

City of Anderson
Regular Meeting
September 8, 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 Buck Roberts, Chapman, Thompson, Harbin and John Roberts. Councilmen Kirven and Stewart were not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, John Moore, Assistant City Manager, Linda McConnell; Utilities Accountant, Margot Martin; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; Fire Chief, Dale Horne and Utilities Director, Jeff Caldwell. The invocation was given by Councilman John Roberts with respects to the flag Mayor Terence Roberts.

SWEARING-IN CEMERONY

Fire Chief, Dale Horne said Firefighter Anthony Ragsdale graduated from Belton Honea Path High School in 2007. He attended Greenville Technical College and Lander University. He has previous fire service experience with the Honea Path Fire Department.

He has completed his probationary period and is qualified to be sworn in as an Anderson City Firefighter. Chief Horne swore in and pinned Firefighter Anthony Ragsdale.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2014 meeting as presented.

REQUEST SECOND AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 14-13 TO AMEND CHAPTER 70 OF THE
ANDERSON CITY CODE REGARDING SIDEWALK ENTERTAINMENT

Assistant City Manager, Linda McConnell said Division 3 of Article IV of Chapter 70 of the Anderson City Code provides for regulations governing sidewalk entertainment. It is recommended that the ordinance be amended to more clearly define the regulations and to provide for an annual permit instead of a business license for this activity. Additional information was requested during the discussion of this ordinance and that information is provided below:

- As part of the permit process, a SLED Criminal Records check is required. The cost is \$25; applicant would be required to furnish it with the application. A criminal record that indicates a violent offense such as assault, sexual offender, drug violation would be

cause to deny the permit. Greenville and Columbia both require the criminal records check as part of the application process. Greenville uses this specific language - "The City of Greenville reserves the right to deny a permit for a conviction for an act that would represent a potential threat to public safety or security of a viewing audience."

If someone has a SLED Criminal Records check via their Greenville permit, then the City of Anderson could choose to accept that in lieu of an additional one.

- Regarding consideration for student or youth performer – the City of Greenville offers a reduced rate (\$15) for students with a valid student ID and proof of age card. Individuals under the age of 18 must provide parent/guardian permission.
- City of Greenville and City of Columbia charge an annual fee of \$50.
- Current interest from buskers/performers includes artists, musicians, juggler, and a magician.

This amendment is modeled after the City of Greenville's and Columbia's regulations. Street performers were part of the successful Art on the Town event last May. Many of our businesses continue to express the desire to see more street performers on a regular basis. Amending the ordinance will refine and clarify the structure for performers, amend definitions, and add value to our downtown infrastructure. Street performers and entertainment will provide the following benefits:

- Enhances the Downtown experience and promotes tourism;
- Strengthens our reputation in the "arts" arena (building on our Verner Award and "real home" of the Carolina Wren)
- Increases foot traffic and provide entertainment as people browse from performer to performer and the various businesses;
- Creates a mutually beneficial commercial environment for the stores, performers and the public.
- Provides entertainment at no cost to the city or businesses; the public is introduced to establishments that they might not otherwise visit. The public is presented with a variety of quality entertainment at no cost and they can feel a part of the process of supporting the arts.
- Exudes a progressive and vibrant atmosphere.

Council recommended a reduced annual fee of \$15 for students with a valid student ID and proof of age card to be added to the amendment.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Ordinance 14-13 to amend Chapter 70 of the Anderson City Code regarding sidewalk entertainment on Second Reading.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge seconded by Councilman Harbin carried (7-0) to approve Ordinance 14-13 on Third Reading as stated above.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE A SEWER INSPECTION CAMERA FOR THE
WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

City Manager, John Moore said the Sewer Department identifies routine system and preventative maintenance on a regular basis with a sewer inspection camera. This equipment is required to maintain regulatory compliance with EPA Capacity Management Operating and Maintenance Programs (CMOM). Each bid was reviewed for system capabilities such as mapping, pipeline assessment tools, generating reports, creating work orders, storing video, etc...to aid in moving to a predictive level of service.

Bids Received

Pearpoint - TEC Utilities (Greenville, SC)***	\$55,154.98
Cues - Southern Municipal Equipment (Lexington, SC)	\$66,833.00
Rovver - Public Works Equipment & Supply, Inc. (Monroe, NC)	\$76,404.80

Pearpoint software does not meet desired level of service and requires third party upgrades

This equipment will maintain our wastewater equipment at an adequate level to provide the required level of service and meet current regulatory compliance.

Utilities Director, Jeff Caldwell answered several questions from Council about the condition of the existing camera and option to resale. Mr. Caldwell said it would be very expensive to repair the existing camera and that Cues – Southern Municipal Equipment does not offer a purchase option of used cameras.

This purchase will be funded by the infrastructure replacement fund.

Based on review of the equipment and needed software capabilities, staff recommends the Cues Sewer Inspection Camera from Southern Municipal Equipment in Lexington, SC in the amount of \$66,833.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to approve purchase of Cues Sewer Inspection Camera from Southern Municipal Equipment in the amount of \$66,833.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A CONTRACT WITH ANIMAL CONTROL EXPERTS FOR PIGEON
CONTROL IN CAROLINA WREN PARK

Mrs. McConnell said since the opening of Carolina Wren Park, there has been a recurring nuisance with pigeons nesting in the rafters of Wren Pavilion. Continued activity can result in

problems including extensive clean-up costs, property damage, and health issues. There have been some attempts to cease their interest in the pavilion through cleaning and installing an ultrasonic bird repellent with a strobe light, but those efforts have been unsuccessful.

Staff has investigated pigeon control methods that are used in other cities and based on the configuration of the area of concern, it has been determined that a netting system be installed to keep pigeons from inhabiting the space. Three companies offering such services were contacted and listed below are their bids for the project:

Animal Control Experts - \$11,385

Trehel Corporation - \$16,899

Orkin Pest Control - \$28,000

The low bidder, Animal Control Experts, is the only company that offers netting with a zipper system allowing access to lighting and other functions in the rafters without having to remove the netting. The netting is black and will blend in visually with the rafters. Animal Control Experts require that two lifts are provided by the City, which will have to be rented at a cost of \$1,700. Even with the added expenditure, the total amount of the project will still be lower than the two other bidders (\$13,085). The netting has a 10 year manufacturer's warranty and Animal Control Experts provides a two year pigeon exclusion warranty for installation.

This contract will provide a legal and effective way to manage and eliminate pigeon infestation in Wren Pavilion.

The Hospitality Fee Fund will fund this contract.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to approve a contract with Animal Control Experts to install pigeon control netting in the amount of \$11,385, also to rent 2 lifts for the installation process in the amount of \$1,700. Total cost of the project will be \$13,085.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

September 9th – McCants Field Lighting

September 9th – Movie Night at Carolina Wren Park

September 11th – Anderson County Municipal Association Meeting

September 16th – Upstate Summit

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to move into Executive Session to discuss possible contract for Parking Garage (e-Merge), Innovate Anderson, and Matrix Construction Company and possible contract with Public Defenders Office.

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

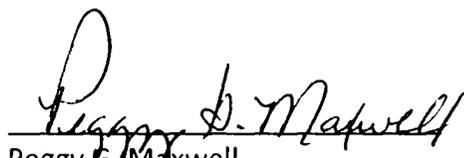
ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Peggy G. Maxwell
City Clerk Treasurer