

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
APRIL 15, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: City Manager W. A. Harvey, Municipal Clerk Tina P. Wicker, Assistant City Manager Matt Dewitt, Police Chief Jackie Swindler, Public Works Director Mac Bartley, City Attorney Robert Lake, City Judge Frank Partridge. Others Present: Michael Shealy, Dean Wise, Richard Waddingham, Dale and Sharon Cromer, Deborah Shaw, Coach Dave Davis, Coach Todd Knight, Woody and Elaine Cromwell, Rebecca Cromer, William Brant, Brunes Charles, Jason Livingston, Casey Stevens, Rachel Williams, Deborah Smith and others. News representatives: Elyssa Parnell and Tammy Kitchen.

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on March 18, 2014 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 received a copy of the Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2014 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager Harvey pointed out that business licenses were below projections but that the bulk of this revenue would be received in April.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Senn recognized several Newberry College seniors for the contributions these students had made to our community and presented proclamations to each student in recognition of their individual accomplishments. Coach Dave Davis explained the process for recognizing the students and commented on the numerous activities and programs many of these students and others were participating in. Students recognized were: Rachel Williams, Rebecca Cromer, Brunes Charles, Alisa Dunovant, Chas Goodwin, William Brant, Jason Livingston, Casey Stevens.

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STREETS/HIGHWAY: Alexander Street Closing

Mayor Senn announced that Councilmember Wicker had recused himself from any discussion or voting on this matter since he was an employee of ISE.

Mayor Senn informed City Council members that a request had been made by ISE Newberry, Inc. to close a portion of Alexander Street from Fair Street toward Pope Street.

City Manager Harvey explained that with one exception all the property adjacent to the street was owned by the company and ISE desired to fence and gate its entire complex. He added that a civil action has been initiated by ISE to have the street closed and was seeking the City's concurrence with having the street closed.

City Attorney Lake indicated that the closure would be for approximately 900 feet from Fair Street up Alexander Street towards Pope Street. He advised that he would be ensuring that all utility easements of the City would be preserved. He explained the judicial process.

Dean Wise, ISE's Chief Financial Officer, indicated that there were many safety concerns with the preparation of foods and the processes and the facilities need to be as secure as possible. He indicated that this closure would allow ISE more control for the development and use of their property. He stated that additional fencing and gating would be installed to secure and manage access to the property.

RESOLUTION: CDBG Local Match – Water & Sewer Upgrade in West End

Mayor Senn submitted for Council's consideration a Resolution committing the City to provide a local match of \$74,999 to secure a \$749,993 Community Development Block Grant to upgrade water and sewer lines in the West End area. He reminded City Council that this project represents a much needed second phase of upgrades in this neighborhood and that funds for the match would be budgeted in the FY15 Utility Capital Grant Funds.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember DuBose, to enter an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter related to the City Judge. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

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Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Glasgow, to return to Open Session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Glasgow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:18 P.M. Councilmember DuBose 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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