

City of Anderson
Regular Meeting
July 14, 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 Buck Roberts, Laughridge, Chapman, Thompson, Kirven, Harbin and John Roberts. Also in attendance were City Manager, John Moore; Assistant City Manager, Linda McConnell; and Finance Director, Peggy Maxwell. The invocation was given by Councilman Don Chapman with respects to the flag Councilman Buck Roberts.

SWEARING-IN OF MAYOR

Mayor Terence V. Roberts was sworn-in by Presiding, City Judge Kenneth M. Mattison. Jay Roberts, son of Mayor Roberts, held the bible.

SWEARING-IN OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Steve Kirven recognized his family.

Presiding, City Judge Kenneth M. Mattison swore-in Steve C. Kirven – Seat 1. Councilman Kirven’s wife Sandra, son Coleman and granddaughters Porter, Camille and Cole were present.

Presiding, City Judge Kenneth M. Mattison swore-in A.B. “Buck” Roberts – Seat 3. Councilman Buck Roberts’ wife Carol was present.

Council Member Beatrice Thompson recognized her family.

Presiding, City Judge Kenneth M. Mattison swore-in Beatrice R. Thompson – Seat 5. Council Member Thompson’s sons Harry and Darrel were present.

Councilman Matt Harbin recognized his family.

Presiding, Rame L. Campbell, Esq. swore-in Matthew C. Harbin – At Large Seat 7. Councilman Harbin’s parents, wife Summer, daughter Paige and son Campbell were present.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

The Anderson City Code specifies that the mayor pro tem shall be elected from the council membership and shall serve a term of one year. The mayor pro tem serves in the absence of the Mayor and as a representative of the City and Council at events, functions, speaking engagements and other such duties and responsibilities otherwise attached to the office of Mayor.

As per Sec. 2-220. Mayor pro tempore.

- (a) Prior to July 1st of each year, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, the council shall elect from its membership a mayor pro tempore for a term of one year to run from July 1st to June 30th or until his or her successor is officially named and designated. The council shall elect the member who has served the longest period of time as council person and is willing to serve as mayor pro tempore. The person elected shall not serve consecutive terms. The person elected shall have a minimum of two years service on council. The person elected shall be succeeded by the person next in length of service who is willing to serve as mayor pro tempore. Should two members of council have equal service, the member with the earliest birth date shall serve first. The council shall have an election each year to name the next eligible member in the rotation. Should circumstances prevent the eligible member from serving, the member may maintain his position of seniority in the rotation for subsequent elections.

Based upon Sec. 2-220, the next Council member in rotation is Richard Laughridge, who is willing to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (8-0), Councilman Laughridge abstained from the vote, to elect Councilman Richard Laughridge to serve one year as Mayor Pro Tem.

City Manager, John Moore announced that Mayor Roberts was elected as the President of Municipal Association of South Carolina for fiscal year 2014-2015 at the 74th Annual Meeting in Charleston, SC. The term for president is one year and will expire July 2015.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2014 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 14-12 TO REZONE 431 WILLIAMSTON ROAD AND
718 NORTH GOSSETT STREET FROM LI, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO RM-10, MULTI-FAMILY
RESIDENTIAL

City Manager, John Moore said 431 Williamston Road, formerly the Anderson County Fairgrounds, is now the site of the Anderson University Athletic Complex. Although the university has been transitioning some of their activities to the 44 acre site, they are now planning major improvements to meet their athletic and academic needs. Their master plan, which may take up to 10 years to complete, indicates the next step will be the relocation of their tennis courts and softball field from the main campus to this site. This will allow Anderson University to utilize the land on their main campus for other university-related facilities. Ultimately, a baseball field, athletic offices, training facilities and other athletic uses will be on the athletic complex site.

718 North Gossett Street is a vacant 5.86 acre parcel. At the present time, Anderson University has not submitted plans for developing that lot.

The existing LI, Light Industrial zoning for both parcels does not allow for university-related uses, so rezoning these properties to RM-10 will be consistent with other parcels that Anderson University owns. It is also a "downzoning", which eliminates a more intensive zoning classification in this neighborhood.

Bringing the properties into zoning conformance will allow Anderson University to meet their needs for expansion.

The Planning Commission considered this request at their July 8th meeting and unanimously recommended approval.

A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (9-0) to approve Ordinance 14-12 to rezone 431 Williamston Road and 718 North Gossett Street from LI, Light Industrial to RM-10, Multi-Family Residential on First Reading.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Mr. Moore asked the Council to review the Quarterly Progress Report.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The City Manager, John Moore reminded Council of the following upcoming events and all meetings in July 2014.

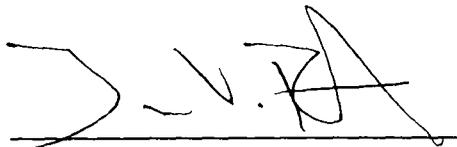
July 17th – Challenge Grant Award – Press Conference – West Whitner St. Parking Garage

Mr. Moore commented on the Anderson Independent article on the water problems the City of Anderson is facing. There are still some issues with the odor and taste of water in some areas of the City. Our crews are currently working on flushing all the main and secondary lines.

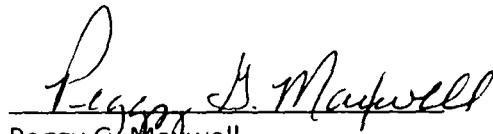
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge carried unanimously (9-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Peggy G. Maxwell
City Clerk Treasurer