

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
June 11, 2019 – 7:00 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; Councilman Thomas Louis Boyd

Also Present: City Manager Matt DeWitt, Municipal Clerk Jennie O'Shields, Police Chief Roy McClurkin, PRT Director Scott Sawyer, Fire Chief Keith Minick, Division Director Tamra Tootle and Public Works Director Mac Bartley.

Others Present: Jody Day, Leith Bundrick, Heather Hawkins, Greg and Hampton Evans, Katie Werts, Denise Reid, Jana Boice, David Eldridge, John Mark Lide, Carlton Kinard, Frances McGaha, Charlene Glanville, James 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 Goude-lock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on May 7, 2019 and a special meeting held on May 8, 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 May 31, 2019 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager DeWitt gave a brief summary of the financial report.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Best of Newberry

Kelly Duncan, Staff Writer with the Newberry Observer presented awards to the Newberry Opera House, PRT Department, Newberry Arts Center and the Public Works Department for their recent accolades for the Best of Newberry.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: 2019 Leadership Newberry County graduates

Mayor Senn and City Manager DeWitt recognized Elyssa Haven, Heather Hawkins, Jana Boice and Katie Werts for their recent graduation from the 2019 Leadership Newberry County program administered through the Chamber of Commerce.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Team of the Year – Team Tantalus

The Utility Department’s Team Tantalus was recognized as the “Team of the Year” at the Employee Appreciation Luncheon in May.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fiber Deployment update

Assistant Utility Director David Eldridge gave Council and the public an update on the Fiber Network build out and when citizens can expect service.

PUBLIC HEARING: Zoning Map Amendment – TMS# 346-2-1-44 (corner of Dixie Drive and Nance Street)

Mayor Senn convened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments concerning proposed changes to the Zoning Map pertaining to TMS# 346-2-1-44 (corner of Dixie Drive and Nance Street). The planning commission has recommended that the parcel known as TMS# 342-2-1-44 be rezoned from GC General Commercial to R8 Residential.

No one spoke in favor of the zoning map change.

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

Mayor Senn declared the public hearing closed.

PUBLIC HEARING: Zoning Text Amendment to provide for Murals in the City of Newberry

Mayor Senn convened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments concerning proposed changes to the Zoning Text pertaining to Murals within the City of Newberry. The Planning Commission met on April 15, 2019 and recommended the changes regarding murals be included in the zoning ordinance.

No one spoke in favor of the zoning map change.

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

Mayor Senn declared the public hearing closed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget

City Manager DeWitt stated that Council met on May 7th and May 8th to review the FY 2019-2020 budget. DeWitt gave an overall review of the general fund and utility fund budgets highlighting that Council and Staff had worked to achieve a balanced budget with no increase in taxes, business license fees or electric rates. He indicated that there would be a minor increase in sanitation fees which equated to a \$1.00 per month increase in garbage rates and an eliminating one free pickup each month for commercial garbage users. He also noted that there would be an increase of 2% for meter minimum charges equating to approximately a .74 cents per month for customers with a 5/8 meter. There were two line items added to replace an aging dump truck and fire truck and an allotment to allow the city staff to pursue CDBG grant funds to remove blight and slum from the city. Finally, DeWitt said that there would be a significant reduction in the Gross Revenue budget while the department has plans to spend down the remaining bond proceeds.

In closing, City Manager DeWitt stated that there was an overall decrease in the FY 2019-2020 budget by \$2,746,520 and offered to answer any questions from Council.

Mayor Senn convened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments concerning the FY 2019-2020 Budget.

No one appeared to offer comments and Mayor Senn declared the public hearing closed.

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 –Second and Final 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 requested 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.

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to adopt second and final 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 – Second and Final 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.

Councilman DuBose made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to adopt second and final 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. The motion was carried by a unanimous decision of City Council members present.

ORDINANCE **Ordinance# 2019-1008 Adopt the Budget and Levy Taxes for FY 2019-2020 – First Reading**

Mayor Senn offered up for first reading, Ordinance #2019-1008 to adopt the budget and levy taxes for FY 2019-2020. Discussion of the budget was taken up during the public hearing earlier in the meeting and Mayor Senn reiterated that there was an overall decrease in the FY 2019-2020 budget by \$2,746,520.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to approve first reading of the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

RESOLUTION: **Usage of color within the color palette used by the Architectural Review Board**

Mayor Senn introduced a resolution to define the use of color within the color palette used by the Architectural Review Board. The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Newberry adopted October 9, 2018 requires the City, by and through its City Council to approve all exterior paint colors of buildings which may be considered for approval by the City of Newberry Architectural Review Board. The resolution would designate three separate classes as Body, Trim and Accent Colors and define the usage.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to adopt the resolution as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

AUTHORIZATION

**Memorandum of Understanding to partner with the
Newberry Sheriff's Office to utilize GIS software**

Mayor Senn presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the Newberry Police Department and the Newberry County Sheriff's Office to partner in the cost and usage of Where Technology Happens (WTH) GIS mapping software. The technology offers additional safety during critical incidents with the use of an Automated Vehicle Location (AVL), which always allows dispatchers to have real time tracking of police units in the field. It also allows viewing of units nearest to call for service locations, reports unit travel history to reduce liability, and also provides citizens patrol history in their neighbourhood if there are complaints on officers not patrolling certain areas of the city. In addition, there is a Crime Mapping application that will assist in locating active crime areas and crime trends giving officers the ability to utilize Critical Facility Mapping on their computers.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock to authorize Mayor Senn to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Newberry Sheriff's Department to partner in the cost and usage of Where Technology Happens GIS Software. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing appointments to the Newberry Opera House Board, discussion of contractual negotiations related to a proposed property within the City of Newberry and discussion of a contractual matter related to PMPA as outlined in the agenda. Councilmember Boyd seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Newberry Opera House Board

Councilman Goudelock mad a motion, seconded by Councilman Wicker to re-appoint Mr. Robert Summer to a four-year term to expire on July 1, 2023, Mr. Robert Matheson to fill the unexpired term of Anne Smith (expiring on July 1, 2022) and Dr. Peggy Winder, Mrs. Mattie Dillion, Mr. Jack Shield and Mrs. Susan Dorton to a full 4-year term to expire on July 1, 2023.

The motion was carried by a unanimous decision of the City Council members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Goudeock 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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