

City of Anderson
Regular Meeting
January 12, 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 Laughridge, Council Members Kirven, Thompson, Chapman, Harbin, Buck Roberts and John Roberts. Councilman Stewart was not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, John Moore; Finance Director, Peggy Maxwell; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; and Police Chief, Jim Stewart. The invocation was given by Councilman Don Chapman with respects to the flag by Councilman Buck Roberts.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION
Captain Stacy Blair – Police Department Retiree

Police Chief, Jim Stewart said Captain Blair began his career in 1989 at the Anderson Police Department in the Uniform Patrol Division. From there, he transferred to the Vice and Narcotics unit where he worked for several years until the inception of the first Crime Scene Unit. At that time, he advanced to the rank of Sergeant. Within this unit, Blair was part of a two man team responsible for crime scene investigations. After serving in the Crime Scene Unit, he transferred back to the narcotics unit as a supervisor. Blair graduated from the Narcotics Commanders School in 1998. In 1999, he began to serving in the Detective Division as a Detective Sergeant. After several years as a detective, Blair advanced to the rank of Lieutenant in the Uniform Patrol Division where he was the commanding officer of a patrol shift. In 2006, Blair transferred to the Detention Center in order to create a new unit which began to operate independently within the police department's organization. In 2007, Blair advanced to the rank of Captain in the Patrol Division. Captain Blair earned an Associate Degree in Public Service with a Major in Criminal Justice from Tri-County Tech in 1988 and a Bachelor's degree from Central Wesleyan College with a Major in Human Resource Management.

Mayor Roberts present Captain Blair with a plaque and gift.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2014 meeting as presented.

REQUEST SECOND AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 15-01 AMENDING THE
2014-2015 BUDGET

City Manager, John Moore said there is approval needed of Ordinance 15-01 amending the 2014-2015 Annual Budget by increasing the TIF Fund budget \$900,000, the Cemetery Fund budget \$394,487, the Recreation Fund budget \$1,799,471, the Economic Development Fund budget \$605,000 and by decreasing the General Fund budget \$2,191,294.

The City Council adopted the 2014-2015 Annual Budget by Ordinance 14-08 on June 23, 2014. During the first quarter of fiscal year 2014-2015, the Police Department received a Traffic Enforcement Grant (\$170,366) and Justice Assistance Grant (\$53,510) not previously identified in the original budget. During the budget process, council approved moving the Recreation, Cemetery, Capital Replacement and Economic Development Departments into separate funds. These new funds are also included in these amendments.

The amendments allow the budget and audit to more accurately reflect grant revenue received after the budget was adopted. The amendments also allow several departments to be moved out of the general fund into separate funds to allow better revenue/expenditure accounting for those services provided.

The Council Finance Committee reviewed these amendments at their November 12, 2014 meeting and City Council approved this ordinance on first reading at their December 8, 2014 meeting.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 15-01 amending the 2014-2015 Budget on Second Reading.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 15-01 on Third Reading as stated above.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 15-02 TO REZONE CHESWYCH SUBDIVISION,
LOCATED OFF OLD WILLIAMSTON ROAD, FROM PDD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO
RM-10, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

Mr. Moore said in 2006, the subject property was annexed into the City and a townhouse development was proposed. However, only one triplex was built, along with a portion of the road and other infrastructure installation. No development activity has taken place since the early stages of approval.

The applicant is seeking to rezone the property to RM-10, Multi-Family Residential in order to construct student housing that caters to Anderson University students. Although no official agreement has been made between the developer and the University regarding how their relationship will be structured, they are in discussions. The applicant proposes 27 new buildings on the site, consisting of approximately 88 4-bedroom apartment suites. The site will have dedicated parking and other amenities. The existing triplex will remain, but will be used for other purposes, most likely for management offices and amenities.

The PDD document that currently regulates the property will not be suitable for what the developer proposes to construct. For example, the PDD requires individual lots for each townhouse, whereas the applicant wants the entire development to be on one parcel in order to be controlled by one entity. Another example is how the applicant plans to arrange parking spaces. The standard RM-10 zoning will allow their development plan.

The City will benefit by reviving a development that has remained idle for several years and to provide additional housing opportunities for a growing student population at Anderson University.

