

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
FEBRUARY 10, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: City Manager W. A. Harvey, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, Assistant City Manager Matt DeWitt, Utility Director Marc Regier, Police Chief Dennis Brown, Fire Chief Keith Minick, Fire Captain Gene Shealy, PRT Director Scott Sawyer, Planning and Development Director Ward Braswell, Scott and Cathy Cain, Lisa Toland, and others. News representatives: 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 Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on January 13, 2015 and the two special meetings held on January 28, 2015 and February 2, 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 January 31, 2015 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager Harvey gave a brief explanation of the financial statement.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Senn presented a proclamation to Mrs. Cathy Cain for her fundraising efforts that resulted in the purchase of two new snow machines that were showcased every Friday in the month of December.

Mayor Senn and Assistant City Manager recognized Mrs. Cain by noting that not only did she assist with fund raising efforts, but she helped recruit volunteers for decorating and facilitated one of our largest spectator turnouts, with an estimated 3,000 people attending the tree lighting and debut of the snow fall machines.

ORDINANCE:

Ordinance (#2015-1002) to Annex St. Matthews AME Church – Second Reading and Adoption

Mayor Senn submitted for second and final reading an Ordinance (#2015-1002) to annex St. Matthews AME Church located off of Highway 219 in front of Willingham's Building Supply. The property is contiguous to the city limits and the proposed zoning is General Commercial. City Manager Harvey stated that St. Matthews AME Church had requested to be annexed to receive the inside city rate for water and sewer usage.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Glasgow, to approve first reading of the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance (#2015-1003) to Amend the FY 2014-2015 Budget - Second Reading and Adoption

Mayor Senn put forward for second and final reading an Ordinance (#2015-1003) to amend the current FY- 2014-2015 budget to provide funds for the City of Newberry website updates.

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

PRT:

Irish Fling – Allowing Alcohol in Designated Area

Mayor Senn remarked that the PRT Department was requesting authorization from City Council to allow alcohol consumption within a designated area for the Irish Fling event scheduled for Friday, March 13th. He stated that the beverages would have to be in plastic event cups being provided by PRT to the merchants and the designated area boundaries would be: Main Street from Nance to Holman Street, Boyce to Main Street, College from Boyce to Main Street, Lindsay from Martin to Main Street and Martin Street from Lindsay to Graham Street. He reported that appropriate markings would be in place to identify the area as well. He added that the PRT Department would be assisting in the advertising campaign for the participating local restaurants to provide information on the food & drink specials and entertainment offered at each location.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker, to approve the request for alcohol consumption within the designated area for Irish Fling as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

APPOINTMENTS:

**Architectural Review Board Appointments
(Hipp, Senn, Montgomery, Pomeroy, Hursey & Davis)**

Mayor Senn presented a recommended to re-appoint of Beth Hipp for a 2 year term, Lisa Senn for a 1 year term, Bob Montgomery for a 1 year term, Sean Pomeroy for a 2 year term, Cile Hursey for a 1 year term and Luvester Davis for a 2 year term.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to appoint Beth Hipp, Lisa Senn, Bob Montgomery, Sean Pomeroy, Cile Hursey, and Luvester davis to the Architectural Review Board. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

APPOINTMENTS:

Planning Commission Appointments (Gray, Sims, Rinehart)

Mayor Senn indicated that the appointments of two individuals on the Newberry Planning Commission were set to expire in the month of February while Ms. Rinehart term officially expired in November. Mayor Senn recommended that Brunell Gray (February 10, 2015 to February 10, 2018), Charles Simms III, (February 10, 2015 to February 10, 2018) and Connie Rinehart be reappointed for another 3 year term. (November 9, 2014 to November 9, 2018)

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock, to reappoint Brunell Gray, Charles Simms III, and Connie Rinehart to three-year terms on the Planning Commission. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

APPOINTMENT:

Zoning Board of Appeals (Clark, Lander, Smith)

Mayor Senn reported that the staff recommended the re-appointment of three members to the Zoning Board of Appeals as follows: Robert Clark from January 1, 2015 to January 1, 2018 (3 year term); Jim Lander from January 1, 2015 to January 1, 2018 (3 year term); and Susan Smith from January 1, 2015 to January 1, 2018 (3 year term).

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to reappoint to the Zoning Board of Appeals Robert Clark, Jim Lander and Susan Smith to 3 year terms as outlined by Mayor Senn. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

FIRE:

SAFER Grant – Recruitment & Retention

Mayor Senn reported that for the second time in two years, the City had received the SAFER Grant for the staffing of a Recruitment and Retention. Mayor Senn differed to Fire Chief Keith Minick and Captain Gene Shealy to give an update on the concentrated efforts in the area of recruitment and retention.

Fire Chief Minick gave an overall progress report stating that the City Fire Department would again apply for the SAFER Grant. Chief Minick differed to Captain Shealy to comment on some specific details of the program.

Captain Shealy began by saying that retention and recruitment was a nationwide problem that but that The City of Newberry Fire Department had made great strides in overcoming these issues. He also outlined the improvements made in a six month time period such streamlining the application process, flexible training and creating a multi-cultural and multi-gender force.

RESOLUTION

Resolution Authorizing the Chief of Police to Execute Mutual Aid Agreements

Mayor Senn indicated that council had received a request permitting the Chief of Police to execute mutual aid agreements following law enforcement agencies (Newberry County Sheriff's Department, Prosperity Police Department, Whitmire Police Department, Laurens Police Department, Saluda Police Department, Laurens County Sheriff's Department, Greenwood County Sheriff's Department, Lexington County Sheriff's Department, and Fairfield County Sheriff's Department) in order to provide a necessary service to the City of Newberry and the departments aforementioned.

City Manager Harvey explained the importance of establishing relationships with other agencies. He introduced Chief Brown to discuss the Mutual Aid Agreement.

Chief Brown stated that the City Police Department is up for accreditation this year. Chief Brown indicated that anytime there is a change of leadership, mutual aid agreements must be re-signed. He further stated that due to the nature of certain circumstances outside of the department's control, in particular major natural disasters, the City of Newberry police department may need to call upon surrounding agencies when in need of assistance. This service would also be reciprocated with the aforementioned departments.

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to adopt the resolution allowing the Chief of Police to enter into Mutual Aid Agreements. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matters as outlined on the agenda. Councilmember Boyd seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members present.

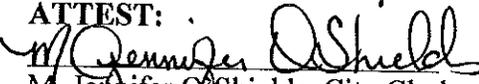
Councilmember Goudeock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dubose to return to open session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members present and voting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilmember Goudeock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:32 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

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