

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
February 13, 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 and Opera House Director Molly Fortune.

Others Present: Randy and Becky Telfair, Greg and Amy Talbot, Eugene Caldwell, Margaret Brackett, Gene Shealy, Tim Martinez, Matt Williams, Bobby Shealy, Harry and Shirley Werts, Sami Truong, Micah Decker, Michelle Long, Chris Kemper, Alex Dowd, Carlton Kinard, Marsha and Paul Ringer, John Glasgow, Ben Dukes, Kyle Vaughn, Charles Weathers, Denise Reid and others.

Media Present: 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 Wicker made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on January 9, 2018, and minutes from a special meeting held on January 16, 2018, 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 January 31, 2018 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager DeWitt gave a brief summary of the financial report while highlighting the roll out of the PayGo billing system.

RECOGNITION

Mayor Senn, City Manager DeWitt and Utility Director Tim Baker recognized Alex Dowd for his ten years with the Utility Department. Alex began his employment on January 22, 2008 and is the Warehouse Inventory Agent.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mac Bartley – 25 Years of Volunteer Fire Service

Mayor Senn, City Manager DeWitt and Fire Chief Keith Minick recognized Mac Bartley for his 25 years of service as a Volunteer Firefighter with the City Fire Department. Mr. Bartley began volunteering with the Fire Department in January of 1993.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Anne Smith, 2017 Main Street Lights Chairperson

Mayor Senn recognized in absentia, Mrs. Anne Smith as the Chairman for the 2017 Main Street Lights campaign highlighting her achievements and announcing that she has agreed to be the Chairperson for 2018.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

City Updates

Mayor Senn gave an overview of recent and upcoming PRT events which included the Grand Opening of Oakland Tennis Center, the Healthy Chili Cookoff, the South Carolina Clay Conference and the monthly senior luncheon. He also mentioned that the City Fire Department was responsible for saving a life during a recent apartment fire. Mayor Senn also highlighted the efforts of each departments involved in the recent clean up around the city.

Mayor Senn introduced Newberry College students, Matt Williams and Tim Martinez that will be interning with the city this semester.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Accommodations Tax Applications

City Manager DeWitt announced The City of Newberry Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (ATAC) will be accepting applications for funding from non-profit community organizations engaged in "Tourism Related Activities" benefitting the City of Newberry. A total of \$70,284.37 is available for distribution by the ATAC for 2018 projects. Organizations requesting funds will be required to make a presentation to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (ATAC). All applications must be received at City Hall by 5:00 PM on February 23, 2018.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Zoning Map Amendments – 2516 Kinard Street

Mayor Senn convened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments concerning proposed changes to the Zoning Map pertaining to 2516 Kinard Street. The planning commission has recommended that the parcel known as TMS# 342-2-2-32 be rezoned from R-8 residential to OC – Office Commercial Zoning.

Bobby Shealy spoke in favor of the zoning map change.

No one appeared to offer comments against the zoning map change.

Mayor Senn declared the public hearing closed.

ORDINANCE

**Ordinance #2017-1019 to amend the Newberry Opera House
Bylaws- Second and Final Reading**

Mayor Senn stated that the Newberry Opera House Foundation Board and its subsidiary, the Opera House Guild, conducted reviews of their bylaws. These reviews are the first of their kind since the inception of the program and needed to conform to the growth of the Opera House. These changes were approved following the first reading of the ordinance last month and would require adoption before they are implemented by the Opera House Foundation.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose to adopt the second and final reading of Ordinance #2017-1019 to amend the Newberry Opera House bylaws. Mayor Senn carried declared the motion carried followed by a unanimous decision.

ORDINANCE

**Ordinance #2018-1001 to amend the Zoning map for
2516 Kinard Street- Second and Final Reading**

Mayor Senn introduced for second and final reading, ordinance #2018-1001 to amend the zoning map for 2516 Kinard Street. It was announced that White Oak Manor, Inc placed a contract on the property located at 2516 Kinard Street, 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.

Councilman Boyd offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow to adopt the second and final reading of Ordinance #2018-1001 to amend the zoning map for 2516 Kinard Street. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Councilman Glasgow asked for staff to request a cross walk from SCDOT for the property once White Oak plan was completed.

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Groove N' Brewfest

Mrs. Amy Talbot, representative of the Newberry Downtown Development Association, came forward last month to request Council approve their request to allow alcohol at the Groove N' Brewfest which is scheduled to take place on April 7th from 3 pm to 10 pm.

