

City of Anderson
Regular Meeting
February 24, 2014

The regular meeting of City Council was held this date in City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Council Members Roberts, Kirven, Thompson, Chapman, Laughridge, and Harbin. Also in attendance were City Manager, John Moore; Finance Director, Peggy Maxwell; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; and Fire Chief, Dale Horne. The invocation was given by Councilman Buck Roberts with respects to the flag by Mayor Pro Tem Tony Stewart.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS
12 & Under Girls Basketball – Palmetto State Champions
Coach Terry Turman

Mayor Terence Roberts welcomed the 12 & Under Girls Basketball team. They are the Palmetto State Champions. Each player introduced themselves and said what school they attended.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
Firefighter John Slattery

Fire Chief, Dale Horne said Firefighter John Slattery graduated from Liberty High School. He is a veteran of the US Army and received commendation medals for deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He also attended Tri-County Technical College. He has previous firefighting experience with the Liberty Fire Department. He is IFSAC accredited in Firefighter I and nationally certified as an Emergency Medical Technician. He has successfully completed his probationary period and is qualified to be sworn in as an Anderson City Firefighter.

Chief Horne swore-in Firefighter John Slattery.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2014 meeting as presented.

REQUEST SECOND AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 14-03 TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 2.2 ACRES LOCATED AT 304 AND 308 KINGSLEY ROAD FROM R-15, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO RM-18, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

City Manager, John Moore said the applicant, Anderson University, proposes to rezone the parcels of land in their ownership to RM-18, Multi-Family Residential. This will bring an existing duplex into zoning compliance and will also allow Anderson University to utilize another dwelling for office space dedicated to their Crossroads summer camp program. Also included in this rezoning is some vacant land behind the buildings, but there are no plans for that property at this time. The RM-18 zoning classification allows for colleges and universities, so any use associated with their day-to-day operations will be permitted. RM-18 is the predominant zoning of the main campus, located across Kingsley Road.

The Council approved this request on first reading at their February 10th meeting.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stewart carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 14-03 to rezone approximately 2.2 acres located at 304 and 308 Kingsley Road from R-15, Single-Family Residential to RM-18, Multi-Family Residential on the Second Reading.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 14-03 on Third Reading as stated above.

REQUEST SECOND AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 14-04 TO REZONE 710 EAST GREENVILLE STREET FROM LO, LIMITED OFFICE TO NC, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL

Councilman Roberts recommended referral of proposed Ordinance 14-04 to rezone 710 East Greenville Street from LO, Limited Office to NC, Neighborhood Commercial back to the Planning Commission. This will give the community a chance to hear details about this rezoning from the Planning Commission.

A motion by Councilman Roberts seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (8-0) to refer proposed Ordinance 14-04 to rezone 710 East Greenville Street from LO, Limited Office to NC, Neighborhood Commercial back to the Planning Commission for further consideration.

REQUEST SECOND AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 14-05 AMENDING ANDERSON CITY CODE SECTION 18-10 (4) AS IT RELATES TO THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS INSIDE THE CITY

Mr. Moore said in December 2012, the City Council amended the Anderson City Code, Ordinance 12-11, to add guidelines allowing citizens to keep up to four hens under certain restrictions and limitations. Included in those guidelines was a provision that subsection (h) of this ordinance will terminate after one year and be reconsidered by the Council.

(h) This subsection will terminate one year from the date of adoption and will be reconsidered by the Council at that time.

During the initial year of allowing egg-laying hens inside the City, there have been no issues resulting from the new guidelines. Four applications were approved by the staff, and each property and coop was periodically monitored throughout the year to ensure compliance. No neighboring property owners or other citizens have registered any complaints or concerns during the initial year.

Advocates for keeping hens on residential properties believe that keeping the regulations will give citizens an additional option for providing a local sustainable food source for themselves and their families.

This was approved on first reading at the February 10th Council meeting.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 14-05 amending Anderson City Code Section 18-10 (4) as it relates to the keeping of chickens inside the City on Second Reading.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 14-05 on Third Reading as stated above.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE INNOVATE ANDERSON BOARD

Mr. Moore said the Innovate Anderson is a public-private organization of which the City is a member. Our financial contribution to the organization entitles the City to seven representatives on the Board of Directors. The City's representatives to the Board currently are:

Terence Roberts, Bea Thompson, and Steve Kirven (all representing City Council)
Doug McDougald, Jr. and Charlie Thornton, Jr. (representing City from the private sector)
John Moore and Linda McConnell (representing the City from the staff)

Appointments/reappointments to the Board are requested annually to coincide with Innovate Anderson's business year. Thus, at this time, they are requesting appointments and/or reappointments of the City's representatives on the Board. Each of these representatives has agreed to continue to serve.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (8-0) to approve reappointment of Terence Roberts, Bea Thompson, and Steve Kirven (all representing City Council), Doug McDougald, Jr. and Charlie Thornton, Jr. (representing City from the private sector) and John Moore and Linda McConnell (representing the City from the staff) for another term.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

UPCOMING EVENTS

The City Manager reminded Council of the following upcoming events and all meetings in March 2014.

March 12th – Public Safety Committee

March 13th – Anderson County Municipal Association Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

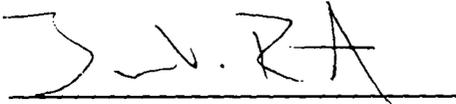
A motion by Councilman Roberts seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (8-0) to move into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded by Councilman Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to move out of Executive Session.

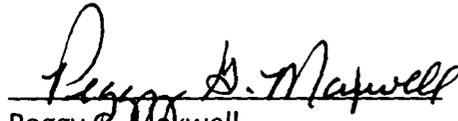
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Peggy G. Maxwell
City Clerk Treasurer