

**SPECIAL MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: City Manager W. A. Harvey, Municipal Clerk Tina P. Wicker, Assistant City Manager Matt Dewitt, Utility Director Marc Regier, Finance Director Shannon Smith. Others Present: Teresa Cawley, Neicy Polifrone, Lisa Toland.

CALL TO ORDER

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

COUNCIL:

Proposed Capital Improvements Plan

Mayor Senn stated that the purpose of the meeting was to acquaint City Council with the capital improvement projects being considered by the City from next year to 2023.

City Manager Harvey introduced Teresa Cawley, of Southern Municipal Advisors, the City's Financial Advisor, to present as preliminary information the proposed Capital Improvements Plan.

Ms. Cawley stated her purpose tonight was to introduce the preliminary ten-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) explaining that the CIP was a fluid or working document that would be evolving each year as the budget process developed. She discussed the current market and the bond rating agencies and why it would be important for the City to have a rating in order to access the market when the bonds are issued next year. She reminded Council of the importance of maintaining the capital improvements and infrastructure already invested in by the City.

Ms. Cawley started with the combined utility CIP noting that the combined utility requests over the next ten years exceed \$77 million. She reviewed the funding sources which include cash-on-hand and revenue bonds.

Ms. Cawley indicated that the general fund CIP was quite ambitious and primarily included public safety, public works and parks and recreation projects which over the ten year period totaled \$16 million. She also stressed the importance of planning for operational and maintenance costs associated with any program included in the CIP.

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Ms. Cawley asked that Councilmembers digest the information contained in the report, review the importance of the projects contained in the report and begin to formulate decisions regarding the practicality of the projects planned for the future.

A copy of Ms. Cawley's outline and a copy of the preliminary Capital Improvements Program are attached to the minutes. She recommended workshops for further discussion on October 8 at 5:30 P.M., on October 21 at 5:30 P.M., on Nov. 6 at 5:30 P.M. and a target date for adoption of a Resolution on November 12 at the regular City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:33 P.M. Councilmember 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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