

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
May 9, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor Foster Senn, Councilman Zebbie D. Goudelock, 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, Police Chief Roy McClurkin, HR and Risk Management Director Tamra Tootle, Public Works Director Mac Bartley, PRT Director Scott Sawyer, Finance Director Shannon Smith and Fire Chief Keith Minick.

Others Present: Lorriane Bradley, Mr. & Mrs. Satch Krantz, Mr. & Mrs. Joe McMorris, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Phibbs, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Reeder Mr. & Mrs. Travis Reeder and Danielle, Maria Martinez & Family, Jodi and Bremen Sawyer and others. News representative: Elyssa Haven

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 Goudelock to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on April 18, 2017 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 April 30, 2017 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager DeWitt gave a brief summary of the financial report.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES

Mayor Senn and City Manager DeWitt recognized **Joe McMorris** for his thirty years of service with the City's Public Works Department. Joe began his employment on April 13, 1987 and holds the position of Heavy Equipment Operator. Mr. McMorris received a certificate and gift commensurate with his years of service.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

2017 PMPA Scholarship Award

Mayor Senn and Mayor Pro Tem Zebbie Goudelock announced the recipients of the 2017 Newberry-PMPA Community Scholarship award. This year's recipients are Danielle Reeder, Maria Martinez, Marylane Wilkerson and Bremen Sawyer

PRESENTATION:

Satch Krantz- Key to the City

Mayor Senn introduced Mr. Satch Krantz, President and CEO of Riverbanks Zoo. Mr. Krantz is the longest serving zoo director in the nation and will be retiring at the end of June 2017. Under his vision and direction, Mr. Krantz has evolved Riverbanks Zoo from a small, financially troubled zoo in its early years to one of the top zoos in the world and South Carolina's largest gated tourist attraction that consistently welcomes more than one-million visitors each year. Mayor Senn stated that the Zoo has played vital role in the education and enjoyment of generations of Newberry students and residents and it is with great honor that we, the Mayor and City Council bestow the "Key to the City" to Mr. Satch Krantz for his efforts in making Riverbanks Zoo one of Newberry's favorite destinations.

ORDINANCE:

**Second and Final Reading of Ordinance #2017-1008
Amend the zoning of the City's new substation**

Mayor Senn offered for second and final reading, ordinance# 2017-1008 to amend the zoning of the City's new substation located at Kendall Park. Recently during the Citywide rezoning of the city parks, the substation at Kendall Park was included in the open space designation. It was later deemed necessary to separate the City's substation, located on the property, to its own parcel and tax map identification. The parcel now needs to be rezoned to accommodate substation.

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance # 2017-1008 to amend the zoning of the new City's Substation to R-6 residential. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers.

ORDINANCE:

Second and Final Reading of Ordinance #2017-1009 to separate the water rate tables

Mayor Senn introduced for second and final reading Ordinance# 2017-1009 to separate the rate class for water sales. Since the inception of the billing structure, both residential and commercial

customers have been billed using the same rate table. Through recent communication from DHEC, it has been recommended to Cities across South Carolina that provide utilities update their practice to ensure conservation and economic development.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to table the vote until after executive session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Council.

APPOINTMENT:

Zoning Board of Appeals

Mayor Senn stated that there was a recent vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals left by a longstanding member who has requested to leave the board during their term. Mr. Jim Parks was asked to serve if permission was granted by Council and has agreed to fill the unexpired term set to end January 1, 2018.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to appoint Mr. Jim Parks to the Zoning Board of Appeals until January 1, 2018. Mayor Senn

PROCLAMATION

Hejaz Shriner's Proclamation

Mayor Senn stated that the Hejaz Shrine Temple will be holding their annual initiation weekend in Newberry on Friday, June 2nd through Saturday, June 3rd. Jimmy Phibbs, who heads the Hejaz, is coordinating this year's initiation and anticipates that several hundred Shriners from all over the Upstate will converge on Newberry that weekend.

The weekend will consist of a meet and greet, parade, memorial ceremony and other various activities.

To show support from the City of Newberry, Mayor Senn signed a proclamation to decree that the weekend of June 2nd through June 3rd be recognized as Shriner's Weekend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter related the Utility Department as published in the agenda. Councilmember Boyd seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

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.

ORDINANCE

#2017-1009 Separation of Rate Classes (previously tabled)

Mayor Senn stated since the inception of the billing structure, both residential and commercial customers have been billed using the same rate table. Through recent communication from DHEC, it has been recommended to Cities across South Carolina that provide utilities update their practice to ensure conservation and economic development.

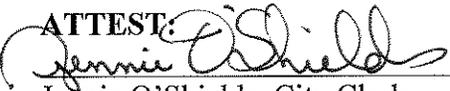
Councilmember Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd to adopt the first reading of Ordinance # 2017-1009 to separate the billing rate class. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Boyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 P.M. Councilmember Goudelock seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members.



Foster Senn
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Jennie O'Shields, City Clerk
Newberry, South Carolina

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