City of Anderson
Regular Meeting
January 13, 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; Assistant City Manager, Linda McConnell; Finance Director, Peggy Maxwell; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; Assistant Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher; and Transit Manager, Keith Scott. The invocation was given by Councilman Don Chapman with respects to the flag by Councilman Buck Roberts.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Fire Department Life Saving Award
Firefighter Curtis Raxter
Engineer Ryan Herring
Lieutenant Paul McGaha
Chief Dale Horne

Assistant Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher said on October 17, 2013 Anderson Fire Department Station 1 received a call for an unconscious person at 204 J Street. Engine 1 and Car 1 responded. While enroute Central dispatch advised that CPR was in progress. Upon arrival firefighters found a 64 year old female patient in a recliner with a family member attempting CPR. Firefighters checked for a pulse and did not find one. The patient was removed from the recliner, CPR was continued and the AED was set up. Firefighter Curtis Raxter, Engineer Ryan Herring, Lieutenant Paul McGaha and Chief Dale Horne, continued rotating out performing chest compressions and ventilations. When the patient was placed in the ambulance she had a heart rate of 68 and CPR was discontinued.

The patient surviving was directly related to the actions of Firefighter Raxter, Engineer Herring, Lieutenant McGaha and Chief Horne.

Chief Dale Horne and Engineer Ryan Herring were pinned and received the Life Saving Award. Firefighter Curtis Raxter and Lieutenant Paul McGaha also received a certificate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Roberts seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2013 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF AN APPOINTMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION

City Manager, John Moore said the Municipal Election Commission is composed of three people who serve six-year terms. The Commission is charged with the task of conducting the municipal elections. However, in 1994, the City transferred responsibility for the actual conduct of the elections to the Anderson County Registration and Elections Commission. This was done in an effort to provide for the uniformity in the conduct of municipal elections statewide. Thus, the Municipal Election Commission now serves more in an oversight capacity by certifying ballots, election results, etc. The current three member Commission is composed of David Ford, Clara Humphrey, and Thomas Kozel. Ms. Humphrey's term extends through December 31, 2015, Mr. Ford's term extends through December 31, 2017, and Dr. Kozel's term expired December 31, 2013.

Dr. Kozel appreciates the opportunity of serving on the Municipal Election Commission for several years but has requested to step down from his position upon completion of his term. Several Council Members have recommended Mr. Art Kaldas to fill this position on the Municipal Election Commission through December 31, 2019. Mr. Kaldas has expressed interest in serving on the Municipal Election Commission.

Time commitment is minimal due to the election process occurring every two years. However, the Municipal Election Commission members are required to attend local training as well as state wide training thus some travel is required. Appointment to this position vacated by Dr. Kozel is needed in preparation for the April 8, 2012 election.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded by Councilman Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to appoint Mr. Art Kaldas to the Municipal Election Commission with term expiring December 31, 2019.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE 3 VEHICLES FOR THE RECREATION DIVISION

Mr. Moore said a capital needs list was presented and reviewed by the Recreation and Downtown committees in November. The staff identified three vehicles used by the park maintenance and beautification departments that need to be replaced. Two of the trucks would be assigned to the park maintenance staff and would replace a 1995 Ford F250, which has over 118,000 miles and a blown engine, and a 1994 Ford F150 with over 120,000 miles, that is leaking transmission fluid and engine oil. The garage has determined it is in the best interest to replace these instead of repairing due to the age, mileage and overall condition of the vehicles.

The third truck would be assigned to the beautification department and would replace a 1998 Windstar Van, which has 122,000 miles. This department has been using the van to haul equipment and landscape supplies primarily in the downtown district. The staff recommends having a vehicle more conducive to the type of work needing to be performed.

