

City of Anderson
Regular Meeting
March 14, 2016

The regular meeting of City Council was held this date in City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Roberts, Council Members Kirven, Thompson, Laughridge, Stewart, Buck Roberts, Harbin and John Roberts. Mayor Pro Tem Chapman was not in attendance. Also in attendance were City Manager, Linda McConnell; Assistant City Manager, David McCuen; Finance Director, Peggy Maxwell; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; and Fire Chief, Dale Horne. The invocation was given by Councilman Harbin with respects to the flag by Councilman John Roberts.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Fire Department Promotion – Engineer Brandon Stroud

Fire Chief, Dale Horne said Firefighter Brandon Stroud was hired on July 1, 2010. He is a graduate of Pendleton High School and has an Associate's Degree from Spartanburg Technical College. He has previous firefighting experience with the Townville and Crossroads Volunteer Fire Departments. He is an advanced diver with the AFD Technical Rescue Team and has numerous fire and rescue related certifications.

Firefighter Stroud was the top candidate in our Engineer Promotional process which included a practical and written test, also completed all requirements to be promoted to the rank of Engineer.

Firefighter Stroud was pinned by Assistant Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Firefighter Bobby Warren

Fire Chief, Dale Horne said Firefighter Bobby Warden is a 1989 graduate of Pittsfield High School in Pittsfield, IL. He received his Fire Science Degree from Greenville Technical College. He also served in the US Army as a medic in the 4th Infantry Division and the 82nd Airborne Division and served four tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Firefighter Warren has successfully completed his probationary period and is qualified to be sworn in as an Anderson City Firefighter.

Chief Horne swore-in Firefighter Bobby Warren and he was pinned by Assistant Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher.

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

Mayor Roberts read the following Proclamation, proclaiming this week of March 28 – April 2, 2016 as National Community Development Week.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the week of March 28 – April 2, 2016 has been designated as National Community Development Week by the National Community Development Association to celebrate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG Program provides annual funding and flexibility to local communities to provide decent, safe and affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income people; and

WHEREAS, the HOME Program provides funding to local communities to create decent, safe, and affordable housing opportunities for low income persons. Nationally, over one million units of affordable housing have been completed using HOME funds; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, our community has received a total of \$2,932,693 in CDBG funds and over \$594,063 in HOME funds as a member of the Anderson County HOME Consortium; and

WHEREAS, the following activities have been funded: owner occupied housing rehabilitation assistance, homeownership assistance to first time home buyers, public services including the promotion of fair housing, in addition to economic development by providing loans to small businesses and microenterprises.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Anderson designates the week of March 28 – April 2, 2016 as National Community Development Week in support of these two valuable programs that have made tremendous contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services, and economic vitality of our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our community urges Congress and the Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by CDBG and HOME by supporting increased funding for both programs in FY 2017.

Signed this 14th day of March 2016.

Terence V. Roberts, Mayor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2016 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF MEDICAL CONTRACT FOR THE DETENTION CENTER

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the Detention Center houses both male and female detainees for the City of Anderson, the United States Marshall Service, Bureau of Prisons and some sentenced inmates, generally having sentences of less than 3 months. The average daily population of the jail over the past 12 months has been at or around 109.6, and the average length of stay for city inmates is less than 30 days while a federal prisoner may be longer.

The Detention Center must provide health care for detainees including initial screening, dispensing medications, acute care, etc. with a physician available 24/7. These services are being provided currently by detention staff. Staff began evaluating options to provide these services more efficiently.

The Anderson Police Department advertised for and accepted Requests for Proposals for a comprehensive health care delivery system. Southern Health Partners (SHP) was the only respondent. The City did reach out to local providers and found that they were not interested in this level of specific care within a detention facility. SHP is an experienced provider of Detention Medical Services including care for Detention Centers in Anderson County, Greenwood County, Beaufort County, Newberry County, Abbeville County, Aiken County, Laurens County, Pickens County, and more.

SHP will be responsible for all medical care for all inmates at the Detention Center, including the purchase of medicines. This responsibility of Provider for the medical care of an inmate commences with the commitment of the inmate to the custody of the administration of the Detention Center and ends with the discharge (or temporary release) of the inmate from the custody of the City at the Detention Center.

