

City of Anderson  
Regular Meeting  
May 12, 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, Harbin and John Roberts. Councilman Kirven was not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, John Moore; Assistant City Manager, Linda McConnell; Finance Director, Peggy Maxwell; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; and Fire Chief, Dale Horne. The invocation was given by Council Member Beatrice Thompson with respects to the flag Councilman Rick Laughridge.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS  
Fire Department Life Savings Award  
Engineer Ryan Herring  
Firefighter Curtis Raxter

Fire Chief, Dale Horne said Fire Station 1 received a cardiac arrest call on Salem Street and patient was on the floor. Engineer Ryan Herring performed ventilations and Firefighter Curtis Raxter performed compressions. After three rounds of CPR on the patient, he regained a pulse and had a heart rate of 42 when loaded in the ambulance. This survival was directly related to the actions of Engineer Herring and Firefighter Raxter.

Chief Horne presented Firefighter Curtis Raxter with a "Life Saving" certificate and pin. Engineer Ryan Herring was not present, Captain Loudermilk received the award on his behalf.

Community Housing Resource Board  
Fair Housing Poster Contest Winner

Chairman of the Community Housing Resource Board, Michael Cunningham recognized the Fair Housing Poster Contest Winners. 5<sup>th</sup> place winner, Tiffany Galloway was present and Mayor Roberts presented her with an award.

PROCLAMATION  
Stroke Awareness Month

# *Proclamation*

## Stroke Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States, the third leading cause of death in South Carolina and a major cause of adult disability such as paralysis, speech impairment and emotional/psychological problems; and

WHEREAS, Stroke strikes over 795,000 Americans each year and costs this country more than \$73 billion annually in medical treatment and lost productivity, not to mention the suffering it brings to the victims and families; and

WHEREAS, Stroke caused 2,331 deaths in South Carolina in 2012 with a total of 14,827 victims treated for stroke with hospitalization costs of \$638 million. In Anderson, 690 victims were hospitalized and 156 victims were seen in the Emergency Department, with a combined cost of \$31 million; and

WHEREAS, Stroke can often be avoided by controlling its risk factors and paying attention to stroke warning signals, which can prevent serious damage to a victim's health and potentially save a life; and

WHEREAS, Stroke can be minimized through personal effort and public awareness on a national and local level; and

WHEREAS, The Heart and Stroke Safe Community Initiative in Anderson is working to help educate our citizens about stroke prevention and the ways to identify signs of stroke; and to encourage citizen awareness of stroke.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Anderson City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2014 as

## Stroke Awareness Month

throughout the City of Anderson and encourage all of our citizens to recognize the importance of early identification of symptoms and early treatment of stroke.

Proclaimed this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014

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Terence V. Roberts, Mayor

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2014 meeting as presented.

### REQUEST SECOND AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 14-07 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 127 EAST WHITNER STREET TO NAI EARL FURMAN

City Manager, John Moore said in pursuant to the Procurement Code of the City of Anderson, the City publically advertised for requests for proposals to purchase the lot and building located at 127 E. Whitner Street. Based upon the proposals received, the City negotiated with NAI Earle Furman and the parties reached an agreement for the sale of the property for the sum of \$175,000. The contract also provides that the City of Anderson will retain a first right of refusal for a period of 20 years.

This ordinance will benefit the City of Anderson because the property will be returned to the tax books. In addition, the funds received for the purchase of the property may be utilized to enhance economic development in the City.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 14-07 authorizing the sale of 127 East Whitner Street to NAI Furman for the sum of \$175,000 on the Second Reading.

A motion by Councilman Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded by Councilman Chapman carried (8-0) to approve Ordinance 14-07 on Third Reading as stated above.

### REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A CONTRACT WITH MUSCO LIGHTING FOR LIGHTING SYSTEM AT THE FORMER MCCANTS FOOTBALL FIELD

Mr. Moore said the Recreation Department requests approval to enter into a contract with Musco Lighting to provide a lighting system including installation and demolition, for the McCants Football Facility Field.

The McCants lighting upgrade was identified at the joint meeting of the Recreation and Downtown committees in October, 2013. The City Manager shared a hospitality cash flow spreadsheet with Council in November showing the list of projects and the projected timetable.

In 2009 the City signed a 50 year lease agreement with Anderson County for the use of the athletic fields at the McCants site and this lease will expire in 2059. Anderson County has given approval for the lighting upgrade.

Musco has focused almost exclusively on sports lighting since 1976. In 2005, Musco introduced the Light Structure Green™ system. The system uses 40% less electricity, provides a constant light where the system adjusts its output as it operates, and a 25 year warranty that includes parts, labor, lamps and a complete group relamping. The system has the Musco Control Link® which allows Musco to monitor how the system is operating. If a problem is detected Musco is automatically notified and contacts the customer the next business day. Musco guarantees a constant light level of 30 for 25 years, per IESNA RP-06-01. Burdette Engineering. (Greenville, SC) has provided the electrical design for the site and lighting needs. The demolition phase includes removing and disposing of all wooden poles, overhead wiring, lamp fixtures and transformers.

