

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
April 10, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor Foster Senn, Councilman Zebbie D. Goudelock, 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, Division Director Tamra Tootle, Fire Chief Keith Minick, PRT Director Scott Sawyer, Public Works Director Mac Bartley and Police Chief Roy McClurkin.

Others Present: Gene Shealy, RJ Doran, Andrew Morris, Dr. Laura Roost, Kevin Goodman, Michael Parker, Brandon Wicker, Newberry College Students and their families, Sherrie Scott, Allison, Ron and Theresa Halfacre, Dr. Maurice Scherrrens, Butch Price, Tim Martinez, Ken McBride, Tim Swygert, Adonis Hill, Clyde Hill, Dean Rouse, Tosha Meeks, Boris Alvarado, Coach Dave Davis, Andrew Wigger, Michelle Long, Mike Hawkins, Emily Seibert, Ken Swygert, Johnny Nichols, Margaret Brackett, Taylor Fulmer, Amir Cromer 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 Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on March 13, 2018, and minutes from special meetings held on March 6, March 7 and March 19, 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 March 31, 2018 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 Chief Roy McClurkin recognized Emily Seibert for her 5 years of service with the Police Department. Emily began her employment on March 18, 2013 and holds the position of Sergeant.

Mayor Senn, City Manager DeWitt and Chief Keith Minick recognized Gene Shealy for his 15 years of service with the Fire Department. Gene began his employment on March 31, 2003 and holds the position of Captain.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Kenneth Swygert- 30 Years – Volunteer Fireman

Mayor Senn, City Manager DeWitt and Fire Chief Keith Minick recognized Mr. Kenneth Swygert for his 30 years of service as a Volunteer Fireman with the City Fire Department. Mr. Swygert began volunteering with the Fire Department in February 22, 1988.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Boris Alvarado – Officer of the Year

Mayor Senn, Johnny Nichols and Chief Roy McClurkin recognized Sergeant Boris Alvarado for being named Officer of the Year by the Newberry Exchange Club.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Newberry College Seniors

Mayor Senn and Mayor Pro Temp Goudebeck recognized Newberry College Seniors, Brooks Allen, Devin Blackwell, Chris Dupree, Madison Hargraves, Xavier Hill, LaQuasha Jefferson, Quincy Kroeschell, Hannah Lepaio, Lauren Rawls, Dylan Southerland and Alley Stasky for their outstanding achievements and support to the Community.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Newberry Coalition on Underage Drinking

Mayor Senn presented Coalition Director Terecia Wilson and the Newberry County Drug Free Communities Coalition members with a proclamation to congratulate them for their successful planning and execution of the Tom Perry Better Together Law Enforcement and Youth Basketball Tournament.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

City Initiatives

Mayor Senn gave an overview of recent events highlighting the different efforts by each department, week of the young child and public health month. Bids on the rec complex should be in the next week or two.

PRT: Alcohol Consumption – Taste of Newberry

Mayor Senn advised that the City's Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department requested permission to serve and allow patrons to consume alcoholic beverages within the event area for the Taste of Newberry scheduled for the May 18th at the Friend Street Building. The event area would include: Friend Street from Nance Street to the end of Friend Street, Nance Street from Friend Main Street, and Main Street from Harris St to Nance Street. This would allow for an open air and concert space so that people can free flow with the vendors in a block party style setting. Beverages would only be allowed in designated cups provided to the various venues by the City PRT Department.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker to approve the request allowing the consumption of alcoholic beverages within the designated area for the Taste of Newberry event on May 18th. The motion was carried following a unanimous vote of City Council's members present.

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 Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Goude-lock to adopt the Resolution as presented. The motion was carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

APPOINTMENTS: Architectural Review Board

Mayor Senn advised that there is a vacancy on the Architectural Review Board due to Michael Gustafson's recent move and the vacancy needs to be filled. The City staff has suggested that Dawn Barber has indicated a willingness to serve on the board.

