

of South Carolina. He has received recognition from many organizations including being selected as Newberry County Citizen of the Year in 2007 by the Boy Scouts of America. He has also had the pleasure to work with three city administrators and numerous council members during the 20 year period. Of those, Zebbie Goudelock was also elected to council in 1990 and still serves his district. During his years of service three of his council members passed away while serving on council; Ed Hazel, a retired fire chief, Gonza Lee Hunter, a retired sheriff department major and Boyce Lively a retired City of Newberry policeman

Mayor Kyzer was born and raised in Newberry along with two brothers, Jimmy (deceased) and Larry. He is the middle son of the late Edward Ballenger and Catherine Shealy Kyzer. After retiring as Senior Vice President of Human Resources of Thomas & Howard Company where he was employed for 40 years, he went to work part time at Springfield Place as the Director of Marketing and PR. He retired from Springfield place in 2008. He is an active member of O'Neal Street United Methodist Church. Kyzer hopes to spend more time with his family now that he is retiring again. In addition to their son, Clarke (Kathy), Mayor Kyzer and his wife, Joan, have four grandchildren and one great grandchild: Turner (Elizabeth) attended Piedmont Technical College and lives and works in Clinton; Jill is an honor graduate of The College of Charleston and will pursue her doctorate in medical research at the University of Minnesota in the fall; Evan is a rising senior at Clemson University; and Kirby a rising senior at Newberry High School. Their first great grandchild, Emily Autumn Kyzer was born June 1st.

Mayor Kyzer said his years of service have been very rewarding. He considers himself a people person and a problem solver. He has enjoyed his years serving the citizens of Newberry but feels the time has come to turn the reigns over to someone younger who hopefully will continue the things he has started and will successfully lead our city into the next decade.