

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC  
April 9, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Others Present: Katie Werts, Michael Shealy, Sarah Johnson, Korina Martinez, Jamaal Satisfield, Peyton Spangler, Danton Hyman, Brad Dixon, Shelby Brittan, Timmany Nesbit, Jay Salter, Lauren Evans and Kevin Webber, Randy and Becky Telfer, Russell Triplett, Joanna Ticher, Dave Davis, Dr. Sandra Rouse, Sharon Graham, Dexter and Kitty Odom, Dr. Laura Roost, Ed Hill 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 Boyd to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on March 12, 2019 and a special meeting held on March 19, 2019, 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, 2019 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager DeWitt gave a summary of the financial report.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS**

**Sharon Graham**

Mayor Senn, City Manager DeWitt and PRT Director Sawyer will recognized **Sharon Graham** for her five (5) years of service with the PRT Department. Sharon began working with the city on March 17, 2014 and holds the position of Program Coordinator.

**Michael Shealy**

Mayor Senn, City Manager DeWitt and Public Works Director Bartley recognized **Michael Shealy** for his twenty (20) years of service with the city. Michael began working for the city on March 15, 1999 and holds the position of Heavy Equipment Operator.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

**Newberry College Seniors**

Mayor Senn and Mayor Pro Temp Goudelock recognized Newberry College seniors, Sarah Johnson, Korina Martinez, Jamaal Satisfield, Peyton Spangler, Danton Hyman, Brad Dixon, Shelby Brittian, Timmany Nesbit, Jay Salter, Lauren Evans and Kevin Webber for their outstanding achievements and support to the community.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Week of the Young Child**

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Senn signed a proclamation to declare the “Week of the Young Child” from April 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the week is to encourage organizations and the citizens of Newberry to work towards the improvement of learning opportunities for young children through literacy.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Outstanding response to power outage**

On April 4<sup>th</sup> a large tree at the corner of Harrington Street and Glenn Street fell across the intersection, taking down power lines in the area and interrupting the flow of energy to approximately 1500 utility customers within the grid. Due to the enormous size of the tree, it took the crews several hours to remove it and reattach the lines. Collectively, the Utility, Public Works and Police Departments pooled their resources and worked together to restore power quickly and safely. We applaud their outstanding efforts!

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Zoning Map Amendments – 1786 Glenn Street Ext.**

Mayor Senn convened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments concerning proposed changes to the Zoning Map pertaining to 1786 Glenn Street Ext. The planning commission has recommended that the parcel known as TMS# 401-17 be rezoned from OS- Open Space to R5.5 – Residential.

No one spoke in favor of the zoning map change.

No one appeared to offer comments against the zoning map change.

Charlene Granville expressed concerns about the growth of Newberry with the addition of the recreation park and had questions for Council about the plans for increased traffic in the area with the addition of the park.

Mayor Senn declared the public hearing closed.

**ORDINANCE:** Ordinance # 2019-1004 to amend the Zoning Map for a portion of TMS# 401-17 located on Dixie Drive -Second and Final Reading

Mayor Senn introduced for second and final reading, Ordinance # 2019-1004 to amend the Zoning Map for a portion of TMS# 401-17 located on Dixie Drive. The proposed amendment of the zoning map is the result of the City Staff's request to amend the Zoning Map for 72.89 acres of parcel # 401-17 (Newberry Recreation Complex) from OS -Open Space to R5.5 Residential. This change would allow the City Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department to apply for and receive grants to aid in the building of the Recreation Complex for the remaining 142.10 acres.

The Newberry Planning Commission met on February 25, 2019 and recommended rezoning the property to R5.5 Residential.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow to adopt the second and final reading of Ordinance # 2019-1004 to amend the zoning map for TMS# 401-17 located on Glenn Street Extension. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members.

**PROCLAMATION:** **Building Safety Month**

Mayor Senn advised that Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety – our local building code officials – who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings.

Councilmember Goudeock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Boyd to proclaim the month of May as Building Safety Month. Mayor Senn declared the motion 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 DuBose to adopt the Resolution as presented. The motion was carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

**RESOLUTION**

**Resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement to lend items to the Newberry Museum**

Mayor Senn said in the lobby of City Hall sits a refurbished 20 lb. Parrot Rifle Cannon that was donated to the City of Newberry several years ago. For many years it has been the intention to offer the cannon and other artifacts to the Newberry Museum for display to the public. With the completion of the museum entering its final stages, City Council agrees to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Newberry and the Newberry Museum to house and display the 20 lb. Civil War Parrot Cannon, a Civil War 20 lb. Parrott Rifle Projectile, a Civil War 12 lb. Cannon Shell and a Revolutionary War 2.5” Solid Shot.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker to authorize the city manager to execute an agreement between the City of Newberry and the Newberry Museum to allow for the display of city property. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Councilmembers.

**CITY COUNCIL:**

**Outside water service for 2371 Cottage Avenue**

Mayor Senn indicated that Johnnie Wilson, property owner of 2371 Cottage Avenue executed an Annexation Agreement in order to receive water service from the City of Newberry. The property is adjacent to existing lines providing service for the property and only a tap is required.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to allow water service for 2371 Cottage Avenue. The motion was carried followed by a unanimous vote.

**ORDINANCE:**

**Ordinance # 2019-1005 to amend the purchase power adjustment calculation –First Reading**

Mayor Senn said that recently there have been changes in the PMPA base billing demand credit that effect the wholesale power cost adjustment (WPCA) for the City of Newberry. This request has been made so that base billing demand credits issued by PMPA will not be reflected in the WPCA but be placed into a rate stabilization account to be used as Council deems fit, including, but not limited to: WPCA reductions, capital improvements, system maintenance and sinking funds for future capital projects. The adjustments to the WPCA that have been adopted prior to this amendment and are currently scheduled will not be affected. Taking this action will remove volatility in the WPCA formula and allow Council to have more flexibility to stabilize rates.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember DuBose to adopt the first reading of Ordinance # 2019-1005 to amend the purchase power adjustment calculation. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Councilmembers.

