

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
May 7, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: City Manager Matt DeWitt, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, Police Chief Roy McClurkin, Utility Director Tim Baker, PRT Director Scott Sawyer, Fire Chief Keith Minick, Finance Director Shannon Smith and Public Works Director Mac Bartley.

Others Present: Katie Werts, Laurie Suber, Dollie Creekmore, Carla Creekmore, Nicole May, Matthew Epting, Andy Lin, Shield Sawyer, Charlene Granville 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 DuBose to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on April 9, 2019 and a special meeting held on April 25, 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 April 30, 2019 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager DeWitt gave a summary of the financial report.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

MPA Scholars

Mayor Senn, Utility Director Tim Baker and Mayor Pro Tem Zebbie Goude-lock recognized this years' recipients of the MPA Scholarship. Matthew Epting, Andy Lin, Ledare Livingston and Shield Sawyer's scholarship forms. Ledare was awarded her scholarship in absentia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Newberry Landing Pump Station

The City of Newberry received three (3) bids for the Newberry Landing Pump Station and force main. The low bid of 201,224 from Tom Brigman Contractors was recommended by the engineer. The three bids that were received for the project ranged from 201,224 to 314,012. Tom Brigman Contractors was awarded the project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Boards and Commissions Application

Mayor Senn advised that the City staff has recently developed a Boards and Commission application that will be posted on the City's website. The purpose of the form is to gauge qualified citizens' interest and desire to serve on one of the boards or commissions that provides information and recommendations to Council. These boards play an integral role in the advice that they provide for Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fiber deployment update

Utility Director Tim Baker gave Council and the public an update on the Fiber Network build out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Drinking Water Week

On May 1st, Mayor Senn signed a proclamation at City Hall to declare the week of May 5th – 11th as "Drinking Water Week" on behalf of the City's Utility Department.

ORDINANCE:

Ordinance # 2019-1005 to amend section 9-29 of the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment schedule – Second and Final reading

Last month Council gave first reading to Ordinance #2019-1005 to amend section 9-29 of the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment schedule due to the recent changes in the PMPA base billing demand credit. 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.

Councilman Wicker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock to adopt the second and final reading of Ordinance #2019-1005 to amend section 9-29 of the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment schedule. The motion was carried by a unanimous decision of City Council members present.

ORDINANCE: **Ordinance # 2019-1006 to amend the future land use map and zoning map of the City of Newberry, SC by Rezoning the Dixie Drive, TMS# 346-2-1-44 from GC – General Commercial to R-8 Residential –First Reading**

Mayor Senn indicated that Frances McGaha, owner of property located within the city limits and identified as Tax Map # 346-2-1-44 has requesting an amendment to the zoning map from GC General Commercial to R8 Residential. McGaha has a contract for the sale of the property contingent on re-zoning and the purchaser wants to build a residence on the property and a public hearing for this matter will be held on June 11, 2019.

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose to adopt first reading of Ordinance #2019-1006 to amend the future land use map and zoning map of the City of Newberry, SC by rezoning property on Dixie Drive, TMS# 346-2-1-44 from GC – General Commercial to R-8 Residential. The motion was carried by a unanimous decision of City Council members present.

ORDINANCE: **Ordinance (#2019-1007) to amend the zoning text of the City of Newberry, SC to provide for murals in the City of Newberry – First Reading**

Mayor Senn said that the Planning and Development Department in an effort to streamline processes and create uniformity for murals in the city has recommended an amendment to add murals to general regulations of the zoning ordinance. This amendment would give Council the authority to approve all murals located within the General Commercial, Core Commercial and Office Commercial zoning districts. A public hearing on this item will be held on June 11, 2019.

Councilman Wicker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock to adopt first reading of the revised Ordinance #2019-1007 to amend the zoning text of the City of Newberry, SC providing for murals in the City of Newberry with Council approval of two readings to approve all murals. The motion was carried by a unanimous decision of City Council members present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman DuBose made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 P.M. Councilmember Wicker 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

(SEAL)

Immediately following adjournment, Council reviewed the General Fund Budget for FY 2019-2020 during a scheduled work session. The work session concluded at 9:39 PM. Information regarding the FY 2019-2020 budget was discussed, no action was taken.