

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
APRIL 14, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: City Manager W. A. Harvey, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, Utility Director Marc Regier, Assistant City Manager Matt Dewitt, Police Chief Dennis Brown, Fire Chief Keith Minick; Others Present: Roy McClurkin, Boris Alvarado, Kevin Goodman and family, Yolanda Mendenhall, Burt Mohler, Brandon Wicker, Tim Swygert, Michael Kennedy, Michael Parker, Jacob Counts, Randy Malloy, Mike O'Connell, Allison Moore, Lisa Toland, Robert Chase, Adrian Navarrette, Gary Roberts, Shane May, Chris Carter, Theresa Bishop, Rebecca Eddy, Elayni Stokes, Kirsti Hawkins and family, Carlton Kinard, Alex Quintero, Morgan Traynor, Maria Rivas, Robert Lake 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 Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on March 10, 2015 and Special Council Meetings held on March 19, 2015 and March 30, 2015 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, 2015 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 recognized Brandon Wicker for his ten years of service with the City's Fire Department and Kevin Goodman for his twenty years of service with the City's Police Department. Both received a certificate and gift selection packet commensurate with their years of service.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Mayor Senn, Mayor Pro Temp Goudebeck and Chief Brown, recognized Newberry City Police Officer Allison Moore as recently being named officer of the year. Named by the exchange club, Officer Moore has been a loyal and dedicated officer to the city of Newberry for more than years.

Mayor Senn also recognized Alex Kirby, Theresa Bishop, Rebecca Eddy, Elayni Stokes, Kirsti Hawkins, Carlton Kinard, Alex Quintero, Morgan Traynor, and Maria Rivas, all Newberry College Seniors for their Community Support.

ORDINANCE:

Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance (#2015-1004) to Transfer Property to the Newberry County School District

Mayor Senn put forward for second reading an Ordinance (#2015-1004) to authorize the sale by exchange of property to the Newberry County School District. Mayor Senn stated that the ordinance would allow The City of Newberry to transfer a parcel fronting on O'Neal Street (Parcel ID No. 343-7-18-19) to Newberry County Board of Education in exchange for the transfer by Newberry County Board of Education to the City of Newberry of property fronting on Crosson Street.

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:

Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance (#2015-1005) to Amend and Restate the Bond Ordinance Adopted September 28, 1993 and Amended and Restated June 16, 2009

Mayor Senn put forward for second reading and adoption an Ordinance (#2015-1005) Amend and Restate the Bond ordinance that was adopted on September 28, 1993 and amended June 16, 2009.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker to approve first reading of the Ordinance as presented. Following a unanimous vote by all council members present and voting, Mayor Senn declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCE:

Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance (#2015-1006) to provide for the issuance of Combined Public Utility System Revenue Bonds

Newberry scheduled for Saturday, June 19th between the hours of 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. He advised that the event area was defined as Main Street from Nance to Caldwell Street, Boyce Street from Caldwell Street, McKibben from Boyce to Main Street and Caldwell from Boyce Street to Nance Street. He reported that the beverages would only be allowed in designated cups provided to the various venues by the City PRT Department.

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker, to approve the request allowing the consumption of alcoholic beverages within the designated area for the Taste of Newberry event on June 19th. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council's members present.

ORDINANCE

First Reading of an Ordinance (#2015-1007) to Amend Utility Rates

Mayor Senn put forward for first reading Ordinance #2015-1007 to amend the current utility rates. Mayor Senn further stated that in preparation for the issue of revenue bonds, Council adopted five years of water and sewer rated increases in July 2014 with the expectation that it would revisit the rates once closer the bond issue. The rate increases were needed to enable the water and sewer systems to pay for their respective portions of the bond issue debt as well as position both systems enabling them to maintain anticipated inflationary increases in the future.

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

RESOLUTION

Resolution to Adopt Investment Policies

Mayor submitted a Resolution to adopt an Investment Policy for the City of Newberry based on the request of the financial advisor recommendation and to enhance the City's position in receiving a favorable bond rating and interest rate. A copy of the proposed policy was included with the memorandum for the Council to review prior to the council meeting.

City Manager Harvey gave an overview for the motives of establishing a financial policy for the City of Newberry. The City Manager stated that the City of Newberry currently does not have an investment policy and by establishing this policy, it would assure the bond rating agencies and bond buyers that the city would have a guide to making investment decisions. The City manager also said that it would incorporate all of the legal aspects of what the city is allowed to do with funds along with the Financial Director Smith giving an annual report to council that would include investment strategies. City manager Harvey emphasized that the City already complies with all of the rules and regulations stated in the policy but that it made good business sense to have these strategies in writing.

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

CITY COUNCIL

**Discussion of a date for a special Meeting
to adopt second reading of Ordinance #2015 –
1007 and to adopt a resolution amending the
City’s financial policy**

Mayor Senn opened a discussion to discuss a date for a special meeting to adopt Ordinance #2015-1007 and to adopt a resolution to amend the City’s financial policy.

City Manager Harvey offered the date of Tuesday, April 21st at 12:00 pm.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Goudelock to schedule a special meeting for Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 12:00 PM. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing two separate legal matters pertaining to contracts. Councilmember Boyd seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members present.

No action was taken on one contract.

Councilmember Body made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker to extend City Manager Harvey’s contract to June 30, 2016. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members present and voting.

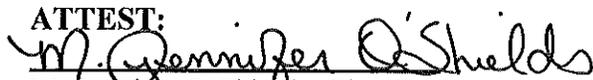
Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Glasgow to return to open session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members present and voting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Boyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:58 P.M. Councilmember Goudelock 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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