

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
March 14, 2017 – 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, 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, PRT Director Scott Sawyer and Police Chief Roy McClurkin.

Others Present: Tim Baker, NHS Girls' Basketball team and their families, Melissa Mendenhall, Tonya Deese-Jeter, Janice Wilson, Carlton Kinard, Chris and Melissa Sheppard, Amanda Finley and others. News representative: Kelly Duncan

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 Wicker to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on February 21, 2017 and work sessions held on February 15th and February 27th, 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 February 28, 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 expenditure for body cameras, grant money received from the CTC to complete the paving project in the Forest Ridge Community and the purchase of a leaf machine and trash loader for the Public Works Department.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:

Mayor Senn and City Manager DeWitt recognized Janice Wilson for her fifteen years of service with the City's Finance Department. Janice began her employment on February 11, 2002 and holds the position of Customer Service Coordinator. Janice received a certificate and gift commensurate with her years of service.

RESOLUTION:

Newberry High Girls Basketball Team

Mayor Senn recognized the Newberry High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team for their recent win of the Class AAA Upper State Basketball Championship. The Lady Bulldogs then advanced to the Class AAA State Championship game in Columbia but were narrowly defeated by one point just at the buzzer. The City of Newberry was well represented by the efforts of Coach Melissa Mendenhall, Assistant Coach Tonya Deese-Jeter and the Lady Bulldogs and Council was honored by their attendance.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember DuBose to adopt the resolution honoring the 2017 Girls' Upper State Basketball Champions. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council present.

ORDINANCE

Police Officer Work Authorization Form

Mayor Senn offered up for second reading Ordinance #2017-1001 to allow officers to perform off duty support to outside entities during their off hours. The authorization would also mandate rates charged to outside vendors.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose to adopt Ordinance #2017-1001 to allow police officers to perform off duty assignments. Mayor Senn declared to motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

ADDRESS TO COUNCIL:

Melissa Sheppard- Ritz Theatre

Mayor Senn introduced Melissa Sheppard who appeared before City Council on behalf of the Newberry Community Players and the Ritz Theatre and briefed Council on the current and planned activities of organization.

Mrs. Sheppard thanked Mayor Senn and members of Council for the opportunity to address the group and expressed the pride her association has in the City of Newberry. She outlined the recent changes to the Board structure stating that the duties were now divided into two separate groups. One team is tasked with production and live theatre while the other is charged with restoration of the building and overseeing operating costs.

Mrs. Sheppard noted that the organization has recently made some great strides in updating the building thanks in part to a façade grant that was procured through the City. On the inside, the group has performed a facelift to lobby an auditorium. As for the outside, the roof is now repaired and the critters have been removed. The next endeavor would be to replace the marquis.

Mrs. Sheppard went on to outlining the association's plans for the coming year. These events include a hosting at least 1 event per month using the new 15 x 26 screen and projector, an improv show in April, Children's shows, American Legends, Quilters the musical in June, and many different educational classes for youth and adults that are scheduled for the summer months.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd to approve the resolution to annex parcel #401-17 into the city limits of Newberry. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

RESOLUTION:

Fair Housing Month

Mayor Senn introduced a Resolution declaring April as Fair Housing Month in Newberry. He stated that in order to continue receiving Community Development Block Grants the City needed to demonstrate a commitment to support fair housing.

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

ORDINANCE:

42 Railroad Ave – Annexation Ordinance

Mayor Senn advised that the property owner, Amanda Kaitlin Walters, of 42 Railroad Ave. had executed an Annexation Agreement to receive water and sewer 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. Ms. Walters petitioned the City of Newberry to annex her contiguous property into the City limits.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Force to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 2017-1002. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

ORDINANCE:

252 Mt. Bethel Garmany Road – Annexation Ordinance

Mayor Senn indicated Gary Toland, property owner of 252 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. Mr. Toland has executed a petition to annex his property into the City Limits of Newberry.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker to adopt the first reading of ordinance # 2017-1003 to annex 252 Mt. Bethel Garmany Road into the City limits. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

ORDINANCE

**Annexation of 214.98 (TMS#401-17) Acre Parcel to
be the Newberry Sports Complex**

Mayor Senn stated that the City of Newberry recently purchased 215 acres (tax map # 401-17) fronting the 34 bypass (Dixie Drive) through the CPST. The parcel will be the future home of the Newberry Sports Complex. The Planning Commission has approved the annexation of this property and gave the property an interim OS (Open Space) zoning determination. This zoning would be permanent once Council approves the second reading.

With the annexation of the property, The City of Newberry would also annex in a portion of Dixie drive and CSX railroad that is contiguous to the property.

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock to adopt the first reading of ordinance #2017-1004 to annex TMS# 401-17. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Goudleock made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters related to land use and the Finance Department as well as a contractual matter related to the Justice and Law Department as published in the agenda. Councilmember Boyd seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

Councilmember Glasgow 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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 P.M. Councilmember Boyd 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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