

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC  
June 12, 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, Division Director Tamra Tootle, Fire Chief Keith Minick, PRT Director Scott Sawyer, Planning and Development Director Ward Braswell, Police Chief Roy McClurkin, Opera House Director Molly Fortune.

Others Present: Tyler Duncan and Family, Ron Roberts and Family, Randy and Becky Telfer, Burt Mohler, Sharon, Caroline and McCallum Senn, Michael Parker, Tim Swygert, Brandon Wicker, RJ Doran, Michael Kennedy and others.

Media Present: Elyssa Haven

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on May 8, 2018, from a special meeting held on May 7, 2018 and a work session held on May 9, 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 May 31, 2018 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager DeWitt gave a brief summary of the financial report.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Senn, City Manager DeWitt and Fire Chief Keith Minick recognized Ron Roberts for his 20 years of service with the City of Newberry. Ron began his employment with the Wastewater Plant on April 6, 1998 and transferred to the Fire Department in February of 2009. Ron currently holds the position of Fire Engineer. Ron received a certificate and gift selection packages commensurate with his years of service.

Mayor Senn highlighted that through the budget process there will be no property tax increase, business license increases or electric rate increase for the year. Subsequently, there would be a slight increase in the Commercial Garbage rate.

Mayor Senn convened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments concerning the FY 2018-2019 Budget.

No one appeared to offer comments and Mayor Senn declared the public hearing closed.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **City of Newberry Vision Plan**

City Manager DeWitt discussed the final analysis of the vision planning with Council. The vision, mission, values and goals were all outlined.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to adopt and implement the vision plan as presented. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote by City Council members.

## **ORDINANCE**

### **Ordinance# 2018-1008 Adopt the Budget and Levy Taxes for FY 2018-2019 – First Reading**

Mayor Senn offered up for first reading, Ordinance #2018-1008 to adopt the budget and levy taxes for FY 2018-2019.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow to approve first reading of the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

## **ORDINANCE**

### **Ordinance # 2018-1007 to Assign a Fee Schedule for Rental usage of the Willowbrook Park Cabin – First Reading**

Mayor Senn presented for first reading, Ordinance #2018-1007 to assign a fee schedule for rental usage of the Willowbrook Park Cabin located in Willowbrook Park. After a series of structural and cosmetic renovations, the Willowbrook Cabin is now available for rent to the public for events. The staff has proposed a one-hundred (\$100.00) fee for all non-residents for a five (5) hour period. City residents, with a current utility bill, would receive a twenty-five (\$25.00) discount. Additional hours may be reserved at a maximum of three hours with a rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour for city residents and twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour for non-residents. Additionally, a fifty-dollar (\$50.00) key deposit/damage deposit is required with the rental fee and is refundable when the key is returned and it has been determined that the cabin was left in a satisfactory condition. The cost of the booking would cover water, electricity, staff costs and the use of tables and chairs. The hours of use would mirror park hours.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Glasgow to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 2018-1007 to assign a fee schedule for rental use of the Willowbrook Park Cabin. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **AGREEMENT**

#### **Authorization to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office**

Mayor Senn stated that Chief McClurkin was recently contacted by Sheriff Will Montgomery of the Fairfield County Sheriff's indicating that the Mutual Aid Agreement in place had now expired.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock to authorize the City of Newberry Police Department to enter into a mutual aid agreement with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Newberry Opera House**

Mayor Senn indicated that it was necessary to appoint and re-appoint members to serve a four-year term to the Newberry Opera House Foundation Board. Anne Smith indicated that she was willing to serve a four term on the board due to a vacancy left by Mr. Eddie Anderson. Mr. Les Hipp and Mr. Luke McCormick's terms also expire on July 1, 2018. Both gentlemen have expressed a desire to continue to serve another 4-year term.

Mayor Senn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock to table the appointment until after executive session.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Planning Commission**

Mayor Senn indicated that Mr. Mark Senn's term on the Planning Commission will expire on July 10, 2018. Planning and Development Director Ward Braswell indicated that Mr. Senn has been a dedicated member and desires to be considered for re-appointment.

Mayor Senn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock to table the appointment until after executive session.

**DISCUSSION**

City Manager DeWitt indicated that an outstanding issue on service provided by the Utility Department needed to be discussed before the end of the fiscal year. Council agreed to meet on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. An agenda would be published and sent to the press prior to the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter related to city staff and discussion of a negotiation related to neighborhood development as published in the agenda. Councilmember Wicker seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember DuBose to return to open session. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

**APPOINTMENT**

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow to appoint Anne Smith and to re-appoint Les Hipp and Luke McCormick to the Newberry Opera House Board for 4-year terms all beginning July 1, 2018 and expiring July 1, 2022. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council.


**APPOINTMENT**

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to re-appoint Mark Senn to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term beginning July 10, 2018 and expiring July 10, 2021. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 P.M. Councilmember Boyd seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members.

  
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Foster Senn  
MAYOR

ATTEST:   
Jennie O'Shields, City Clerk  
Newberry, South Carolina

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