Councilman Goude-lock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to appoint Dawn Barber for a 2-year term, expiring February 1, 2020, to the Architectural Review Board. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

CITY COUNCIL Water Service – Giff Street/Upper Lane Drive

Mayor Senn indicated that Clara B. Floyd and Ida B. Green, owners of a parcel of land located at the corner of Giff Street and Upper Lane Drive, (**TMS# 288-1-2-3 no address available**) executed an Annexation Agreement in order to receive outside water service from the City of

Newberry. The property is adjacent to existing lines providing service for the property with no extension required beyond addition of a tap.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose to allow water service for Giff Street/Upper Lane Drive. The motion was carried followed by a unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance # 2018-1005 to annex TMS# 340-1-57 & 340-1-72 into the city limits – First Reading

Mayor Senn advised that the property owner, West Development, LLC, had executed an Annexation Agreement to receive water, sewer and electric service from the City of Newberry. West Development, LLC petitioned the City of Newberry to annex her contiguous property into the City limits.

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 2018-1005 to annex TMS# 340-1-57 and 340-1-72. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance # 2018-1006 to classify the Zoning and Future Land use map for TMS# 340-1-57 and 340-1-72- First Reading

Mayor Senn introduced for first reading, ordinance #2018-1006 to classify Zoning and future land use map for TMS# 340-1-57 and TMS#340-1-72. The proposed assignment of zoning classification and future land use and Zoning Map amendment is the result of the owner's petition.

The Newberry Planning Commission recommended a zoning classification of R-10 Residential and to amend the zoning and future land use maps.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember DuBose to rezone TMS# 340-1-57 and TMS# 340-1-72 to R-10 residential. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE

First Reading of Ordinance # 2018-1004 to amend the Zoning Map and Future land use map for 621 Drayton street

Mayor Senn introduced for first reading ordinance # 2018-1004 to amend the zoning map and future land use map for 621 Drayton Street. The proposed amendment of the zoning map is the result of the owner's petition to have their property rezoned for residential use. This lot was zoned residential at one time but to allow a commercial use in the property was rezoned basic industrial.

The property owners are now wanting to have the zoning reverted to residential since the commercial use has been removed.

The Newberry Planning Commission recommended rezoning the property to R-6 Residential.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow to amend to zoning map and future land use map for 621 Drayton Street. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

POLICE

Re-Accreditation by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation

Mayor Senn welcomed Lexington Police Chief Terrance Green to address Council. Chief Green presented the state accreditation award to the City of Newberry Police Department stating that the department had demonstrated a level of dedication to excellence and recognized the staff as leaders in the law enforcement field.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
updates

Chief Minick and Captain Shealy brief Council on

Chief Minick and Captain Shealy came forward to address Council regarding the recruitment and retention program within the Fire Department. Chief Minick stated that over the last four years, the Fire Department has strived to increase volunteers through training and outreach programs. Through these efforts, training and qualified volunteers are filling the pipeline. There are also scholarship incentive programs for volunteers and explorers. Currently there are 22 volunteers on the roster.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Utility Director Tim Baker gives Council an update on the Mollohon Substation

Utility Director Tim Baker updated Council on the latest developments of the Mollohon Substation by stating that he requested that PMPA reimburse the City of Newberry for the transmission line saving the City approximately \$80,000. Director Baker gave an overall time line for the completion of the project and further stated that upon completion it would be a twin to the Louis Rich Road station.

CITY COUNCIL

Opportunity Zones

City Manager DeWitt gave an overview of the Opportunity Zone meeting he attended last week. With the help of the census tract, low income communities are identified. The opportunity zones concepts allow investor to defer capital gains and after 10 years can be partially forgiven allowing the investor to recoup investments in these areas. These identified zones promote economic vitality

in parts of the state that have not shared in the general prosperity over the past few years. This concept helps with funding development of workforce and affordable housing in areas with escalating prices and inventory shortages also funding new infrastructure to support population and economic growth.

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Senn announced that PMPA has requested that the City of Newberry sign a non-binding letter of intent to renew the current contract.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock to allow Mayor Senn to sign the non-binding letter of intent to extend the PMPA contract. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman force made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. Councilmember wicker seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members.



Zebbie Goudelock
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Jennie O'Shields, City Clerk
Newberry, South Carolina

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