

**REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE OLD HOTEL, 1110 CALDWELL ST. NEWBERRY, SC
November 12, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor Foster Senn, Councilman Zebbie Goudelock, 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, Utility Director Tim Baker, Public Works Director Mac Bartley, Division Director Tamra Tootle, Planning and Development Director Ward Braswell and Utility Director Tim Baker.

Others Present: Mr. & Mrs. David Quattlebaum and Hannah, Dr. Laura Roost and Newberry College Students, Joe and Mary McDonald, Anne Smith and Julianna, Barbara Chapman, Rob Thompson, Randy and Becky Telfer, Jennie DuBose, Michelle Long, Kevin Goodman, Carlton Kinard, Sharon Senn, Lisa Toland, Robert Matheson, Daniel and Katie Werts, Liz Rivera, David Eldridge, Ed Hill, Samantha Snyder, Charlene Glanville, Danielle Williams, Gabriel Hadley and others.

Media Present: Elyssa Haven

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Senn called the meeting to order and Hannah Quattlebaum sang the National Anthem. Councilman Glasgow gave the invocation.

MINUTES:

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on October 8, 2019, and a special meeting held on October 15, 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 October 31, 2019 and noted that the report would be attached to the minutes. City Manager DeWitt gave a brief summary of the financial report and noted that the audit would be presented to Council next month before the December Council meeting.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Ward Braswell, 20 yrs.

Mayor Foster Senn and City Manager Matt DeWitt recognized Ward Braswell for his twenty (20) years of service with the Planning and Development Department. Braswell began working with the City on October 18, 1999 and holds the position of Planning and Development Director.

The employee received a certificate and gift selection package commensurate with his years of service.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Joe and Mary McDonald

Mayor Senn recognized Joe and Mary MacDonald for their hard work and dedication in transforming the Old Hotel into a multi-use space for tenants, artisans and events. Mayor Senn presented the couple with a proclamation thanking them for their efforts in bringing a renewed excitement to the downtown district.

UPDATE:

Fiber Deployment Update

Assistant Utility Director David Eldridge gave Council and the public an update on the Fiber Network build out highlighting a 70% completion rate in zone 2. Eldridge indicated that almost 50 to 55% of the entire buildout is complete with 58 of the 105 miles of fiber already hung. Eldridge anticipates the completion of Zone 2 by December.

UPDATE:

Main Street Lights 2019

Samantha Snyder, the 2019 Main Street Lights Chairman, indicated that the Main Street Lights event was in full swing with the Christmas Tree arriving in one week. Over \$14,000 was raised for this year's event to assist in upgrading the ornaments and lights.

Boundary Street Elementary and Newberry Academy will be performing at the tree lighting ceremony this year and WIS -TV's Dominic Brown will be here live to broadcast the event. Details about all of the happenings can be found at Newberrychristmas.com.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Senn indicated that the City of Newberry is in the process of becoming a Tree City USA, and a proclamation to officially declaring the first Friday in December as Arbor Day for the City of Newberry is a necessary step in the process.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Zoning Map Amendments – 2107 Smith Road

Mayor Senn convened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments concerning proposed changes to the Zoning Map pertaining to 2107 Smith Road. The planning commission has recommended that the parcel known as TMS# 340-1-57 be rezoned from PD – Planned Development to RD- Residential Development.

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.

ORDINANCE:

Ordinance #2019-1012 to amend the zoning map and future land use map for parcel 340-1-57 – Second and Final Reading

Mayor Senn introduced for second and final reading ordinance #2019-1012 to amend the zoning map and future land use map for parcels located on property known as TMS# 340-1-57. The current zoning classification is PD – Planned Development and the planning commission has suggested a change to RD- Residential Development. The change is now possible by the zoning code update that includes the designation of RD- Residential Development. The parcels intended purpose would allow for single family dwelling use. This designation would apply to the 26.823-acre property located on Smith Road known as Newberry Landing.

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilmember DuBose to adopt the second and final reading of Ordinance # 2019-1012 to amend the zoning map and future land use map for parcel 340-1-57. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council members.

CITY COUNCIL:

Budget Calendar

Mayor Senn presented a recommended Budget Calendar for City Council approval. He noted that Council's involvement would begin on May 5th at 6:00 PM and continuing on May 6th and 7th at the same time if needed to complete the budget process. It was further suggested that the Regular Council Meeting remain at its normal time and date of May 12th at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Senn also stated that a public hearing and first reading of the FY2020-2021 Budget would be held on June 9th and second reading on June 16th at a special council meeting to be held at 6:00 pm. City Manager DeWitt asked the council if there were any conflicts.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember DuBose to approve the Budget Calendar as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

CITY COUNCIL:

2020 Meeting Date/Work Session Calendar

Mayor Senn indicated that the staff had prepared a calendar containing meeting dates and work session for 2020. He reiterated that the regular council meeting was the second Tuesday of each month and that the staff had provided council with a comprehensive calendar of all meeting dates that required council participation. It was recommended by the staff that the January 14th meeting be changed to January 21st and the September 8th meeting be moved to September 15th due to existing scheduling conflicts.

