

Utility & Public Works Director

City of Newberry

The City of Newberry seeks an enthusiastic, dynamic leader for its Utility & Public Works department that has a strong background in utility & public works operations. The department is responsible for the City's electric, water, and wastewater utilities which serve nearly 1,900 customers as well as its transportation (streets & drainage), solid waste, mosquito control, and cemetery operations.

The ideal candidate will have knowledge and experience in the operational duties and responsibilities of a Utility Director. The ideal candidate will create a productive work environment, motivate staff to excel in their work, and understand the demands (and the rewards) of working in small municipal government, meaning that no task is too big or too small to be undertaken. In addition, the ideal candidate will possess lots of energy (they will need it), good communication skills, and bring a positive, "can-do" attitude to the position. The position entails oversight of many responsibilities. Our retiring Utility Director is the 2012 recipient of the American Public Power Association's Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award, which recognizes managers who perform a variety of duties in communities of 2,500 or fewer electric meters that demonstrate accomplishments in seven areas; planning and design, administration, public relations, field supervision, accounting, human resources, and community leadership.

The successful candidate will join a team of coworkers that are unparalleled in their commitment to providing superior service for our residents. The dynamic leadership team is well-qualified in all areas and look forward to supporting our next Utility & Public Works Director as they transition into the role.

Our community is a fast growing, full-service community of over 5,000 residents situated in North-Central Florida, near Gainesville and the University of Florida. Residents enjoy the great atmosphere, warm friendly people, and sense of community that you only find in a small town while remaining close to the recreational, cultural, and college town activities offered minutes away in nearby Gainesville.

Newberry's economy is keeping pace with its growth. While experiencing a modest increase in manufacturing in recent years, the community remains close to its agriculturally based roots. Newberry's Annual Watermelon Festival is the longest continuously operated festival of its kind in the world.

Newberry offers highly rated schools and world class recreational facilities such as the Easton Newberry Sports Complex (designated as a Community Olympic Development Program), Champions Park of Newberry, Gatorback Cycle Park, and Canterbury Equestrian Center. Those that love the water appreciate that Newberry is close to the Santa Fe and Suwannee Rivers which feature an abundance of natural springs. In fact, North Central Florida features a higher concentration of springs than anywhere else in the world. The Gulf of Mexico is a short 45 miles to the west and the Atlantic Ocean is 80 miles to the east. Major metropolitan areas Jacksonville, Orlando, and Tampa are all within a 2 hour drive of Newberry.