

City of Anderson
Regular Meeting
November 10, 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 Laughridge, Council Members Kirven, Thompson, Chapman, Stewart, Harbin and John Roberts. Councilman Buck 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. The invocation was given by Councilman Matt Harbin with respects to the flag by Councilman John Roberts.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - PROMOTION
Engineer Treavor Brazeal - Sergeant

Fire Chief, Dale Horne said due to a recent retirement, the Anderson City Fire Department has a Sergeant position vacant.

Engineer, Treavor Brazeal, came to the fire department on November 26, 2007. He was promoted to Engineer on November 26, 2010 and is currently a member of the AFD Honor Guard. He is also a Lieutenant with the Honea Path Fire Department and Captain with the Craytonville Fire Department. He was the top candidate in the Sergeant promotional process which included a written test, interview and resume.

Engineer, Brazeal has completed all requirements and has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Assistant Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher pinned Engineer, Treavor Brazeal, as Sergeant

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
Firefighter Ron Gerrish

Chief Horne said Firefighter Ron Gerrish is a graduate of Putnam High School in Putnam, CT and is a firefighter with the Williford Fire Department. He previously worked for Medshore Ambulance Service as an EMT. In September, he graduated from the South Carolina Fire Academy with the Order of the Maltese – the highest award presented.

Firefighter Gerrish has successfully completed his probationary period and is qualified to be an Anderson City Firefighter.

Chief Horne swore-in Firefighter Ron Gerrish. He was also pinned by Assistant Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Public Hearing by SC Jobs-Economic Development Authority
re: Revenue Bonds for Anderson University

Councilman Matt Harbin asked to be recused due to his professional association with this Bond issue. He asked to be recused from the Special Presentation as well at item B-1 under New Business.

Associate Vice President of Facilities, Dane Slaughter from Anderson University gave a presentation about future facilities planned for Anderson University. The proceeds (\$36,000,000) from the revenue bonds will be used to fund various facilities and improvements at Anderson University.

Catherine McKinney, Attorney with Haynsworth, Sinkler and Boyd, explained that the Internal Revenue Code requires that a Public Hearing be held and that the City of Anderson approve a Resolution supporting the issue of the not exceeding \$36,000,000 SC Jobs Economic Development Authority Revenue Bonds.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2014 meeting as presented.

**REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 14-18 TO ANNEX AND ZONE TO NC,
NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL, APPROXIMATELY 7.25 ACRES GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE
NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF EAST GREENVILLE STREET AND REED ROAD**

City Manager, John Moore said pursuant to the signed Sewer Service Agreement and Restrictive Covenant signed by the property owner, the subject property is eligible for annexation since it is contiguous to the city limits. The property is being developed as a Walmart Neighborhood Market, a 40,000 square foot grocery store and a small gas station related to the grocery store. In addition, an outparcel just under an acre in size for future development is also included in the annexation area. Anderson County has approved all plans for the grocery store and gas pumps. Site work is underway and has been permitted and inspected by Anderson County.

This annexation will expand the City's boundaries, adding to the City's tax base and additional business license fees.

The Planning Commission considered this request at their November 4th meeting and unanimously recommended approval.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 14-18 to annex and zone to NC, Neighborhood Commercial, approximately 7.25 acres generally located at the northwestern corner of East Greenville Street and Reed Road on First Reading.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 14-07 IN SUPPORT OF THE ISSURANCE BY THE SC
JOBS-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE
BONDS FOR ANDERSON UNIVERSITY

Mr. Moore said the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority (the "*Issuer*") and Anderson University ("*AU*") requested that a public hearing be held before the City Council of the City of Anderson at its meeting on November 10, 2014, and that the City Council approve a resolution supporting the issuance of the not exceeding \$36,000,000 South Carolina Jobs Economic Development Authority Revenue Bonds (the "*Bonds*"), to be issued in one or more series. The Public Hearing was held.

The proceeds of the Bonds will be made available to AU to (A) reimburse AU for the costs of constructing, landscaping, furnishing, and equipping a new residence hall to accommodate enrollment growth; (B) to finance the cost of constructing, landscaping, furnishing, and equipping various athletic venues; (C) to finance the cost of constructing, landscaping, furnishing, and equipping a new student center; (D) to refinance a taxable loan used to provide funds to acquire land for an athletic campus; (E) to refinance a taxable loan used to provide funds for the School of Nursing and residence hall; and (F) to refinance the \$13,335,000 original principal amount of Educational Facilities Authority For Private Nonprofit Institutions of Higher Learning Educational Facilities Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds (Anderson College Project), Series 2004A, used to provide funds for defraying the costs of (i) the design, acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of an approximately 45,000 square foot library, and related improvements and amenities and (ii) the construction, furnishing and equipping of other improvements and facilities on AU's campus.

