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## MAYOR KYZER to RETIRE

For the first time in 20 years, the citizens of Newberry will be electing a new mayor in the September city election. Mayor Ed Kyzer has announced that he will not seek re-election. As a new comer to politics, Mayor Kyzer was sworn in the first time in what is now the lobby of the Opera House. In 1990, that building housed city hall and council chambers in the downstairs area.

During his 20 years, he has seen many changes in our city. To mention a few: the revitalization of the historic downtown area, the construction of the Newberry Safety Complex on Nance Street that houses Newberry's second fire station and police department. The old Newberry Federal Bank building on College Street was purchased and renovated into our "new" city hall. The Newberry Opera House underwent a major renovation and re-opened. A Hampton Inn opened in the historic downtown area. He helped with the acquisition of the old West End Mill property for Westview Behavioral Center as well as acquisition of the old reservoir property for the One Stop Employment office building. The old Fire station on Nance Street was renovated and is now a conference center. A new Holiday Inn Express and Love's Travel Plaza located on the Interstate and Highway 219 which is now a part of the city limits. Kyzer said with the opening of the large malls close to Newberry and new chain stores and restaurants on Wilson Road, many of the stores in the downtown area changed. Council worked with economic developers to capitalize on the assets we have in Newberry. He stated that without the investments of local business leaders the revitalization of our downtown area would not have been possible. Kyzer says he will continue to work with two Main Street projects that are on going at this time.

Mayor Kyzer has served on many boards and committees during the past 20 years including the CNINGA Board where he was chairman for 15 years, Central Midlands Regional Planning Council, and the State Board of the Municipal Association