

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC  
May 23, 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, Utility Director Tim Baker and Planning and Development Ward Braswell.

News representative: Elyssa Haven

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilmember Wicker made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter related the Water and Sewer Department as published in the agenda. 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 Boyd to return to open session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

No Action taken.

**WORK SESSION**

City Manager Matt DeWitt led a work session with Council participation highlighting the changes in COLA and refuse charges outlined in the original proposed FY2017-2018 budget. The cost of the utility vehicle maintenance and sidewalk completion for safety reasons rounded out the conversation. Council made no other changes to the FY 2017-2018 budget.

**DISCUSSION**

City Manager DeWitt opened the discussion regarding the recent reports of several properties throughout the city that through the actions of tenants residing in the properties have posed problems for the neighborhoods. Safety for the citizens of Newberry is the top priority and the staff and Council are working cohesively to create an ordinance to address the recent unrest within the community.

**DISCUSSION**

City Manager DeWitt opened the discussion of economic incentives to attract new industry to the City of Newberry. The incentives would apply to retail and industry only in the form of waiving the fees for building permits and business license fees for an introductory period. The Bailey Bill was also discussed to encourage the rehabilitation of historic properties for business use.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38P.M. Councilmember Boyd seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members.

  
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**Foster Senn**  
MAYOR

**ATTEST**  
  
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Jennie O'Shields, City Clerk  
Newberry, South Carolina

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