

CITY OF NEWBERRY

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MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 11, 2009 AT 7:00 PM
HELD AT THE CITY HALL
25440 WEST NEWBERRY ROAD
NEWBERRY, FLORIDA

Mayor Nichols called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M., he then reviewed the meeting agenda

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the agenda
Commissioner Hoffman seconded the motion

MOTION PASSED 5-0

QUORUM CHECK

PRESENT:

Mayor	Harry Nichols
Commissioners:	Bill Conrad Alena Lawson Lois Forte Joe Hoffman Monty Farnsworth
City Attorney:	Scott Walker
Staff:	Keith Ashby Gayle Pons Lowell Garrett Wendy Kinser Blaine Suggs Judy Rice Connie Goode Richard Blalock

II. INVOCATION- PASTOR ROCKY MCKINLEY, DESTINY CHURCH
The invocation was led by Reverend Doug Barlow; Chaplain ACSO.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Nichols led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING HELD APRIL 27, 2009

MOTION

Commissioner Forte made a motion to approve the regular commission meeting minutes from April 27, 2009.

Commissioner Farnsworth seconded the motion

MOTION PASSED 5-0

V. PRESENTATION

A. CITY RECOGNITION OF MRS. GWEN HUNT FOR RECEIVING THE GAINESVILLE SUN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD IN 2009

Mayor Nichols brought forward Mrs. Gwen "Mama" Hunt. He congratulated her on receiving the Gainesville Sun Community Service Award. The Commission presented her with flowers, a framed copy of the newspaper article, and a scroll, as well as their thanks for her service to the people of Newberry.

B. NEWBERRY MAINSTREET ORGANIZATION PRESENTATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Nichols brought forward Ms. Barbara Hendrix, Mainstreet Director who presented a power point presentation on Newberry Mainstreet Organization. She explained what they have accomplished this year as well as what the future organizational plans. Ms. Susan Parker and Ms. Anne Burro spoke in support of the Mainstreet program.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. PLANNING

1. DISCUSSION OF SENATE BILL 360 AS ADOPTED-PARAMETERS FOR A TRANSPORTATION CONCURRENCY EXCEPTION AREA

Mr. Lowell Garrett presented a power point presentation on Senate Bill 360 and how it could affect the City of Newberry.

B. UTILITIES

1. DISCUSSION CONCERNING UTILITY RATE SMOOTHING

City Manager Keith Ashby brought forward Utility Director Blaine Suggs to address rate smoothing options. Mr. Suggs explained the options offered by the Florida Municipal Power Authority. The money would have to be paid back in the months of July-Aug-and Sept. It assists in keeping the rates steady.

MOTION

Commissioner Conrad made a motion to approve the rate smoothing plan as presented by the Utility Director.

Commissioner Hoffman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED 5-0

2. APPROVAL OF POWER COST ADJUSTMENT FOR JUNE BILLING

City Manager Keith Ashby presented the above item which was discussed in conjunction with the previous item (Utility Rate Smoothing).

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. PLANNING

1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AWARD AGREEMENT FOR \$700,000.00 ISSUED BY THE FLORIDA SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (DCA)

City Manager Keith Ashby presented the above item. This agreement is to receive the monies from the state.

MOTION

Commissioner Farnsworth made a motion to enter into the agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Community Affairs.

Commissioner Forte seconded the motion

MOTION PASSED 5-0

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PARTICIPATING PARTY AGREEMENT

City Manager Keith Ashby brought forward City Planner Lowell Garrett to present this item. The Participating Party Agreement is an agreement that must be signed with the City of Newberry and Advanced Nutrition Foods, LLC to implement the requirements of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

MOTION

Commissioner Hoffman made a motion directing city staff to enter into this agreement

Commissioner Forte seconded the motion

MOTION PASSED 5-0

3. CONSIDERATION OF INITIATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND REMANDING TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FOR PUBLIC HEARING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROHIBITION OF THE KEEPING OF THE POULTRY IN RESIDENTIALLY ZONED DISTRICTS

City Manager Keith Ashby presented a preparatory report. It is the consensus of the Commission not to take action at this time. Mr. Martin Hennessey spoke against allowing chickens in residential areas. Ms. Gwen Hunt spoke for allowing chickens in residential areas.

B. CITY ATTORNEY

1. AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE TO CHANGE THE DATE CONCERNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

City Attorney Scott Walker presented the procedural changes needed to bring the rules of procedure current since the change in election date.

MOTION

Commissioner Conrad made a motion to approve the changes to April instead of October.

Commissioner Hoffman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED 5-0

2. APPROVAL OF THE MASTER OPERATING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN EASTON SPORTS DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION AND THE CITY OF NEWBERRY, FLORIDA

City Attorney Scott Walker presented the above item. He reviewed the agreement its purpose.

DISCUSSION

Upon review of the document the commission suggested changes on pg 13, 14, and 15 as well as adding wording to the liability insurance area. (Shared equally)

MOTION

Commissioner Forte made a motion to enter into the agreement subject to finalization of exhibits and with the changes as specified in the discussion.

Commissioner Farnsworth seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED 5-0

C. CITY CLERK

1. REQUEST APPROVAL OF INVOICES PAID IN APRIL 2009

City Clerk Gayle Pons requested payment for invoices paid in April 2009.

MOTION

Commissioner Farnsworth made a motion to approve the above item.

Commissioner Hoffman seconded the item.

MOTION PASSED 5-0

2. REQUEST CLARIFICATION CONCERNING FLORIDA MUNICIPAL POWER AUTHORITY VOTING BOARD MEMBER

City Manager Keith Ashby requested clarification for staff concerning appointing Commissioner Bill Conrad as the FMPA liaison with City Manager Keith Ashby attending when at all possible.

VIII. COMMENTS

A. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Keith Ashby reviewed the fire assessment process. He asked the Commission if they wished to continue the fire assessment fee. The Commission requested it be placed on the next agenda.

B. MAYOR

NONE

C. COMMISSION

Commissioner Forte asked citizens to remember Ms. Betty Hartzog in their prayers.

Commissioner Conrad announced the City of Newberry relay for Life team raised \$588.00. He thanked everyone for their help. Over \$30,000.00 was raised in total.

Commissioner Lawson let everyone know they will provide an update on the utility assistance committee at the next meeting. She would also like staff when looking at the budget to see if employees will receive a bonus as discussed during 08-09 budget.

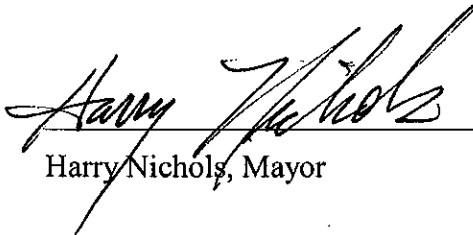
D. CITIZENS
NONE

IX. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

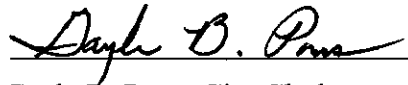
Commissioner Lawson moved to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:15 P.M.

Signed and approved this: 8th day of June 2009.



Harry Nichols, Mayor



Gayle B. Pons, City Clerk

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CITY OF NEWBERRY, FLORIDA

City Commission Meeting

May 11, 2009

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