



# City of Newberry Commission Meeting

August 23, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

25440 West Newberry Road  
Newberry, Florida 32669

## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marlowe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Marlowe surveyed the Commission on Item 8. A few Commissioners were unable to reach applicants and wished to postpone Item 8.

**Motion made by Commissioner Marden to approve the agenda with the postponement of Item 8.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Mazon.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, and Commissioner Mazon.**

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

### QUORUM CHECK

Mayor

Jordan Marlowe

Commissioners

Ricky Coleman

Mark Clark

Monty Farnsworth

Tim Marden

Tony Mazon

City Attorney

Scott Walker

City Manager

Mike New

City Clerk

Judy Rice

Staff:

Director of Planning and Economic Development

Bryan Thomas

Principal Planner

Wendy Kinser-Maxwell

Building Official

Scott Thomason

### INVOCATION

Pastor Jack Andrews, Newberry First Baptist Church, provided the invocation.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Clark led the pledge.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Recognition of the 14 & Under Newberry Babe Ruth Softball Team.**

Director Parker presented this item and introduced Head Coach John Armitage. Head Coach Armitage introduced the Coaches and Team.

Mayor Marlowe presented the team with a plaque.

### **2. Afghanistan Veterans Welcome Home.**

Mr. Bob Watson, Newberry American Legion, presented this item.

### **3. Insurance Services Office, Inc. Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) audit of the City of Newberry's Building Department.**

Building Official Thomason presented this item.

## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Marlin Day, Alachua County Library Newberry Branch Manager, Ms. Lisa Tate, Newberry Main Street, and Mr. Naim Erched, Opioid Task Force, provided community updates on events.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **4. Arbor Day Proclamation**

**Proclamation Commemorating the City's Annual Observance of Arbor Day, Recognizing the Importance of Planting and Caring for Trees.**

### **5. Suwannee River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Fee Reduction program (Resolution 2021-31).**

Mayor Marlowe asked for approval of agenda.

**Motion made by Commissioner Coleman to approve the consent agenda.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Marden.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, and Commissioner Mazon.**

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

### **6. Final Fire Assessment Rate for Fiscal Year 2022 (Resolution 2021 - 29).**

Attorney Walker read Resolution 2021-29.

Manager New presented this item. Recommended action is to adopt Resolution 2021-29.

Discussion ensued about the Fire Assessment increase, the Quint purchase, and Fire Assessment Assistance.

Mr. Naim Erched commented.

**Motion made by Commissioner Marden to adopt Resolution 2021-29.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Mazon.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, and Commissioner Mazon.**

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

- 7. Legislative Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 2021 – 37, An Ordinance of the City of Newberry, Florida Pertaining to Procedures for Declaring a State of Emergency and Related Actions; Amending Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Newberry to Create Chapter 30, Article II Regarding Emergency Management Services; Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict and Providing an Effective Date.**

Attorney Walker read Ordinance 2021-37 by title only on first reading.

Manager New presented the staff overview, report, and recommendation. Recommended action is to pass Ordinance 2021-37 on first reading.

Discussion ensued on previous State of Emergency Procedures.

**Motion made by Commissioner Marden to pass Ordinance 2021-37 on first reading.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Clark.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, and Commissioner Mazon.**

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

#### **AGENDA ITEMS**

- ~~8. Appointment to fill vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Board and Historic Architectural Review Board.~~**

~~Resolution 2021-28, a Resolution to appoint a new Planning and Zoning Board member to fill the seat of former member Bill Conrad. The appointee will serve the remainder of the current term which expires on April 30, 2022.~~

This item was postponed.

**9. Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA) Representative and Alternate.**

Manager New presented this item. Recommended action is to appoint Manager New to be FMPA Representative and Assistant Manager Lee to be FMPA Alternate and authorize transmittal of a letter to FMPA indicating the same.

Mr. Naim Arched commented.

**Motion made by Commissioner Clark to appoint Manager New to be FMPA Representative and Assistant Manager Lee to be FMPA Alternate and authorize transmittal of a letter to FMPA indicating the same**

**Seconded by Commissioner Mazon.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, and Commissioner Mazon.**

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

**10. Florida Municipal Power Agency Transmission Cost Refund.**

Manager New presented this item. Recommended action is to direct staff on how to utilize electric system transmission cost refunds from Duke Energy and Florida Power and Light.

Discussion ensued regarding the City's electric rate stabilization fund and the power cost adjustment (PCA).

**Motion made by Commissioner Marden to place funds into the City's electric rate stabilization fund and include language in the bill which shows the credit that the PCA gives to the customer.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Clark.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, Commissioner Mazon**

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

**11. Renovation of Newberry's Electric Generating Plant.**

Manager New presented this item. Recommended action is to provide staff direction. Discussion ensued about refurbishing the Newberry Electric Generating Plant or open a Request for Proposal (RFP) process if City decides to sell the building.

**Motion made by Commissioner Clark to begin the RFP process.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Coleman.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Marden, Commissioner Mazon**

**Voting Nay: Commissioner Farnsworth**

**MOTION PASSED 4-1**

#### **COMMENTS**

Manager New, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, Commissioner Mazon, and Mayor Marlowe all made comments.

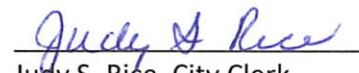
#### **Citizens**

Mr. Tayari Appiah, Florida House of Representatives District 21 Candidate, and Ms. Lisa Darling, citizen, made comments.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Signed and dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021

  
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Jordan Marlowe, Mayor  
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Judy S. Rice, City Clerk