

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
July 10, 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, Division Director Tamra Tootle, Fire Chief Keith Minick, Police Chief Roy McClurkin, Public Works Director Mac Bartley and Utility Director Tim Baker.

Others Present: and Richard Mercer and Family, Mike Wood, Jerry and Victoria Summer, Elizabeth Summer, Randy and Becky Telfer, Arnold Hiller, Katrina Minick, Chansel Minick, Andrew Morris, Bobby Shirey, Jaime van Zadelhoff, John Glover, Ben Dukes, Daniel Werts, Kevin Goodman, Steven, Teresa & Ashli Jones, Mary Ellen Ringer, RJ Dowd, Burt Mohler, Tim Swygert, Kyle, Michelle & Max Vaughn, Bonnie and Barry Bishop, Ryan Smith, Greg and Aimee Talbot, Jason Stuhr, Chris Kemper and others.

Media Present: Elyssa Haven

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MINUTES:

Councilman Goude-lock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on June 12, 2018, and from special meetings held on June 21, 2018 and June 28, 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 June 30, 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 Public Works Director Mac Bartley recognized Barry Bishop for 10 years of service with the Public Works Department. Barry began his employment on March 17, 2008 and holds the position of Maintenance Worker.

Mayor Senn, City Manager DeWitt and Public Works Director Mac Bartley recognized Teresa Jones for her 20 years of service with Public Works. Teresa began her employment with the department on June 1, 1998 holds the position of Administrative Assistant.

Mayor Senn, City Manager DeWitt and Police Chief Roy McClurkin recognized Richard Mercer for his 10 years of service with the Police Department. Richard began working with the City on June 2, 2008 holds the position of Police Sergeant with the investigation team.

Mayor Senn, City Manager DeWitt and Police Chief Roy McClurkin recognized Mike Wood for his 15 years of service with the Police Department. Mike began working with the Police Department on May 27, 2003 holds the position of Shift Lieutenant.

Mayor Senn, City Manager DeWitt and Utility Director Tim Baker recognized Jerry Summer for his retirement from the Wastewater Department. Jerry began his employment on August 28, 1989 and held the position of Wastewater Operator. Jerry retired on June 29th after working with the City for almost 29 years.

Mayor Senn, City Manager DeWitt and Fire Chief Keith Minick recognized Kyle Vaughn for his retirement from the Fire Department. Kyle began his employment with the Fire Department on April 13, 1996 and held the position of Fire Captain.

All employees received a certificate or plaque and gift selection package commensurate with their years of service with the City.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Andrew Morris- SC Firefighter of the year

Mayor Senn and Fire Chief Keith Minick recognized Lieutenant Andrew Morris as the South Carolina State Firefighters' Associations Firefighter of the year. Morris was nominated by a fellow fire fighter, Daniel Werts, through an application that he submitted to the Firefighters Association Committee.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chansel Minick

Mayor Senn and Fire Chief Keith Minick recognized volunteer firefighter Chansel Minick for winning the state skills USA Firefighter Competition. By becoming the SC state champion, Minick advanced to the National competition held in Louisville, Kentucky.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance #2018-1009 to amend Chapter 8.5 of the City Code – First Reading

Mayor Senn introduced for first reading Ordinance # 2018-1009 to amend Chapter 8.5 of the city code with the intention to add Article 4 to address condemnation process of properties located within the City. The ordinance would address the repair, closure or demolition of a property using Chapter 15, Title 31 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. This act would be a departure from the International Property Maintenance Code making the process similar to other municipalities within the state. The ordinance provides the owners an opportunity to repair, demolish or come to an agreement with the City regarding the repair of removal of their property.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock to approve the first reading of ordinance # 2018-1009 to amend chapter 8.5 of the City Code. The motion was carried by a unanimous decision.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance# 2018-1010 to amend the lien collection process for the Planning and Development Department – First Reading

Mayor Senn introduced for first reading, ordinance # 2018-1010 to amend the lien collection process to address properties that are not maintained by their owners. Currently, the Planning and Development Department is charged for the maintenance of properties whose owners do not comply with the City Code. The current system allows the City to put liens on properties to be collected when and if the property is sold. Ordinance# 2018-1010 gives the City of Newberry the authority to collect liens in the same manner as municipal taxes through the use of the Newberry County Auditor's office.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose to approve the first reading of ordinance # 2018-1010 to amend the lien collection process for the Planning and Development Department. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council Members.

ANNOUNCEMENT

City Manager DeWitt told Council that the staff was in the process of scheduling a work session for the beginning of August to give an update on the changes taking place within the zoning code revision. DeWitt said that a public notice would be in the newspaper and on Facebook publicizing the date and time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter related to the Utility Department as published in the agenda. Councilmember Boyd seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

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

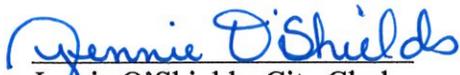
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Goudecock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 P.M. Councilmember DuBose 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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