This system would provide the City with the best lighting system on the market and is currently used on the Phase II ballfields at the Recreation Complex. The warranty eliminates 100% of any maintenance costs for 25 years, including labor and materials. The Control Link® provides the staff the ability to remotely control the operation of the system with a single phone call. The quote also includes 1 group re-lamping at the end of the lamps rated life of 5000 hours. (5000 hours = 16 seasons/years of use) The system will also include security lighting behind the home side, also guaranteed for 25 years. The light poles will also include brackets for mounting security cameras.

This project will be funded by the Hospitality Fund.

The staff recommends entering into a contract with Musco Lighting to provide the Light Structure Green™ system in the amount of \$158,500.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve a contract with Musco Lighting for the lighting system at the former McCants Football Field in the amount of \$158,500.

#### REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A CONTRACT FOR WEST CHURCH STREET STREETScape

Mr. Moore said the West Church Street Streetscape project consists of the demolition of existing sidewalks, removal of existing light poles, milling and paving of road surface, modifications and additions to storm drain system, landscape and irrigation system installation, decorative sidewalk installation, installation of new asphalt surface or roadway, pavement striping, water and sewer utility repairs/relocates, installation of new electrical system,

installation of new decorative lights project management traffic control, etc. The roadway runs from Main Street to South Murray Avenue and is approximately 40-feet wide by 390-feet long.

The redesign of the streetscape includes reconfiguration of the street to include several landscape islands, a van accessible handicap parking space, building exterior stairwell, decorative handicap compliant sidewalks, decorative lighting, etc. The overall number of parking spaces, loading zones, etc. remains unchanged at 16 total parking spaces.

The original design and project specifications included building the private exterior stairwell to achieve economies of scale and project coordination. This project was originally bid on Friday, January 10, 2014. Pickens Construction, Inc. was the sole bidder (even though a number of potential bidders attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting). Their bid was \$729,000. This bid was not accepted and instead, the City chose to modify the project scope based upon input from interested contractors. The significant revisions included omitting the construction of exterior building stairwell (will be handled separately by property owner), extension of construction schedule to 120 days, reduction in liquidated damages, addition of bonus for early completion, allowance for temporary closure of the street, revisions to landscaping, removal of utility modifications and other items from the contract, etc.

The project was advertised, bids received on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, with three bidders:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Moats Construction, Inc.	\$376,395.23
Pickens Construction, Inc.	\$414,444.00
Earth Materials, Inc.	\$418,185.29

Average Bid: \$403,008.17

The award of this project will allow us to proceed with the construction of the West Church Street Streetscape project. When the project is completed, it will aesthetically resemble the general look and design of other side streets such as Sharpe, Federal, West Benson, West Earle, and West and East Whitner Streets as previously completed streetscape projects. This project is in the Capital Improvement Plan and also among the projects on the approved list of Hospitality projects for 2013-14.

This project will be funded by a combination of resources including the Anderson County Transportation Committee (ACTC), Piedmont Natural Gas Utility Tax Credit Grant, Tax Increment Finance district funds, etc.

The City Engineer along with Administration reviewed the bids for compliance with the bid requirements and discussed the bid with the low bidder (Moats Construction) and negotiated a

lower bid price of \$361,092.73. The staff recommends awarding the West Church Street Streetscape & Infrastructure Project to Moats Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$361,092.73.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (8-0) to approve a contract with Moats Construction for the West Church Street Streetscape in the amount of \$361,092.73.

#### REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PROCEED WITH CANTERBURY ROAD STORMWATER PROJECT

Mr. Moore said in the mid 1990's the City of Anderson Street Department installed approximately 350 L.F. of 24" CMP along with several catch basins on the south side of Canterbury Road. The storm drain catch basins were installed from near the intersection of Moorhead Road and Canterbury Road to a point approximately 350 L.F. east. At this point a new 18" RCP was installed across Canterbury along with a shallow rock lined ditch/swale from the edge of Canterbury to the existing creek along the back property line of Mr. Perry and Mrs. Shore's property. Over the years Canterbury Road has overtopped and washed across Mr. Perry's property. During the analysis of the existing conditions, it was noted that approximately 30 acres of upstream property are diverted to drain through the single 18" RCP under Canterbury Road. The trees in the ditch were being undermined by erosion and the back bank slope at Mr. Perry's fence is showing some signs of failure due to erosion. To accommodate safety concerns from Mrs. Shore, we had a tree contractor remove five (5) large oak trees that were leaning from the ditch toward her home. This was completed in early February just prior to the snow storm event. A topographic survey of the property was performed by F&S, Inc. in November, 2013. Since that time we have performed preliminary hydrological and hydraulic analysis of the existing pipe system. In addition we have analyzed various design options available to remedy the problem along with their potential construction costs of each. The preliminary construction cost budget for this project is \$73,000. The recommended repair includes installation of 6 catch basins, 235 L.F. of 36" HDPE and 106 L.F. of 24" HDPE.

