

City of Anderson
Regular Meeting
August 10, 2015

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 Chapman, Council Members Kirven, Buck Roberts, Stewart, Laughridge, Harbin, and John Roberts. Council Member Thompson was not present. Also in attendance were 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 Mayor Pro Tem Chapman with respects to the flag by Councilman Buck Roberts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2015 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS FOR ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL JUDGES
SWEARIN –IN CEREMONY: ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL JUDGES

Josh Allen
Stacy M. Blair
Goetz B. Eaton
Robert B. King, Jr.
Richard E. Thompson, Jr.

Assistant City Manager, Linda McConnell said currently Josh Allen, Richard E. Thompson Jr., and Robert B. King Jr. have been serving as Assistant City Judges on a temporary basis. Goetz Eaton was reclassified from Ministerial Recorder to Assistant Judge in May in order to assume duties with Bond Court. Stacy Blair is serving currently as a Ministerial Recorder. All these Judges have received training and held their respective terms of court and assigned responsibilities.

City Code Sec. 58-2 specifies that municipal judges shall be appointed by the Council for a term not less than 2 years or more than 4 years.

The Public Safety Committee and the staff recommend that Mr. Stacy Blair be reclassified as an Assistant Judge with limited duties same as Mr. Eaton of issuing warrants, setting bonds, disposing of bench warrants, etc.

The Public Safety Committee and staff also recommend that Mr. Josh Allen, Mr. Richard Thompson, Mr. Robert King, Mr. Goetz Eaton, and Mr. Stacy Blair be appointed for a two year term retroactive from July 1, 2015 until June 30, 2017.

Note: The City contracts with Anderson County for the judicial services of Matt Lollis and no changes or terms are necessary for him to continue to serve.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Chapman seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to appoint Josh Allen, Stacy M. Blair, Goetz B. Eaton, Robert B. King, Jr., and Richard E. Thompson, Jr. as Assistant Municipal Judges.

Judge Kenneth Mattison swore-in Josh Allen, Stacy M. Blair, Goetz B. Eaton, Robert B. King, Jr., and Richard E. Thompson, Jr. as Assistant Municipal Judges.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF SHELTER PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION AT WATSON PARK

Mrs. McConnell said a project list was presented and reviewed by the Recreation and Downtown committees in November 2014. Staff used Arbor's Recreation Master Plan and identified two City parks, Greeley and Watson to install a picnic shelter with ADA access.

The Greeley Park site improvement project has been completed. The project included the construction of a new prefabricated metal hexagon shelter with ADA parking spaces. These improvements are part of the Recreation Master Plan.

The shelter for Greeley Park was purchased and installed through Peggs Recreation & Architectural Products. Staff is recommending the same exact shelter be purchased including installation for Watson Park. The City engineer is developing the site plans and scope of work to be bid this month. A recommendation to award the contract for site grading will be brought to council in September.

This project will upgrade and improve the overall site conditions for Watson Park and provide the community with superior structure with ADA access.

This project will be funded by the Hospitality Fund

Due to the six-week lead time for fabrication and delivery staff recommends approving the purchase with installation of a prefabricated structure from Peggs Recreation & Architectural Products in the amount of \$21,591.77.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Councilman Stewart carried unanimously (8-0) to approve purchase of shelter and installation at Watson Park from Peggs Recreation & Architectural Products in the amount of \$21,591.77.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 15-11 AMENDING SECTION 3-202(1) AND SECTION 3-207(8)(d) OF THE CITY OF ANDERSON PROCUREMENT CODE

Mrs. McConnell said the Procurement Code for the City of Anderson was adopted on April 1, 2004, in compliance with the provisions of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code. At that time, formal competitive sealed bidding was required for all purchases over Twenty Thousand Dollars. The Procurement Code provided for procedures for small purchases over Ten Thousand Dollars up to Twenty Thousand Dollars. The South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code has been amended to provide for formal sealed bidding for contracts over Fifty Thousand Dollars and procedures for small purchases between Ten Thousand Dollars and Fifty Thousand Dollars. Staff recommends that the City of Anderson Procurement Code be amended to mirror the amended provisions of the state code.

The City of Anderson will benefit because the revised amounts will enable the city to expedite procurement of small contracts and reduce the cost that is involved in formal sealed bidding.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 15-11 amending Section 3-202(1) and Section 3-207(8)(d) of the City of Anderson Procurement Code on First Reading.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

PUBLIC DEFENDER – FUNDING REQUEST

City Attorney, Frankie McClain said the Public Defender is prohibited to represent an indigent defendant in Municipal Court unless the Municipality enters into an agreement to fund the Public Defender's Office. The State is requiring all Municipalities to enter into contract with the Public Defender's Office.

Mr. McClain stated that the Public Defender intends to contract with all the municipalities in Anderson County for a total of \$50,000, the City's share is 60.79% or \$30,380. He felt this was a reasonable price to enter into contract.

Councilmen Kirven and Stewart were concerned on how the City would keep record of indigent defendants. They would like City Court to provide statistics on number of indigent cases.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Assistant City Manager, Linda McConnell reminded Council of the following upcoming events and all meetings in August 2015.

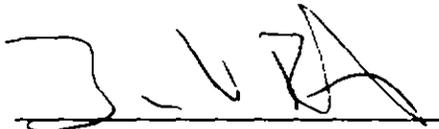
August 11th – Movie Night in Carolina Wren Park

August 13th – Anderson County Municipal Association Meeting

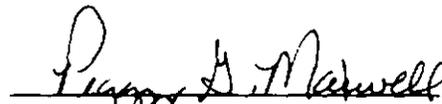
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Councilman Stewart carried unanimously (8-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Peggy G. Maxwell
City Clerk Treasurer