The Planning Commission considered this request at their January 7th meeting and unanimously recommended approval to rezone the property.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 15-02 to rezone Cheswych Subdivision, located on Old Williamston Road, from PDD, Planned Development District to RM-10, Multi-Family Residential on First Reading.

REQUEST RATIFICATION FOR LIGHTING REPAIRS AT ANDERSON MEMORIAL STADIUM

Mr. Moore said there is an issue with the outfield lighting at Memorial Stadium. An inspection revealed an underground voltage cable has gone bad. The cable was installed in the 70's and very little is still in use today. Repairing the existing cable is not recommended due to the age and contractors could not guarantee a repair or splice would withstand the excavation and reburial.

Anderson University has indicated (unless some major donation is given specifically for a new baseball stadium) it will be several years (7-10) before they will leave Memorial Stadium. AU's primary focus now is to develop a softball stadium and tennis center at the athletic campus to create space for the new student center on campus. Currently there are no major financial prospects on the horizon. Thus, Anderson University's continued plan is to utilize and be a partner in Memorial Stadium.

Currently the City does not have any programs that use the facility. The stadium is rented to the American Legion team and for summer tournaments.

The University maintains the area inside the fenced area which includes mowing, fertilization, aerating, painting and general maintenance and upkeep. The City maintains the areas around the field, which includes the parking area, behind the outfield wall and along White Street.

The Recreation and Downtown committees has asked staff to evaluate and assess the long term use for the property. A meeting has been set with an internal group to discuss the best use of the property.

Staff met with the City's pre-qualified electrical contractors and The Lighting Company (installed Musco lights at McCants) to discuss the scope of work and requested bids. Due to the cost of high voltage wire, the contractors suggested installing a new panel box to operate the outfield lights eliminating the need for the transformers at each pole. After reviewing the bids, staff agrees that a new electrical panel and wiring is the best route to reduce future issues and is less expensive. Three bids were submitted:

Isom Electric, LLC, Anderson SC	\$18,500.00
MSW Electrical Contractors of SC, Anderson SC	\$20,023.14
The Lighting Company, Chesnee, SC	\$28,600.00

Due to tight time schedule, council was emailed in December of this emergency procurement.

Replacing the electrical service to the transformers for the baseball field lighting is a mutually beneficial partnership for the City as the lessor of Memorial Stadium and Anderson University as the lessee and provides for practices and team play beginning in mid-January.

The Hospitality Fund will provide funding and one-half of expenditure will be paid by Anderson University.

The Staff recommends the ratification of Isom Electric's bid to install a new electrical panel and wiring for \$18,500. Anderson University will reimburse the City one-half of the cost over the next two years.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to approve ratification of Isom Electric's bid to install a new electrical panel and wiring in the amount of \$18,500. Anderson University will reimburse the City one-half of the cost over the next two years.

REQUEST RATIFICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Mr. Moore said Susan Wilson, Fleet Manager, was contacting vendors for pricing on 2015 vehicles and was informed Vic Bailey Ford had a new 2014 ½ ton crew cab on site. The truck has the identical specs requested on the 2015 model. The 2014 state contract price is \$25,210 (includes sales tax) and will increase by \$3,000 on the 2015 state contract. Council was informed by email and approved the purchase of the 2014 model.

The truck, a F150 ½ ton crew cab, would be assigned to the Recreation Department and would replace a 1996 Crown Victoria, which has over 120,000 miles. The truck will be used to haul athletic equipment, (uniforms, baseballs, etc.) field supplies and items related to field upkeep. Staff recommends a hard-top cover for the bed to keep equipment out of the elements.

The truck will be detailed with the City logo (\$70), strobe lighting (\$331), spray-in bed liner (\$400) and a hard-top cover (\$700).

The purchase will provide a reliable and more conducive vehicle for the department.

The Hospitality Fund will provide funding.