Councilmember Force made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Goudelock to approve the 2020 Meeting Date/Work Session Calendar as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

CITY COUNCIL:

Jury List for 2020

Mayor Senn advised that State Law requires that City Council annually approve the jury list for the City's Municipal Court. He said that the jury list is comprised of the registered voters within the City and that the Court Clerk had requested that the list be provided to the City in an electronic format for the purpose of jury selection in 2020.

Councilmember Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker to approve the jury list for 2020 from the registered voters list provided by the S. C. Election Commission. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members.

CITY COUNCIL

Consideration of a request to allow alcohol in designated event areas at the Newberry Chamber of Commerce Logo Reveal

Michelle Long with the Newberry Chamber of Commerce presented Council with a request to allow beer and wine only at the Chamber of Commerce Logo Reveal to be held on November 14th from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Beverages will be served in pre-approved cups by designated event venue staff to attendees 21 years of age or older. The event area includes the Town Square in downtown Newberry bound by the front of Community Hall, Main Street, Caldwell Street, and Boyce Street. No alcohol will be permitted in the streets.

Councilman Wicker made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose to allow alcohol at Community Hall Square as part of the Newberry Chamber of Commerce Logo Reveal on November 14th from 4:30 to 6:30. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Councilmembers present and voting.

RESOLUTION:

Self-evaluation and transition plan in fulfillment of the requirements stipulated in the American with Disabilities Act

City Manager DeWitt explained that as part of the requirements of the Community Development Block Grant Program, the City of Newberry completed a Self - Evaluation of all programs and services operated by the City. Based upon the results of the Self Evaluation of the programs and services, the City created a Transition Plan and has steadily taken measures to remove any identified barriers to services and programs which they provide in compliance with Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, prohibiting discrimination against people with disabilities in programs that receive federal financial assistance and set the stage for enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The resolution set forth by Council demonstrates the City's commitment to achieving compliance with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, including all applicable requirements under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Councilmember DuBose made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wicker to adopt the resolution as presented. Mayor Senn declared to motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CITY COUNCIL:

Water service – 760 Kendall Road

Mayor Senn indicated that ISE America recently purchased a building located at 760 Kendall Road, (TMS# 341-2-7-25) and has requested to receive out-of-city water service. The company has agreed to execute an annexation covenant indicating a willingness to annex if the property becomes contiguous to the City limits and Council determines it is in the best interest of the City to annex the property. The property is located approximately 400 feet from the existing water line located on First Street. A service line extension is required to serve this property and ISE America has agreed to pay all costs associated with this extension in addition to tap and connection fees.

Councilmember Wicker recused himself from the vote on the grounds of professional employment.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow to allow out-of-city water service for 760 Kendall Road with the owner ISE America paying all costs associated with the extension of the line. The motion was carried followed by a majority vote of the Council members.

CITY COUNCIL:

Council to authorize City Manager to revise relationship regarding supplemental power with the Piedmont Municipal Power Authority

Mayor Senn stated that while primary power will continue to be generated from the Catawba Nuclear Plant, recent changes taking place within the group of cities that make up PMPA may require a need to revise the contract regarding the purchase of supplemental power from Santee Cooper when there is insufficient power to meet demands. While primary Senn said that any member city must provide a 10-year notice to Piedmont Municipal Power Agency. If other PMPA members also begin withdrawing from the supplemental contract, Newberry will need to be in a position to act quickly, and this agreement will allow the City Manager to authorize this change.

The ability to enact this agreement would end December 31, 2019.

Councilman Wicker made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Glasgow to authorize the City Manager to withdraw from the supplemental power agreement with PMPA until December 31, 2019. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present and voting.

ORDINANCE:

Ordinance #2019-1014 to amend sections 12-7, 12-8, 12-9 & 12-10 of the code of laws of the City of Newberry as they apply to the Firehouse Conference Center – First Reading

Mayor Senn said that the Newberry Firehouse Conference Center last raised rates in 2017. The conference center has provided an historic venue at a fair price that is fully staffed for every group that rents the facility. The cost to operate has increased due to the need for increased staffing, audio/visual upgrades and increased operational costs.

The most significant change would be the reapportioning of rooms, updating AV equipment and a \$25 increase to weekday facility usage. These proposed increases continue to offer groups first class facilities and services at a fair price and at rates that remain competitive or lower than other area rental venues.

Councilmember Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember DuBose to adopt the first reading of Ordinance #2019-1014 to increase the rates for bookings at the Firehouse Conference Center. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present and voting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 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

