

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
January 8, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor Foster Senn, Councilman Zebbie D. Goude-lock, Councilman Thomas Louis Boyd, Councilman David T. Force, Councilman R. LeMont Glasgow and Councilman David E. DuBose, Councilman Edwin E. Wicker

Also Present: City Manager Matt DeWitt, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, Fire Chief Keith Minick, Police Chief Roy McClurkin, Division Director Tamra Tootle, Utility Director Tim Baker, City Attorney Robert Lake and City Judge Frank Partridge.

Others Present: Christina Galardi, Randy and Becky Telfer, Mary Sims & Family, Amy Talbot, Brandon McLaurin, John Hicks 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 Goude-lock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on December 11, 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 December 31, 2018 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager DeWitt gave a summary of the financial report.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

Mary Sims

Mayor Senn, City Manager DeWitt and City Judge Frank Partridge recognized **Mary Sims** for her retirement from the City. Mary began working with the Justice and Law Department on August 20, 2001 and retired on December 28, 2018 as the Clerk of Court.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

City Clerk completes the South Carolina Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Institute

Mayor Senn and City Manager DeWitt recognized City Clerk Jennie O'Shields for completing the South Carolina Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Institute administered by the Municipal Association of South Carolina and the College of Charleston. The three-year program that consists of 120 required hours for certification and satisfies the education component that allows clerk and treasurers to receive national designation.

UPDATES:

John Andoh

John Andoh, CEO of the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority gave Council and update on the upcoming Comet Transit System coming to Newberry in May 2019. Andoh expounded on the designated routes, pick-up and return times, bus passes and daily, weekly and monthly rates. The Comet program to Newberry is slated for a pilot and will be federally funded. The bus to Newberry will run Monday through Friday, seat 18 people and be equipped with cell phone chargers, wifi, and bike racks.

ORDINANCE:

Mayor Senn offered up for first reading Ordinance# 2019-1001 to provide for amendments to the revenue and expenditure appropriations in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget. Due to several changes over the past few months, the City staff has recommended that Council amend the FY 2018-2019 Budget. The FY2018-2019 budget did not contain an unforeseen expenditure for Freon treatments and a new unit for the second floor of the Firehouse Conference Center. It also did not contain an expenditure to cover a rate study for the S&P Bond rating review. The budget also did not contain an appropriation for bonuses awarded to employees in November 2018. Finally, the auditor suggested that the current budget must contain an appropriation in the Utility Fund for Facilities and Grounds and Garage departments.

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd to adopt the first reading of Ordinance # 2019-1001 to amend the FY2018-2019 Budget. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Councilmembers.

AGREEMENT:

Mayor Senn indicated that recently the Nixle System used by Newberry County Sheriff's Office, Newberry County School District, Newberry County Public Safety and the Newberry County Coroner's Office is no longer a viable option for keeping the public informed to critical updates and happenings. The City of Newberry will join Newberry County and affiliates in launching a countywide joint information system known as CodeRed.

Councilman Wicker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to enter into an agreement with Newberry County and other affiliates to launch a joint CodeRed System. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Councilmembers present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters related the Justice and Law Department, discussion of legal advice from the City Attorney, a contractual matter related to the Utility Department, and Appointments to the Housing Authority Board, Architectural Review Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission and Miss Newberry Scholarship Board as outlined in the agenda. Councilmember Boyd 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.

APPOINTMENTS

Housing Authority Board

Councilman Boyd mad a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to re-appoint Perry Threat and James Hunter to the Newberry Housing Authority Board for a five-year term. Their terms would expire February1, 2024. The motion was carried by a unanimous decision of the City Council members.

APPOINTMENTS

Architectural Review Board

Councilman Boyd mad a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to re-appoint Luvester Davis and Beth Hipp to the Architectural Review Board for a two-year term. Their terms would expire February1, 2021. The motion was carried by a unanimous decision of the City Council members.

APPOINTMENTS

Planning Commission

Councilman Force mad a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose to re-appoint Kevin Whitesides to the Planning Commission for a three-year term. His terms would expire January 1, 2022. The motion was carried by a unanimous decision of the City Council members.

APPOINTMENTS

Miss Newberry Scholarship Board

Councilman Force mad a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose to re-appoint Christie Gardner and Wanda Crotwell to the Miss Newberry Scholarship Board for a three-year term. His terms would expire January 1, 2022. The motion was carried by a unanimous decision of the City Council members.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 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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