The Staff recommends the ratification of the purchase on a 2014 ½ ton crew cab from Vic Bailey Ford in the amount of \$25,210 and \$1,501 for accessories.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (8-0) to approve ratification of the purchase on a 2014 ½ ton crew cab from Vic Bailey Ford in the amount of \$25,210 and \$1,501 for accessories.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE TWO VEHICLES FOR THE RECREATION AND BEAUTIFICATION DEPARTMENTS

Mr. Moore said the Capital needs list was presented and reviewed by the Recreation and Downtown committees in November. The staff identified five vehicles used by the beautification and recreation departments that need to be replaced. Two additional vehicles will be replaced later this year.

The Staff is recommending two ¾ ton crew cab trucks be purchased. One of the vehicles would be assigned to the field staff and would replace a 2001 Ford F250, which has over 85,000 miles and has a transmission issue. The beautification department would be assigned the second truck and would replace a 1996 F250 with over 161,000 miles. The garage has determined it is

in the best interest to replace these instead of repairing due to the age, mileage and overall condition of the vehicles.

The Staff requested bids from vendors for (2) two full-size ¾ ton pick-up, two-wheel drive, V-8 Flex fuel capable, automatic transmission, 8' fleetside body, limited slip or locking differential, tow package, vinyl seats and flooring. The vehicles will have manual locks, windows and no cruise control. Requests were sent to Anderson Ford, Clinkscales Chevrolet, Piedmont Chrysler, Richard Kay Superstore, and Vic Bailey Ford. One bid was received which includes sales tax:

Vic Baily Ford, Spartanburg, SC \$24, 251 each (State Contract)

The trucks will be detailed with the City logo (\$70 each), strobe lighting (\$331 each), one truck will have a toolbox installed (\$340) and spray-in bed liners for both trucks. (\$400 each).

The upgrade will provide the departments the ability to maintain the 15 city parks, 11 athletic fields, the expansion of the Rec Center Complex and the Linley Park enhancement in a timely fashion.

The Hospitality Fund will provide funding.

The Staff recommends the purchase of two 2015 F250 XL from Vic Baily Ford for the amount of \$48,502. An additional \$1,942 will be spent on decals, strobe lighting, bed liners and toolbox.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the purchase of two 2015 F250 XL from Vic Baily Ford for the amount of \$48,502. An additional \$1,942 will be spent on decals, strobe lighting, bed liners and toolbox.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ACCESS CONTROL AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS AT THE NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICES AND E-MERGE @ THE GARAGE INCUBATOR SPACE

Mr. Moore said Blue Ridge Security Solutions, Inc. is the existing vendor servicing video surveillance equipment at the parking garage. This purchase will allow the City to add a total of five cameras (interior and exterior) to the existing video surveillance system, relocate existing digital recording equipment into a new climate controlled room inside the new e-Merge space and install a card key access system for employee utilization.

This request includes the purchase of a new access control system and additional video surveillance equipment in the amount of \$29,800. Also, this purchase will include the

relocation of existing digital recording equipment, currently housed in an area that is exposed to the elements, into a climate controlled environment inside the new Economic Development offices.

This equipment will provide a secure environment for employees and the public visiting the facility, and builds upon the existing system.

Funding for the equipment will be from the Economic Development budget.

The Staff recommends purchase and installation of this additional video surveillance and access control equipment from Blue Ridge Security Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$29,800.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the purchase and installation of this additional video surveillance and access control equipment from Blue Ridge Security Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$29,800.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Manager, John Moore reminded Council of the following upcoming events and all meetings in January 2015.

January 14th – Finance Committee Meeting – Capital Improvement Plan

January 16th – Martin Luther King Breakfast – Civic Center

January 19th – City closed for Martin Luther King's Birthday

EXECUTIVE SESSION

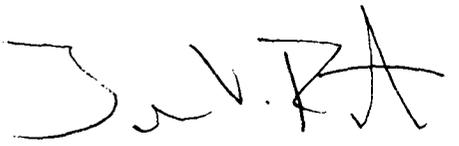
A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (8-0) to move into Executive Session to discuss Contractual Matter – Possible Property Acquisition.

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

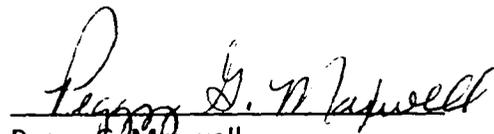
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Laughridge seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Peggy G. Maxwell
City Clerk Treasurer