

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
JANUARY 13, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: City Manager W. A. Harvey, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, Utility Director Marc Regier, Assistant City Manager Matt Dewitt, Planning and Development Director Ward Braswell, Fire Chief Keith Minick, PRT Director Scott Sawyer, Others Present: Dell Rowe, Brent Ward, Lisa Toland and others. News representatives: Elyssa Parnell and Sami Truong

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 December 9, 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 December 31, 2014 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager Harvey gave a brief explanation of the financial statement.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:

Mayor Senn and City Manager Harvey Mayor recognized Dell Rowe for his ten years of service with the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department. Dell began his employment on December 20, 2004 and holds the position of Maintenance Worker. Mr. Rowe received a certificate and gift selection packet commensurate with his years of service.

ORDINANCE:

**Ordinance (#2014-1013) to amend the Zoning Text
Pertaining to Obsolete and Abandoned Signs – Second
and Final Reading**

Mayor Senn put forward for second and final reading an Ordinance (#2014-1013) to amend the text pertaining to abandoned and obsolete signs. The staff recommended that City Council adopt the ordinance for the proposed zoning text amendment that would define and regulate obsolete and abandoned signs and sign structures since the current zoning ordinance does not contain text that would require removal or replacement of signage.

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

CITY COUNCIL:

Budget Calendar

Mayor Senn presented a recommended Budget Calendar for City Council approval. He noted that Council's involvement would begin the week of May 5th following the Council meeting and with proposed budget meeting dates of May 6th and 7th beginning at 6:00 P.M. as needed to complete the process.

Mayor Senn also stated that first reading of the FY2014-2015 Budget would be held on June 9th and second reading on June 16th at a special council meeting to be held at 6:00 pm. City Manager Harvey asked the council if there were any conflicts and also stated that the work session dates were flexible.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Glasgow, to approve the Budget Calendar as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

CITY COUNCIL:

Meeting Date/Work Session Calendar

Mayor Senn indicated that the staff had prepared a calendar containing meeting dates and work session for 2015. He noted that the regular council meeting was the second Tuesday of each month and that the staff had provided council with a comprehensive calendar of all meeting dates that required council participation. City Manager Harvey changed the January 31st meeting to February 2nd at 5:30 pm. He also announced that the July 14th meeting would now be held on July 7th.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Force, to approve the Meeting Date/Work Session Calendar as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ORDINANCE:

Ordinance (#2015-1001) to Amend the Current Recreation Fees – First Reading

Mayor Senn submitted for first reading an Ordinance (#2015-1001) to amend the current recreation fees related to the PRT Department. City Manager Harvey pointed out that the City's Recreation Rates have not been adjusted in more than fifteen years. He indicated that along with the change in fees, there would be some additional changes made to usage and reservation of park rentals. Further discussion of the proposed rates contained in the ordinance will be discussed in further detail at February 2nd work session.

Councilmember Dubose made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker to approve first reading of the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ORDINANCE:

Ordinance (#2015-1002) to Annex St. Matthews AME Church – First Reading

Mayor Senn put forward for first reading an Ordinance (#2015-1002) to annex St. Matthews AME Church located off of Highway 219 in front of Willingham's Building Supply. The property is contiguous to the city limits and the proposed zoning is General Commercial. City Manager Harvey stated that St. Matthews AME Church had requested to be annexed so that they may receive the inside city rate for water and sewer usage.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Goudebeck, to approve first reading of the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance (#2015-1003) to Amend the FY 2014-2015 Budget

Mayor Senn put forward for first reading an Ordinance (#2015-1003) to amend the current FY- 2014-2015 budget to provide funds for the City of Newberry website updates. City Manager Harvey deferred to the PRT Director for further input.

The PRT Director stated that there are currently three City of Newberry websites in operation. The Fire House Conference Center website was in good working condition and there would be no changes made to it. He further stated that the other City of Newberry websites were created more than six years ago and are in need of design and software updates to streamline optimization for all users, especially those using mobile devices since 70% of the website's traffic comes mobile devices. He stated that the updates will also add a measure of security along with an annual cost savings of \$960. He noted that the same web designing firm would handle the changes so as not to require reproduction of all material and the time frame should be a few months.

Councilmember Wicker made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to approve first reading of the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

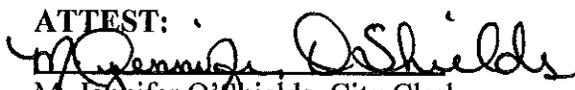
Councilmember Goude-lock made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter and a contractual matter pertaining to the acquisition of real estate as outlined on the agenda. Councilmember Glasgow seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members present.

Councilmember Goude-lock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker to return to open session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members present and voting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Boyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:38 P.M. Councilmember Dubose seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.


Foster Senn
MAYOR

ATTEST: 
M. Jennifer O'Shields, City Clerk
Newberry, South Carolina

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