

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC  
April 19, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: City Manager W. A. Harvey, Assistant City Manager Matt DeWitt, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, Fire Chief Keith Minick, Public Works Director Mac Bartley, Utility Director Marc Regier, Human Resources and Risk Management Director Tamra Tootle, Police Chief Roy McClurkin, Planning and Development Director Ward Braswell. Others Present: Jimmy Bickley, Garry and Mary Nell Riddle, Nikki Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Casey Smith, Bobby Smith, Craig Kesler, Todd Knight, Arnold Hiller, Allison Moore, Susan Lee, Justin Weaver, Blake Davis, Sam Hunter, Dave Davis, Teal Odell, Gene Shealy Rae Knoblock and family, Sara Livingston, Ajahna Grosvener, Emily Perry, Zack Blair and family, Joseph Tompkins, Blair Taylor, Ashley Ramsey, Desmond Mealing, Mitch Riggs, Steven Arango and others. News representatives: Carson Lambert and Sami Truong

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Craig Kesler made a request to council asking to address them and the public in attendance. Mr. Kesler came forth to announce that he was running as a conservative democratic candidate for House of Representative seat 40.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on March 8, 2016 and the Special Council Meeting held on March 15, 2016 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 and Financial Summary for the period ending March 31, 2016 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 Casey Smith for his five years of service with the City's Utility Department, Allison Moore for her ten years of service with the City's Police Department and Jimmy Bickley for his twenty years of service with the City's Fire Department. All received a certificate and gift selection packet commensurate with their years of service.

Mayor Senn and City Manager Harvey also recognized Garry Riddle and Susan Lee for their retirement. Garry Riddle began his employment on February 19, 1992 and held the position of Public Works Services Supervisor. Susan Lee began her employment on June 25, 1990 and held the position of Water Plant Operator A. Both received a commemorative gift and monetary award commensurate with their years of service.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Mayor Senn and Mayor Pro Temp Goudelock recognized Sara Livingston, Desmond Mealing, Emily Perry, Ajahna Grosvenor, Rae Knoblock, Joe Tompkins, Steven Arango, Mitch Riggs, Ashley Ramsey, Zack Blair and Blair Taylor, all Newberry College Seniors for their Community Support.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Zoning Map Amendments – Radio St.**

Mayor Senn convened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments concerning proposed changes to the City's Zoning Map to allow the rezoning of 8 parcels of land located on Radio Street to *R-6 Residential from R-8 Residential*.

Mayor Senn asked for anyone to come forward to speak on this topic.

Bobby Smith came forward to address council and request that council approve the first reading of an ordinance to rezone his property located on Radio Street for the purpose of building townhomes. He further stated that the goal was to build multi-family townhomes targeting alumni and staff from Newberry College. Further, these would not be government subsidized housing. This would not be a large complex and it is designed to have the least amount of impact on the neighborhood. Mr. Smith stated that he lives in the neighborhood and cares about the structures going there. Mr. Smith also stated that there would be a partnership with an outside source and there would be a townhouse per lot. These homes would be managed by local people and have a modern design.

No one came forth to speak in opposition.

Mayor Senn declared the public hearing closed.

**ORDINANCE**

**#2016-1006 Zoning Map Amendments – Radio St.**

Mayor Senn offered for first reading an ordinance that would allow the rezoning of eight parcels of land located on Radio Street. Mayor Senn stated that the owner of the property requested that they be changed from *R-6 Residential* from *R-8 Residential*.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to approve the first reading of ordinance #2016-1006 to amend the City's Zoning Map. The motion was carried following a unanimous vote of all City Council members.

**ORDINANCE**

**#2016-1007 FY2015-2016 Budget Amendment**

Mayor Senn offered for first reading an ordinance to amend the budget and appropriate the revenue currently held in a special fund for the Oakland Tennis Complex Project. The Oakland Tennis Complex Fund was created by City Council to receive tax revenues generated by a multi-county industrial park agreement with Lexington County several years ago. The agreement stipulated that the maximum amount of revenue that would be generated for the project was \$800,000. Those funds were received several months ago. Last month City Council directed the staff to obtain the services of a design engineering firm and start preparing the site for construction.

Councilman Wicker made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose to approve the first reading of ordinance #2016-1007 to amend the FY2015-2016 Budget. The motion was carried following a unanimous vote of all City Council members.

**UTILITIES**

**323 Mt. Bethel Garmany Road**

Mayor Senn reported that the property owner, Corrie Dawn, of 323 Mt. Bethel Garmany Road had executed an Annexation Agreement in order to receive water service from the City of Newberry. He advised that a water line to serve the property was in place and to provide service would only require a water tap.

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd to accept the Annexation Agreement signed by Corrie Dawn and to extend water service to the property at 323 Mt. Bethel Garmany Road. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

**RESOLUTION**

**Fair Housing Month**

Mayor Senn submitted for Council's consideration a Resolution declaring April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Newberry.

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

**PRT:**

**Alcohol Consumption – Taste of Newberry**

Mayor Senn advised that the City's Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department was requesting that alcoholic beverages be allowed to be consumed within the event area for the Taste of Newberry scheduled for Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. He advised that the event area was defined as Main Street from Nance to Caldwell Streets, Boyce Street from Nance to Caldwell Streets, McKibben from Boyce to Main Streets, and Caldwell from Boyce to Main Streets. Beverages would only be allowed in designated cups provided to the various venues by the City PRT Department.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Goude-lock, to approve the request allowing the consumption of alcoholic beverages within the designated area for the Taste of Newberry event on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council's members present.

Finally, Mayor Senn announced that he had received many thank you notes and letters over the past couple of weeks commending the city staff for all the great work being done around the City of Newberry.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilmember Goude-lock made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter as described in the agenda. Councilmember Boyd seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members present.

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

No action was taken by City Council.

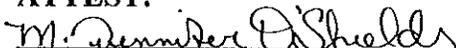
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Glasgow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 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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