

City of Anderson
Regular Meeting
January 27, 2014

The regular meeting of City Council was held this date in City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Council Members Roberts, Kirven, Thompson, Chapman, Laughridge, and Harbin. Mayor Roberts was not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, John Moore; Assistant City Manager, Linda McConnell; Finance Director, Peggy Maxwell; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; Fire Chief, Dale Horne; and Police Chief, Jim Stewart. Mayor Pro Tem Tony Stewart asked for a moment of silence in recognition of the death of Beryl Beville (Bobby Beville's mother) and William Roberts (Mayor Roberts' father). The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Tony Stewart with respects to the flag by Councilman Steve Kirven.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
Firefighter Jacob Donoff

Fire Chief, Dale Horne said Firefighter Jacob Donoff relocated to Anderson from Aliso Viejo California to pursue his firefighting career. Jake graduated from Aliso Niguel High School. He received his Fire Technology certification from Santa Ana Community College and attended Cal State Fullerton. He is IFSAC accredited in Firefighter I and II and a certified Emergency Medical Technician. He has successfully completed his probationary period and is qualified to be sworn in as an Anderson City Firefighter.

Firefighter, Jacob Donoff was sworn-in by Chief Horne and his badge was pinned on by Battalion Chief, Michael Guest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Roberts seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of January 13, 2014, January 14, 2014 and January 22, 2014 meetings as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION A PETITION 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 pertaining 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 usage by 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.

Rezoning would bring the duplex into zoning compliance and make the subject property's zoning consistent with the university's property across the street.

The Planning Commission will consider this request at their February 4th meeting.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to refer to the Planning Commission a petition 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.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE THIRTEEN 800 MHZ HAND HELD RADIOS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Moore said the City of Anderson Police Department has received \$43,000 in federal funding for the acquisition of law enforcement equipment including thirteen 800 MHZ hand held radios. The grant program does require a 10% match. Additional items in the awarded grant program include eight body armor vests (purchased) and eight service weapons (to be purchased soon).

Police Chief, Jim Stewart said the new radios will enable the officers to successfully communicate with the Anderson County 911 Center and other officers at all times. This purchase will enable the department to provide officers with an essential piece of law enforcement equipment.

The total cost of the radios purchased on state contract from Motorola is \$33,504. The grant program will provide 90% of the funds to purchase the radios. The program requires a 10% match in the amount of \$3,350. The matching funds will be paid from the police department's operating budget.

The City of Anderson Police Department is requesting that the Council authorize the purchase of thirteen 800 MHZ radios.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (7-0) to approve purchase of thirteen 800 MHZ hand held radios from Motorola for \$33,504 for the Police Department. A grant will fund 90% of the purchase and the Police Department will pay the remaining 10% in the amount of \$3,350.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REPLACEMENT TWO-WAY RADIO REPEATERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Mr. Moore said on July 2, 2013, the Public Works Division was notified by Alltel Wireless that the city's two-way radio repeaters for Public Works and Transit, at the Anderson University tower site, appeared to be causing interference with Alltel's communications equipment. Federal rules prohibit the continuation of any radio transmissions that are determined to cause interference with other FCC licensed parties. The interference was eliminated upon Anderson County Emergency Services installation of temporary repeaters. Radio technicians determined that the city's repeaters were causing the interference, and after diagnosis of the repeaters it was determined that they were non-repairable. Anderson County Emergency Services loaned the city temporary use of their state-deployable repeaters. The Public Works Division requested quotes for the replacement of two-way radio repeaters, and the following quotes were received:

Communication Service Center, Greenville, SC.....\$13,705.80 (state contract)
Two Way Radio of Carolina, Inc., Charlotte, NC.....\$13,670.60
Broadway Technologies, Inc, Pelzer, SC.....\$13,109.67

The Cemetery, Engineering, Fleet Services, Public Works Administration, Sanitation, Signal & Sign, Streets, Stormwater and Transit Departments currently uses 92 mobile and portable two-way radios as a primary means of communications. Other municipalities were surveyed on their primary use of communication; of the 17 cities contacted, all use two-way radios as the most cost-effective solution for communicating with crews. Two-way radio systems are also the most reliable form of communication during emergency situations and severe weather. The purchase of these repeaters will provide the Public Works Division and Transit with a platform to move forward with current and future communication needs.

Funding for replacement two-way radio repeaters would come from general fund non-departmental funds, with a \$6,554.84 reimbursement from a Transit grant in 2014.

The Public Works Division received the state contract bid along with separate quotes for replacement two-way radio repeaters, and recommends awarding the low bid of \$13,109.67 to Broadway Technologies, Inc. located in Pelzer, SC.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (7-0) to approve purchase of two-way radio repeaters for Public Works and Transit in the amount of \$13,109.67 from Broadway Technologies, Inc. with a \$6,554.84 reimbursement from a Transit grant in 2014.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Mr. Moore said City Council approved the Judicial Appointment process on December 13, 2010. This process was used for the RFQ seeking to address the Assistant Municipal Judge's term which expired June 30, 2013. RFQs received for the new term beginning July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 were: Hugh W. Welborn and Lewey C. Hammett, Jr. Both candidates meet the requirements and are qualified to serve in this capacity.

The Public Safety Committee has recommended forwarding the candidates for the Council's consideration of the appointment of the Assistant Municipal Judge for the term expiring June 30, 2015.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (7-0) to appoint Hugh Welborn as Assistant Municipal Judge for the term expiring June 30, 2015.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- February 5th – MASC Winter Meeting
- February 12th – Public Safety Committee
- February 13th – City of Anderson hosts – Anderson County Municipal Association Meeting
- February 21st – Council Retreat

EXECUTIVE SESSION

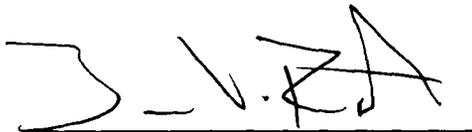
A motion by Councilman Roberts seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to move into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development – Electric Investments, LLC and M & F Enterprises, Inc. Also to discuss a contractual matter – Hwy 28 Bypass Pressure Improvements Project.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Councilman Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to move out of Executive Session.

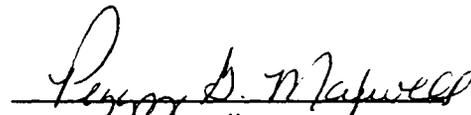
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Peggy G. Maxwell
City Clerk Treasurer