The Resolution and public hearing are required by Section 147(f)(2)(B)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The findings required to be set forth in the Resolution are described in Section 41-43-110 of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended.

AU is projecting that by the issuance of the Bonds, it will be able to maintain existing employment for approximately 611 people and to create additional employment for approximately three people within 12 months, with a resulting alleviation of unemployment and a substantial increase in payrolls and other public benefits incident to the conduct of such businesses not otherwise provided in the City of Anderson.

The Bonds are limited obligations of the Issuer, payable solely from the revenues derived from a Bond Purchase and Loan Agreement between AU, the Issuer and the purchaser of the Bonds, which obligations constitute an indebtedness payable solely from revenues of AU and do not include revenues from any tax or license. No funds of the City of Anderson are pledged and the City of Anderson has no responsibility under and is not a party to the bond documents.

Anderson University has requested that the City Council approve the Resolution in support of the Bonds.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried (7-0) with Councilman Matt Harbin recused to approve Resolution 14-07 in support of the issuance by the SC Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its economic development revenue bonds for Anderson University in an amount not exceeding \$36,000,000.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE TASERS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief, Jim Stewart said on October 1, 2014 the City of Anderson received a grant for \$21,080 to purchase 21 Tasers with additional items that include 21 holsters, 63 duty cartridges, 21 taser batteries, and for our instructor to receive recertification. The grant program only requires a 10% match which will be funded from the Anderson Police Department.

The tasers are to enhance officer safety by providing them to sworn officers to protect themselves while being involved in physical altercations with suspects which will in turn assist in the reduction of worker's compensation issues because the officers will engage in fewer physical altercations. This purchase will enable the department to provide officers with an essential piece of law enforcement equipment.

The total cost of the tasers purchased on state contract from Lawmen's is \$23,304. The grant program will provide 90% of the funds to purchase the tasers. The program requires a 10% match which will be funded by the police department's operating budget.

The City of Anderson Police Department is requesting that the Council authorize the purchase of 21 tasers with additional items.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the purchase of 21 tasers on state contract from Lawmen's in the amount of \$23,304. A grant will provide 90% of the funds and the City will provide the 10% match.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

SC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT – TRAFFICE ENFORCEMENT UNIT

Chief Stewart said on October 1, 2014, the Police Department received a \$199,788 grant award from the Department of Justice. The award will fund the Traffic Enforcement Unit. The grant period is from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015.

This grant provides the funds to establish extensive proactive methods to reduce the number fatal/severe traffic collisions and traffic-related injuries, as well as alcohol-related traffic collisions and fatalities.

The grant is for one year and is a 100% fully funded and requires no match. We also do not have to extend the employment of the additional position provided by the grant past the grant period. The grant award includes 2 positions with salary and benefits for Traffic Officers (\$91,523), mileage (\$20,200), law enforcement equipment (\$88,065) which includes \$48,000 for two vehicles, and other supplies such as radars, car radios, handheld radios, video cameras and laptop computers (\$40,065).

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- November 11th – City offices closed for Veterans Day
- November 12th – Finance Committee Meeting
- November 13th – Anderson County Municipal Association Meeting
- November 18th – Downtown and Recreation Committee Meeting
- November 24th – No Council Meeting
- November 27th & 28th – City offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 5th – Christmas Tree Lighting
- December 7th – Christmas Parade
- December 11th – Employee Christmas Luncheon
- December 22nd – No Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

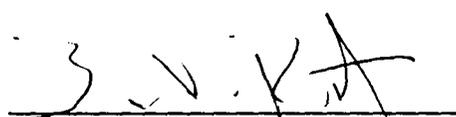
A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to move into Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Municipal Court.

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

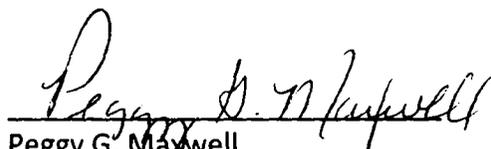
ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Peggy G. Maxwell
City Clerk Treasurer