

**SPECIAL MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC  
June 28, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor Foster Senn, Councilman Zebbie D. Goudeock, 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, Planning and Development Director Ward Braswell and Newberry Opera House Director Molly Fortune.

Others Present: Bruce Clamp, Kevin Clamp, Michelle Bedenbaugh, Bob Shirey, Jaime van Zadelhoff, Greg and Aimee Talbot, Jana Boice, Tom Pope, Joe and Mary MacDonald, Agnes Routon, Rex Woolbright, Michelle Long, Chris Kemper, Randy and Becky Telfer, Grazier Rhea, Rosemarie Flowers, Micah Decker, Sami Truong, Kevin Goodman and Richard Waddingham.

Media Present: Kelly Duncan

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Greg Talbot:**

Greg Talbot addressed Council as a representative for the Newberry Downtown Development Association. Mr. Talbot stated for the record "It has been said that the NDDA is not on the same page as the city by various city officials, we have heard that. That is not true. We may perceive problems different, we may have different solutions, but our number one agenda is to bring economic development to the city and to better the city. That is our only agenda. So to hear those kinds of comments from city officials, that's just altogether false. We have also heard condescending comments about our organization and individuals in our organization including disparaging comments. We do not think that is healthy or helpful or professional and I would like that stated for the record."

Mr. Talbot addressed Council regarding the Architectural Review Board's approval of the 1215 Friend Street building color choice. Mr. Talbot gave each Council member a packet that included the South Carolina Design and Review guide then proceeded to read an excerpt from that guide regarding the painting and paint colors of buildings.

Mr. Talbot said that the building owner of 1215 Friend Street received façade grant money to aid in the painting of the building and that the application was approved before the color choice was presented. Mr. Talbot said that the building owner was a member of the ARB who recused himself from the vote but felt that he should not benefit from the grant due to his appointment on the board.

Mr. Talbot requested that the ARB agendas have more detail and asked that they be posted on social media. He also asked for a review of the ARB process, members and continuing education requirements as well as update the 2003 Guideline and Procedure manual.

Finally, Mr. Talbot said that the NDDA was in favor of having an ARB and a theme downtown but asked for more community involvement in the choices of colors for downtown buildings.

Mayor Senn indicated that the Staff has been working with a consultant to update the zoning code and thanked Mr. Talbot for his comments.

**Robert G. Shirey:**

Robert Shirey passed out a package of information to City Council Members and outlined the contents of the package as information he received from City staff through a recent Freedom of Information Act request. He stated that the information he requested was incomplete and asked for City Staff to re-evaluate their procedure to maintaining and issuing proper documentation.

Mr. Shirey said that he was disappointed that a grant program was used to help pay for the painting of 1215 Friend Street and felt that the cost of painting the building was too expensive.

Mr. Shirey questioned the application and approval process for the façade grant and asked for Council to review the ARB process and façade grant funds. He requested a hearing be held on his behalf as a business owner stating that he didn't feel that a building being painted purple helped anyone in the community.

**Chris Kemper:**

Chris Kemper addressed Council stating that he had concerns as private citizen due to a lack of accountability. Mr. Kemper felt targeted by City officials based on the private email he sent offering his home up for a group conversation on the 1215 Friend Street building. He also feels that his is being blamed for inciting the public over the painting of a building.

Mr. Kemper requested that City Council review the concerns discussed previously in the meeting.

**ORDINANCE**

**Ordinance #2018-1006 to assign a zoning classification and future land use map to parcel #'s 340-1-57 and 340-1-72 – Second and Final Reading**

At a special meeting held on June 21<sup>st</sup>, Council gave first reading to Ordinance # 2018-1006 to assign zoning classification and future land use map properties to parcel #'s 340-1-57 and 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 to reclassify parcels. The intended purpose would allow for low density residential use.

The Newberry Planning Commission recommended a zoning classification of PD- Planned Development and to amend the zoning and future land use maps.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker to adopt the second reading of Ordinance # 2018-1006 to classify parcels 340-1-57 & 340-1-72 as PD- Planned Development. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council.

**CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Senn indicated that the Newberry Downtown Development Association contacted the staff with a request to sell beer, wine, and sodas as a fundraising effort in Memorial Park as part of the Party in the Park, the summer concert series hosted by the Opera House.

Mrs. Amy Talbot requested to address Council stating that the NDDA had initially requested to sell beer and wine at all of the Party in the Park events but would use the July 20<sup>th</sup> date as a trial run to see how it was received.

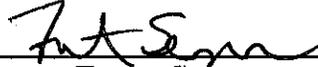
NDDA requests permission to allow beer and wine only, served and sold by designated vendors and venues with the proper permitting, using plastic cups no larger than 16 ounces, to be taken from designated vendors and venues into the outdoor event area. This would allow for event patrons to travel the event area with an alcoholic beverage of beer or wine only, by foot, if they are carrying the allowed beverage in a designated event cup and are wearing the approved over 21 wrist band. Liquor consumption is not to be permitted in the event area. Proper identification proving over 21 status will be checked prior to issuing over 21 concert wristbands.

The event area includes the closed areas of McKibben and Boyce streets and Memorial Park which is the area typically associated with the concert series in the park.

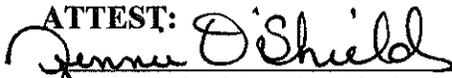
Councilmember Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Goudelock to allow the NDDA to sell beer, wine and sodas during the July 20<sup>th</sup> Opera House Party in the Park. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members present and voting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Glasgow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 P.M. Councilmember Goudelock 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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