At this time we request permission to proceed with finalizing the design and preparation of our specifications and bid documents, etc. as our work schedule allows. Our goal would be to have the project design finalized and advertised for bids between 60 to 90 days. Assuming the bids are satisfactory, we would then bring this issue before council again for approval of the contract. The estimated construction time is 3 to 4 weeks from award of the project.

Approval of this request would allow us to move forward with final design and preparation of the bid documents, including final design drawings, specifications and bid documents and eliminate a poor drainage area.

This project will be funded by the Stormwater Fund.

The Public Works Division through the Engineering and Stormwater Departments recommends completing the design, preparation of bid documents and proceeding with bidding of the project. After the project is bid we will bring back to council our review and recommendation.

A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stewart carried unanimously (8-0) to approve proceeding with final design and preparation of the bid documents for the Canterbury Road Stormwater Project.

## ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

### ANDERSON COUNTY/TRANSIT

Mr. Moore said that the City of Anderson have 3 routes that cover city wide. Four years ago Anderson County asked for an Intergovernmental Agreement to add a 4<sup>th</sup> route to the Homeland Park area. No City funds operate this 4<sup>th</sup> route. Anderson County is responsible for 50% of the operating cost of the Homeland Park route and the City of Anderson is responsible for the additional 50%. The City's 50% is strictly funded by federal and state grants.

Anderson County is now asking for an identical Intergovernmental Agreement to add a 5<sup>th</sup> route from Walmart on Liberty Highway to Tri County Tech along Highway 76. Anderson County will also be responsible for buying the bus to run this route. The City will help with the purchase of the bus with any grant funds available.

Councilman Chapman asked for an update on the fire damage to one of the City buses. Mr. Moore said it was Bus 54 that was damaged and the bus was 12 years old with over 350,000 miles. Bus 54 will most likely be considered totaled. The Transit Department still have 6 buses in its fleet. The purchase of three buses was proposed in the Capital Replacement Plan for 2014.

### WASTEWATER CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. Moore said the EPA is working with many communities across the country to address sewer system overflows (SSO's) that impact the health of residents and, left unaddressed, could impair local water quality. SSO's are a significant problem in the Southeast because of inadequate and aging infrastructure according to EPA officials. The City of Anderson is no different.

The city has agreed to make major improvements to its sanitary sewer collection systems in an effort to eliminate overflows of untreated wastewater in a negotiated agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Under the consent agreement, the City of Anderson will repair, replace or rehabilitate its aging sewer system over the next 20 years. The proposed agreement will require Anderson to comprehensively assess and rehabilitate its entire sewer collection system to eliminate overflows of untreated wastewater. Specifically, Anderson will perform rehabilitation projects to address known problems within the collection system; implement programs to ensure proper management, operation and maintenance of its sewer systems; and install additional controls at the Rocky River and Generostee Creek treatment plants to better ensure compliance with water quality standards. Timelines for the program of improvements, some as short as six months, will be staged over the next three to four years.

The City estimates that program development, its implementation, and systematic rehabilitation of the system will cost up to \$1 million in the first year and \$2 million in the second year and subsequent years. In addition, the City will incur a civil penalty of \$45,000 as required by the agreement due to sewer overflows over the past 5 years. The agreement terms will likely result in an increase in monthly sewer fees for the City's 13,200 customers. A rate study is forthcoming to determine the necessary rate adjustment.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

May 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Budget Meetings

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

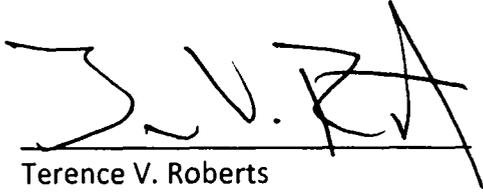
A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to move into Executive Session to discuss Legal Advice – Possible Litigation and Personnel – Municipal Court.

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

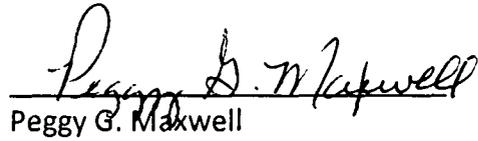
ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

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Terence V. Roberts  
Mayor

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Peggy G. Maxwell  
City Clerk Treasurer