

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC  
January 9, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: City Manager Matt DeWitt, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, Utility Director Tim Baker, Public Works Director Mac Bartley, Division Director Tamra Tootle, Fire Chief Keith Minick, Planning and Development Director Ward Braswell, PRT Director Scott Sawyer, City Attorney Robert Lake and City Judge Frank Partridge.

Others Present: Randy and Becky Telfair, Amy Talbot, Michael Kennedy, Brad & Brittany Rikard & Family, Niele Andrews, Denise Reid, Laurie Donahou, Collin Shealy, Jess Folk and Britton Rawls & Family, Ken McBride, Richard Wattington, Lisa Toland, Terry Howe and others.

Media Present: Andrew Wigger

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Councilman Goude-lock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on December 12, 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 December 31, 2017 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager DeWitt gave a brief summary of the financial report.

**RECOGNITION**

Mayor Senn, City Manager DeWitt and PRT Director Scott Sawyer recognized Collin Shealy for his five years with the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department. Collin began his employment on December 10, 2012 and was recently promoted to Program Manager.

Mayor Senn, City Manager DeWitt and Utility Director Tim Baker recognized Brad Rikard for his fifteen years of service with the Utility Department. Brad began his employment on November 11, 2002 and holds the position of Water/Sewer Superintendent with the Utility Department.

Mayor Senn, City Manager DeWitt and Police Chief Roy McClurkin recognized Niele Andrews and Michael Kennedy for their 20 years of service with the Police Department. Niele started working with the city on December 15, 1997 and is the Victim's Advocate with the Police Department. Michael began his employment on December 8, 1997 and was recently promoted to Lieutenant Training Officer.

All employees received Certificates and gift selection packets commensurate with their years of service.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**Anne Smith**

Anne Smith will be recognized next month for her work as the Chairman of the Main Street Lights Campaign.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**Jess Folk**

Utility Director Tim Baker recognized Jess Folk for completing an 8-week Municipal Lineman Training Program through SCE&G. He completed 1 week of training each spring and 1 week each fall over a 4-year period. During the time between training sessions, he performed on the job training by serving as an apprentice to a journeyman lineman.

**DISCUSSION**

**DSS Update**

Mr. Kenneth McBride, Director of the Department of Social Services for Newberry came forward to give Council and the public an update on the services that DSS provides to Newberry. DSS provides economic and human services throughout the City and County. These services are in the form of the SNAP Program, Welfare Program, Foster Care System, Protective Services, Educational and Job Assistance and Parenting Skill Classes.

Mr. McBride stated that there has been a decline in the Snap and Welfare Programs proving that the economy has picked up and people are finding employment. Their involvement in protective

state and in need of rehabilitation. The properties must meet historical status based on the terms set forth in the ordinance in order to apply. Mayor Senn called upon the City Manager and City Attorney to expound upon the proposed ordinance for more detail regarding limitations.

City Manager DeWitt deferred to City Attorney Lake to explain the state sponsored Bailey Bill and its correlation to the City's proposed ordinance.

City Attorney Lake clarified that the Ordinance would apply to residential and commercial Properties and that it would be to the discretion of Council which requirements the owner must meet to qualify. The ordinance would allow for a freeze on the tax assessment of the improved property during the renovation. The renovations would need to be completed within a two-year span. Mr. Lake restated that it would be beneficial if Newberry County passed similar legislation. Work must be done within 2 years.

Mayor suggested that Council consent to a ten-year limit for tax break.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow to adopt the second and final reading of Ordinance #2017-1018 to establish an Economic Development Incentive Program. Mayor Senn carried declared the motion carried by a unanimous decision.

**ORDINANCE**

**First Reading of Ordinance #2017-1019 amend the  
Newberry Opera House Bylaws**

Mayor Senn stated the Newberry Opera House Board has conducted a review of its bylaws. The review is the first of its kind since the inception of the board. All of the changes were reviewed by the City Attorney and deemed reasonable and acceptable.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudebeck to adopt the first reading of Ordinance # 2017-1019 to amend the Newberry Opera House Bylaws. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members.

**ORDINANCE**

**First Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Zoning map  
for 2516 Kinard Street**

Mayor Senn introduced for first reading, ordinance #2018-1001 to amend the zoning map for 2516 Kinard Street. It was announced that White Oak Manor, Inc has placed a contract on the property located at 2516 Kinard Street that is contingent on rezoning of the property. It is the intent of the White Oak Corporation to create an office space on the property with additional parking. Currently the property is zoned as R-8 Residential and is now proposed for rezoning as OC – Office Commercial. A public hearing will be held next month before the second reading.

Councilman Goudelock offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow to adopt the first reading of Ordinance #2018-1001 to amend the zoning map for 2516 Kinard Street.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Senn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to table the re-appointment of Mrs. Brunell Gray and Mr. Charles Sims III to the Planning Commission until after Executive Session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Force to table the re-appointment of Mrs. Lisa Senn, Mr. Bob Montgomery and Mrs. Cile Hursey to the Architectural Review Board until after Executive Session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to table the re-appointment of Ms. Ambria Lanteigne to the A-Tax Committee until after Executive Session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to table the appointment of Mr. Tom Pope to the Newberry Opera House Board until after Executive Session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters related to the Justice and Law Department, discussion of legal advice from the City Attorney and discussion of a contractual matter related to PMPA 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 Goudelock to return to open session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock to re-appoint Mrs. Brunell Gray and Mr. Charles Sims III to the Planning Commission for an additional 3-year term to expire February 1, 2021. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to re-appoint Mrs. Lisa Senn, Mr. Bob Montgomery and Mrs. Cile Hursey to the Architectural Review Board for an additional 2-year term to expire February 1, 2020. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to re-appoint Ms. Ambria Lanteigne to the A-Tax Committee additional 1-year term to expire February 1, 2019. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to appoint Mr. Tom Pope to the Newberry Opera House board to fill the unexpired term of Cole Lawrimore that expires July 1, 2021. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 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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