

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
JUNE 9, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: City Manager W. A. Harvey, Assistant City Manager Matt DeWitt, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, Financial Director Shannon Smith, Police Chief Dennis Brown, Public Works Director Mac Bartley, PRT Director Scott Sawyer, HR Director Tamra Tootle Others Present: Terry Jones, Eddie Sligh and Family, Jim and Tina Liptak, Sam and Kim Hunter and Family, Terry Jones, Denise Reid, Peggy West, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gustafson, Mike O'Connell, Lisa Toland, Lawrence Flynn, Carman Franklin, Rachel Franklin. Media Present: 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 Goudeock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on May 5, 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 May 30, 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 Mayor recognized Mrs. Kim Hunter and Mr. Terry Jones for service to the City of Newberry. Kim was recognized for her ten years of service with the Finance Department and began her employment on May 31st, 2015. She holds the position of Customer Service Representative. Terry Jones was recognized for his twenty-five years of service with the Public Works Department. Terry began his employment on May 7th, 2015 and holds the position of Heavy Equipment Operator. Mrs. Hunter and Mr.

Jones received a certificate and gift selection packet commensurate with their years of service.

Mayor Senn and City Manager Harvey also recognized Jim Liptak and Eddie Sligh for their retirement. Jim Liptak began his employment with the City on November 17, 2003 and held the position of Water and Sewer Maintenance Superintendent. Eddie Sligh began his employment on April 5, 2010 and held the position of Maintenance Worker. Both received a commemorative gift and monetary award commensurate with their years of service.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Scholarship Award

Mayor Senn and Assistant City Manager Matt DeWitt announced the recipients of the 2015 Newberry-PMPA Community Scholar award. This year's recipients are Rachel Franklin, Carman Franklin and Ashley McJunkins. (Absent)

ADDRESS TO COUNCIL: Newberry County Historical Society Representatives

Mayor Senn welcomed Denise Reid, Phil Spotts, and Peggy West to address the Council with an update on the Newberry Museum.

Mrs. Denise Reid gave a power point presentation on the developments of the Newberry Museum and Archives and its collaboration with Newberry College. Mrs. Reid discussed the renaming of the old library to the Taylor Building and its new architectural layout.

PUBLIC HEARING: Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget

City Manager Harvey provided a summation of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget reading from the Budget Message which is attached to the minutes and offered to answer any questions from Council.

Mayor Senn declared a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments concerning the proposed budget. There were no comments and Mayor Senn declared the public hearing closed.

ORDINANCE: Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget – First Reading

Mayor Senn presented for first reading an Ordinance (#2015-1008) to adopt the budget and levy taxes for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to approve first reading of the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

ORDINANCE

DSRF and Loan Agreement Modification

Mayor Senn presented for first reading Ordinance #2015-1009 request repayment of debt service reserve fund from the 2009 Revenue bond that was used to finance projects. Mayor Senn deferred to City Manager Harvey for further explanation.

City Manager Harvey stated that in 2009 the City issued a bond to finance maintenance projects in the town. He further explained that in order to receive the 2009 bond, a debt service reserve fund had to be in place to secure the proceeds of the loan. Since the 2015 Reserve Bond process has taken place the City of Newberry received an A- and A3 rating to secure the new bond. The approximately 1.18 million dollars in the old debt service fund is no longer required to be held.

City Manager Harvey deferred to Attorney Lawrence Flynn for further comments. Mr. Flynn restated that since the City of Newberry had received such a favorable rating that the money in the 2009 reserve would be freed up so that the City of Newberry will be able to use these monies to service the debt on our new obligation.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Senn stated that it will be necessary to appoint a new member to the Architectural Review Board caused by the resignation of Mr. Tony Chapman. He identified that it was the staff's recommendation to appoint Mr. Michael Gustafson for the unexpired term which ends on January 1, 2017.

Councilmember Goudeock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Glasgow, to appoint Mr. Michael Gustafson to the Architectural Review Board. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

DISCUSSION

Gallman Park Discussion

Mayor Senn opened up for discussion the Gallman Park project and renovations. Mayor Senn asked City Manager Harvey for an overview of the initial budget and planning strategies.

City Manager Harvey stated that \$225,000 was initially slated for upgrades and renovations to Gallman Park which including a \$100,000 grant. After a public meeting was held to hear the recommendations of the neighborhood, the PRT department incorporated their ideas and redesigned the plan. With the new plans, bids were taken and the new cost for renovations were estimated to be around 900,000. City Manager asked council for permission to negotiate with the

lowest bidder to bring costs down to a reasonable amount. City Manager Harvey asked PRT Director to come forward and outline the key projects and the costs associated with them along with answering any and all questions of Council.

PRT Director Scott Sawyer addressed council and explained the various projects and costs associated with those projects based on the bids submitted. He stated that the goal was to get the improved plans down to \$375, 000. PRT Director stated that there would be frequent updates to Council concerning the ongoing project.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Force, to allow negotiations with bidders. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter. Councilmember Goudelock seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members present.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker to allow the Chief of Police to enter into Mutual Aid Agreements.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dubose 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 Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:05 P.M. Councilmember Glasgow 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

(SEAL)

Newberry City Council
AGENDA
City Hall – Council Chambers
June 9, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**
3. **Minutes – May 5, 2015**
4. **Financial Report**
5. **Recognition of Employees**
 - A. **Kim Hunter, Finance Department – 10 years**
 - B. **Terry Jones, Public Works Department – 25 Years**
 - C. **Jim Liptak, Water and Sewer Maintenance Supervisor -Retirement**
 - D. **Eddie Sligh, Maintenance Worker - Retirement**
6. **Special Recognition of the 2015 “Newberry-PMPA Community Scholar” Scholarship Award**
7. **Representatives from the Newberry County Historical & Museum Society to Address Council**
8. **Public Hearing on the Proposed FY2015-2016 Budget**
9. **OLD BUSINESS**

None
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **First Reading of an Ordinance (2015-1008) to Adopt the Budget and Levy Taxes for FY2015-2016**
 - B. **Ordinance (2015-1009) DSRF and Loan Agreement Modification**
 - C. **Appointment to Boards and Commission**
 - D. **Gallman Park Discussion**
11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - A. **Discussion of a Contractual Matter**
12. **Adjourn.**