Inmates held in the Detention Center for other jurisdictions such as other counties or the US Justice Department will be included in the count, and the on-site care for these inmates will be the responsibility of the Provider for nursing and physician care, any supplies used, and for over-the-counter medications. Other medical costs which can be identified for specific inmates such as prescriptions, x-rays, dental procedures, and all off-site medically related consultations and procedures will be billed back to the originating agency, either by the City, the actual community agency providing the care, or by the Provider.

The contract amount is \$137,979.96 and is for a 1-year period with the ability to extend for a 2nd and 3rd year.

The benefit to the City rests in the total turnkey health care delivery being provided by SHP.

The City of Anderson Police Department is recommending approval of the contract with Southern Health Partners in the amount of \$137,979.96 and funding for the contract would be from the Detention Center budget.

Councilman Stewart had many questions about this medical contract. Southern Health Partners Representative, Chris Hudson spoke to Council about the uniqueness of the City's Detention Center, where inmate care is provided 365 days a year. Also he said that many local health care providers do not want the liability of working with inmates. Southern Health Partners medical staff is trained to work with inmates.

Mayor Roberts asked that this approval request be brought back to Council in two weeks after more research is conducted and questions answered about this medical contract.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

HOLIDAY ICE IN CAROLINA WREN PARK

City Manager, Linda McConnell said in May, 2015, City Council approved the purchase of a turnkey package of a synthetic ice skating rink located in Carolina Wren Park.

The City embarked on this new venture in anticipation of the following benefits:

- Increased recreational opportunities
- Increased hospitality revenues
- Increased potential revenue for downtown businesses as well as increased exposure
- New revenue from ticket sales
- Increased potential for new business opportunities due to synergy from the entertainment venue
- Increased consumer traffic which contributes to the overall economic health of Downtown
- Potential job creation

Expenditures and Revenues:

- Acquisition costs: \$71,131 for the skating rink (rink, fencing, matting, 150 pair of skates, sharpener, original supplies to install and operate), and building and lighting. The majority of these are one-time expenditures.

- Staffing costs (rink staff and security staff) - \$42,000 (Special Events Team – 23 city employees from different divisions)
- Skating Revenues - \$26,500
- ATAX revenues (for advertising) - \$3,000 City and \$1,500 County

Hospitality Revenue:

2014 gross sales revenue for 9 downtown restaurants (through January of 2015)- \$1,269,246.87
 2015 gross sales revenue for 9 downtown restaurants (through January of 2016) - \$1,580,394.79

Increase in revenue of \$311,147.92

Time of operation – Nov. 20, 2015 through January 18, 2016 (8 weeks)

Total number of participants – 6,819 representing 32 states, 2 foreign countries; 2,667 participants were under 12 years of age.

Estimated revenues for 2016-17 season: \$40,000

E-SPARK BOOT CAMP

Economic Development Director, Glenn Breed said e-Spark Boot Camp is an eight week program that focuses on business concept for new Entrepreneurs. In 2015, there were five participants in the boot camp program. In 2016, the program is opening up to existing businesses, not just new businesses. With this change, there will be sixteen participants in the next e-Spark Boot Camp.

Vincent Brown, e-Spark Boot Camp participant, shared his experience with the City Council.

UPCOMING EVENTS

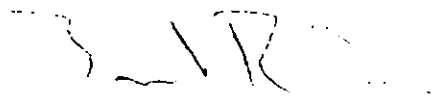
City Manager, Linda McConnell reminded Council of the following upcoming events and all meetings in March 2016.

- March 15th – Westside Community Coalition
- March 15th – Seat 2 Neighborhood Watch Meeting
- March 17th – Southeast Anderson Task Force
- March 22nd – Chamber Annual Meeting
- March 24th – PW/Utilities Committee Meeting

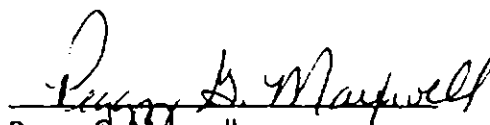
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (8-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Peggy G. Maxwell
City Clerk Treasurer