. He gave a report on bookings by type, conference revenue, information from a feasibility study and data from a goal setting exercise pertaining to occupancy conducted in 2012. He provided a written summary of his comments which are attached to the minutes.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:20 P.M. Councilmember Boyd 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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