

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC  
December 13, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: City Manager Matt DeWitt, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, Utility Director Marc Regier, Finance Director Shannon Smith, Fire Chief Keith Minick, HR and Risk Management Director Tamra Tootle, Fire Chief Keith Minick, Police Chief Roy McClurkin, Public Works Director Mac Bartley, PRT Director Scott Sawyer, Planning and Development Director Ward Braswell and Opera House Director Molly Fortune.

Others Present: Elyssa Haven, Tim Baker, Sheryl Medders, Angela Summer, William Brown, Freddie Wingard, Kris Kneece, Carlton Kinard, Lisa Toland, Charles Weathers and others. News representatives: Andrew Wigger 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.

**MINUTES:**

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudeock to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on November 13, 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 November 30, 2016 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager DeWitt gave a brief summary of the financial report highlighting the increase of water and electric along with the sale of unserviceable equipment.

**RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:**

Mayor Senn and City Manager DeWitt recognized Kris Kneece, Electric Lineman A for his 10 years of service with the Utility Department. Shannon Smith, Finance Director was recognized for her 10 years of service with the Finance Department. Freddie Wingard was recognized for his 15 years of Service as a Maintenance Worker with the PRT Department. Finally, William Brown was recognized for his twenty years of service with the Utility Department and holds the position

of Crew leader & Electric Lineman A. All of the recognized employees received a certificate and gift selection packet commensurate with their years of service.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

**Excellence in Financial Reporting**

Mayor Senn announced that for twenty-three years in a row the City of Newberry has received a "*Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting*" which is presented annually by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States to those governments that have achieved the highest standards of perfection in their accounting procedures. He stated that there are very few municipalities in the entire United States which achieve this level of competency.

Mayor Senn deferred to City Manager DeWitt who presented the award to the Finance Director.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**AWOP Award**

Mayor Senn asked Utility Director Marc Regier to come forth and elaborate about the magnitude of the AWOP Award.

Utility Director Regier acknowledged that the City had for the thirteenth time received the Award for Area Wide Optimization Program from S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control recognizing the City's efforts to optimize the performance of existing surface water treatment facilities and met or exceeded all state and federal safe drinking water standards. He recognized Angela Summer, Water Plant Superintendent, and her staff on this accomplishment and presented the award to her.

**ORDINANCE:**

**Ordinance #2016-1016- Rezoning of City of  
Newberry Parks –Second and Final Reading**

Mayor Senn submitted for second and final reading, Ordinance (#2016-1016) to amend the City's Zoning Map to create consistent open space zoning for all parks.

The open space district is established as a district in which the primary use of the land is predominantly reserved for flood control, future thoroughfare right-of-way, public recreation, community facility sites, airport approaches, natural or man-made bodies of water, forests, and other similar open space uses. In promoting the general purpose of this ordinance, the specific intent of this subsection is to encourage the preservation of, and continued use of, the land for conservation purposes, to prohibit residential, commercial, and industrial use of the land, to prohibit any other use which would substantially interfere with the preservation of this district and to encourage the discontinuance of uses that would not be permitted as uses in the district.

There would be no changes to the Future Land Use Map as all City parks are currently zoned Parks and Open Space.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow to approve the second and final reading of the Ordinance to amend the City's zoning map for all city parks. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members.

**ORDINANCE:**

**Ordinance #2016-1017 - Rezoning 3115  
College Street – Second and Final Reading**

Mayor Senn offered for second and final reading Ordinance# 2016-1017 which is a proposed Zoning Map Amendment that is the result of a request by John Eargle, Jr., in order to rent 3115 College Street to a tenant. The property was not in use for more than a year resulting in the loss of grandfather status. In order to for the property to become compliant for tenant rental, the code would change from General Commercial to Neighborhood Commercial.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to adopt the second and final reading of Ordinance# 2016-2017 to rezone 3115 College Street. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**FINANCE:**

**FY2015-2016 Audit**

Mayor Senn introduced Ms. Sheryl Medders, CPA with McKinley, Cooper and Company, LLP, who presented an overview of the FY2015-2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to members of Council. She explained that the audit report format continues to reflect GASB Accounting Standards and that her firm would be issuing an unmodified or clean opinion. She highlighted to members of Council several key pages within the audit and summarized the various funds while stating that the Certificate of Achievement shows a level of excellence in recording,

**NEWBERRY OPERA HOUSE:**

**New Year's Champagne Toast**

Mayor Senn advised that the City had received a request from the Newberry Opera House Foundation to allow the consumption of a champagne toast in conjunction with its annual New Year's Eve celebration at midnight to welcome in 2017.

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd to grant the request by the Newberry Opera House as presented. 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 a personnel matters related to the Administration Department and also to discuss contractual matters related to the Justice and Law Department and Vision Planning as published in the agenda and addendum. Councilmember Boyd seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

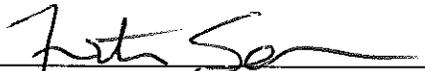
Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Glasgow to return to open session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

Once in open session, Mayor Senn stated that City Manager DeWitt provided information regarding the contracting of Indigent defense for the City of Newberry.

Information was received and no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Boyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. Councilmember DuBose seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members.

  
Foster Senn  
MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
Jonnie O'Shields, City Clerk  
Newberry, South Carolina

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