Mrs. Talbot asked Council to consider a change in the festival start time from 1:00 pm rather than the original 3:00 pm as approved last month. Mrs. Talbot asked that craft beer be sold in cans rather than cups.

Council was agreeable to the 1:00 start time. The alcohol in cans was not approved based on the ability to control alcohol.

Mayor Senn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to allow the Groove 'N Brewfest to begin at 1:00 pm. The motion and it was carried followed by a unanimous vote.

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Water Service – 199 Robin Rd

Mayor Senn indicated that Wilson Ruff III, property owner of 199 Robin Road executed an Annexation Agreement in order to receive water service from the City of Newberry. The property is adjacent to existing lines providing service for the property with a tap currently in place. Installation of a new meter is all that is required.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow to allow water service for 199 Robin Road. The motion was carried followed by a unanimous vote.

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Water Service – 235 Robin Rd

Mayor Senn indicated that Harold Reeder, property owner of 235 Robin Road executed an Annexation Agreement in order to receive water service from the City of Newberry. The property is adjacent to existing lines providing service for the property with a tap currently in place. Installation of a new meter is all that is required.

Councilman Wicker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock to allow water service for 235 Robin Road. The motion was carried followed by a unanimous vote.

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Sewer Service – 4000 College St

Mayor Senn indicated that Michael Maybin, property owner of 4000 College Street executed an Annexation Agreement in order to receive sewer service from the City of Newberry. The property is adjacent to an existing City sewer line and will require no extension beyond a standard tap.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose to allow sewer service for 4000 College Street. The motion was carried followed by a unanimous vote.

PRT:

Irish Fling – Allowing Alcohol in Designated Area

Mayor Senn remarked that the PRT Department has requested authorization from City Council to allow alcohol consumption within a designated area for the Irish Fling event scheduled for March 16th. Beverages would 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 Streets, Boyce Street from Nance to Lindsay Streets, McKibben from Boyce to Main Streets, Caldwell from Boyce to Main Streets, College from Boyce to Main Streets, Lindsay from Martin to Main Streets, and Martin Street from Lindsay to Graham Streets.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Glasgow, 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

Miss Newberry Board – Satterwhite and Truong

Mayor Senn stated that the Miss Newberry Board has requested that additional members be appointed to assist with the planning and execution of the pageant. The board recommended that Brantley Satterwhite and Sami Truong be appointed for three-year terms.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Force to appoint Brantley Satterwhite and Sami Truong to the Miss Newbery Board for three-year terms. The motion was carried following a unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance # 2018-1002 to amend the purchase power adjustment calculation- First Reading

Mayor Senn offered for first reading, Ordinance # 2018-1002 to amend the purchase power adjustment calculation in order to receive an approximate 1.9-million-dollar credit from PMPA. The credit would be spread over an 11-month time period. Mayor Senn gave an overview of the ordinance adding that half of the funds will be used to offset the increase base billing demand experienced by customers along with a small decrease in power bills. The other half will be held in reserves and will not be used without Council approval. The reserve will be a separate line item and Council will be given reports to track the funds.

Council agreed to hold a special meeting on February 23rd at 12:00 PM to hear the second reading of the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow to adopt the first reading of ordinance # 2018-1002 to amend the purchase power adjustment calculation. The motion was carried following a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION

Charles Weathers

The City of Newberry recently held a series of input sessions for Council members, citizens and business owners to express their thoughts about their vision for the City. Charles Weathers, founder and CEO for The Weathers Group, compiled the data and created a 2018-2021 Strategic Plan to present to Council.

Mr. Weathers outlined the overall vision for the City: to be an open engaged and thriving community. And the mission: to be prudent stewards of the public's resource as we provide citizens, businesses, and visitors with excellent public services. Weathers detailed the steps needed in achieving these goals.

Mr. Weathers entertained questions from Council and stated that the people of Newberry wanted to be involved in change and it was imperative to capture and harness their energy. Weathers was pleasantly surprised to discover very few complaints but instead concerns from the public.

Upon conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Weathers stated that Council would receive a detailed report with his findings and suggestion and methods for success.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter related the City Manager's office. 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 Force to return to open session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

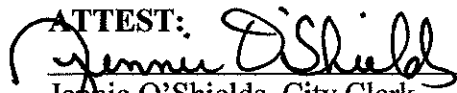
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 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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