Susan Wilson, Fleet Manager, requested bids for a full-size ½ ton pick-up, two-wheel drive, V-6 engine, automatic transmission, eight foot bed and positive traction differential. The vehicles will have manual locks, windows and no cruise control. Requests were sent to Anderson Ford, Clinkscales Chevrolet, Piedmont Dodge, Richard Kay Superstore, Ralph Hayes Toyota and Vic Bailey Ford. Four dealers responded with the following bids, which include sales tax:

Clinkscales Chevrolet, Belton, SC.....$23,100.00 each
Richard Kay Superstore, Anderson, SC.....$23,356.95 each
Ralph Hayes Toyota, Anderson, SC .....$24,538.00 each
Vic Baily Ford, Spartanburg, SC .....$16,585.00 each (state bid)

The trucks will be detailed with the City logo ($50 each) and one truck will have a toolbox installed ($350). Staff recommends a spray-in bed liner from Line-X at dealer cost of $410 each.

The upgrade will provide the departments the ability to maintain the 15 city parks, the expansion of the Rec Center Complex, the Linley Park enhancement and the addition of Carolina Wren Park in a timely fashion.

The Hospitality fund will fund the purchase of the 3 vehicles.

The staff recommends the purchase of 3 Ford F150 trucks from Vic Bailey Ford in the amount of $49,755 and allocate $1,730 for logos, toolbox and bed liners.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (8-0) to approve purchase of 3 Ford F150 trucks from Vic Bailey Ford, the state bid, in the amount of $49,755 and allocate $1,730 for logos, toolbox and bed liners.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 14-01 TO ADOPT THE WESTERN PIEDMONT REGIONAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN (FEMA- DISASTER RELATED)

Mr. Moore said to be eligible for federal hazard mitigation funding, the City of Anderson must adopt the Anderson County Hazard Mitigation Plan through a signed Resolution in a public meeting. By Resolution Number R2012-022 dated May 15, 2012, Anderson County approved the Western Piedmont Regional Emergency Management Task Force Natural Hazards

Mitigation Plan. The Plan provides for mitigation strategies for natural hazards including, but not limited to the following: tornadoes/high winds, winter storms, hurricanes, hailstorms/thunderstorms, drought/heat wave, earthquakes, wildfires and floods. Members of City staff were involved in drafting the plan.

Undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save tax payer dollars.

There will be funding by State and/or Federal grant funds where no matching funds are required from the City or funding specifically approved by subsequent actions of Anderson City Council.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Resolution 14-01 to adopt the Western Piedmont Regional Hazards Mitigation Plan (FEMA – disaster related).

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Mr. Moore asked Council to review the Quarterly Progress Report on the ongoing City projects.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

January 17th – Martin Luther King Breakfast
January 20th – City Offices closed for Martin Luther King's Birthday
January 22nd – "Dine & Delve" Meeting
January 23rd – Filing for Candidacy opens at 12 noon
January 24th – Chamber's Annual Meeting

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mr. Moore said there will be two Special Council Meetings to approve an ordinance to amend Election Ordinance 13-16 to include At-Large Seat 8 due to the resignation of Councilman Chuck Anderson.

First Reading to approve an ordinance to amend Ordinance 13-16 will be on Tuesday, January 14th at 12:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Second and Third Reading to approve an ordinance to amend Ordinance 13-16 will be on Wednesday, January 22nd at 11:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

By approving the ordinance on January 22nd, the At-Large Seat 8 will be added in time for the filing for candidacy on January 23rd.

TRANSIT SHELTER

Mayor Pro Tem Stewart asked for an update on the Transit Shelters. Transit Manger, Keith Scott said that the City has 10 shelters waiting to be assembled. City Staff is needed to assemble the shelters along with the appropriate amount of space for assembly. Due to the lack of space in the garage, they have been unable to assemble the shelters.

Mayor Pro Tem Stewart was concerned with the amount of time it was taking to get the shelters in place. He recommended hiring someone to assemble the shelter if needed. Mr. Moore said he will find out a definite time frame on the assembly by City Staff and will approach hiring someone for additional help in assembly of the shelters if needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Councilman Roberts seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (8-0) to move into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter – Anderson County/Transit, Economic Development Project and also to discuss legal advice – pending litigations.

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 Roberts seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (8-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:

Terence V. Roberts
Mayor

Peggy G. Maxwell
City Clerk Treasurer