SPECIAL MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
February 23, 2018 – 12:00 noon

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

Also Present: City Manager Matt DeWitt and Elyssa Haven

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ORDINANCE

Ordinance # 2018-1002 to amend the purchase power adjustment calculation- Second and Final Reading

Mayor Senn offered for second and final 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.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose to adopt the second and final reading of ordinance # 2018-1002 to amend the purchase power adjustment calculation. The motion was carried following a unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance # 2018-1003 to authorize the City of Newberry to reimburse commercial, industrial and residential property developers for approved infrastructure costs related to development- First Reading

Mayor Senn stated that section 4-2 of the City Code deals with the reimbursement by the City of Newberry for certain expenses in connection with commercial, industrial and residential property development. The proposed Ordinance (#2018-1003) will be in addition to Sec. 4-2 which gives the developer a portion of the increase in tax revenue and helps offset costs of roads, curbs and storm sewer. This section would address the offset costs of water and sewer lines. Some cities with a Commission of Public Works give a tax increase split on their general fund side and an incentive on the CPW/enterprise. The proposed incentive will put the City on a level playing field and offer competitive advantages similar to those cities that have a CPW or other utilities serving their customers. Finally, no developer will receive compensation until an electric meter is placed in service.
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Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to adopt the first reading of ordinance # 2018-1003 reimburse commercial, industrial and residential property developers for approved infrastructure costs related to development. The motion was carried following a unanimous vote.

COUNCIL

Mayor Senn stated that due to time sensitivity, it would be necessary to begin negotiations with the City Manager to renew his contract.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dubose to add the approval for negotiations of the city manager’s contract. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman DuBose made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 P.M. Councilmember Force 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  
(SEAL)