

Regular Meeting
April 23, 2018

The regular meeting of City Council was held this date in City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Terence Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem John Roberts, Council Members Thompson, Buck Roberts, Laughridge, Chapman, Stewart, Harbin and Newton. Also in attendance were City Manager, Linda McConnell, Assistant City Manager, David McCuen; Finance Director, Margot Martin; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher; and Community Development Director, Erica Craft. The invocation was given Councilman Stewart and respect to the flag was given by Councilman Laughridge.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS
Fire Department Medal of Valor Award
Lieutenant Treavor Brazeal
Firefighter Wyatt Fulbright

Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher said this is the highest award given to firefighters. These individuals clearly distinguished themselves with bravery and courage in an unselfish act, risking their own lives to save another.

On the night of December 28, 2017, the A-shift of the Anderson Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire with the possibility of a person trapped inside at 211 L Street. When the first engine arrived, bystanders underscored the report that a man was trapped inside. Heavy fire and smoke was billowing inside the front of the house. Lieutenant Trevor Brazeal approached the window and was able to make a visual confirmation that a person was lying on the floor in the front room of the house.

After rapid evaluation of the structure, Lieutenant Brazeal made the determination that the most efficient access to the house was through the front door, which meant entering through the flames. The crew turned the nozzle of the water hose into a wide, fog style pattern serving to push the flames away from the firefighters. As Lieutenant Brazeal signaled that he had located a victim, Firefighter Wyatt Fulbright assisted in moving the trapped man outside of the house. Command Officer Jamie Parnell made the announcement that the victim had been moved to safety. Engineer Anthony Ragsdale provided care for the victim with assistance from firefighter Avery Bell until EMS arrived. Lieutenant Brazeal and Firefighter Fulbright continued to extinguish the fire.

The citizen experienced first and second degree burns and was treated at the Augusta Burn Center. He has since returned home and is reported to be in good condition.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
Firefighter Lucas Crowe
Firefighter Wyatt Fulbright
Firefighter Alex Wengerd

Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher said Lucas Crowe has been a volunteer firefighter for 7 years with Center Rock Fire Department. He attended Westside High School for 3 years, graduating from Anderson Five Charter School in 2013. He received his EMT in 2016.

Wyatt Fulbright has been a firefighter for 8 years beginning as a volunteer with Piercetown Fire Department. He graduated from Wren High School and was part of the District 1 and 2 Career Center where he took South Carolina Fire Academy firefighting classes. Wyatt also attended recruit school with the SCFA. His prior experience in the fire service includes the BMW Fire Department in Greer and Donaldson Fire Department in Greenville.

Alex Wengerd has been in the volunteer fire service for 10 years with Centerville Fire Department and Center Rock Fire Department. He participated in the Anderson City Fire Department Explorer Program for 2 years. His prior experience in the fire service includes Greenville County for a total of 3 years.

Chief Bratcher swore-in and pinned Firefighter Lucas Crowe, Firefighter Wyatt Fulbright and Firefighter Alex Wengerd.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of April is recognized throughout these United States of America as Fair Housing Month; and

WHEREAS, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, set forth a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability; and

WHEREAS, housing is a critical component of family and community health and stability; and

WHEREAS, both State and Federal offices of the Department of Housing and Urban Development continue their efforts to promote and educate as many citizens as possible about every person's right to enjoy equal opportunities in housing insuring that all Americans have the opportunity to achieve the American Dream of homeownership; and

WHEREAS, the City of Anderson continues to affirmatively further fair housing for its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence V. Roberts, Mayor of City of Anderson, South Carolina, along with my fellow council members of City Council, do hereby proclaim April, 2018 to be

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the City of Anderson, SC for the significance of fair housing to our way of life and encourage all citizens to observe and support both the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law as an expression of the individual rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of South Carolina

Signed this 23rd day of April, 2018



Mayor Terence V. Roberts

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting as presented.

REQUEST SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 18-04 TO AMEND SECTION 7.5 (CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) OF THE CITY OF ANDERSON ZONING ORDINANCE

City Manager, Linda McConnell said it is sometimes necessary to refine the Zoning Ordinance in order to maintain its effectiveness and efficiency because of changes in technology, laws and other factors. This request is to amend Section 7.5 CBD, Central Business District as it relates to Churches, Temples, Synagogues or other places of Worship. Currently, a 2-acre minimum lot size is a condition for such uses in the CBD. Based on case law and related rulings elsewhere, it has been determined that it is not necessary to have a lot size requirement on such uses. Therefore, the request is as follows:

Remove: "Church, Temple, Synagogue or Other Place of Worship" as a Conditional Use

Add: "Church, Temple, Synagogue or Other Place of Worship" as a Permitted Use

The City Council approved this on first reading on April 9th and the Planning Commission considered this request at their April 3rd meeting and unanimously recommended approval.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (9-0) to approve Ordinance 18-04 to amend Section 7.5 (Central Business District) of the City of Anderson Zoning Ordinance on Second Reading.

REQUEST SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 18-05 TO ANNEX AND ZONE 1709 S. MURRAY AVENUE EXTENSION TO R-5, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the applicant requests to annex and zone the single-family dwelling into the City in order to receive City services. The property is contiguous to the City limit boundary. The R-5 zoning classification is consistent with the zoning in the area.

The City Council approved this request on first reading on April 9th and the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval as well.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (9-0) to approve Ordinance 18-05 to Annex and Zone 1709 S. Murray Extension to R-5, Single-Family Residential on Second Reading.

REQUEST SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 18-06 TO ANNEX AND ZONE 1706 S. MURRAY AVENUE EXTENSION TO R-5, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the applicant requests to annex and zone the single-family dwelling into the City in order to receive City services. The property will be contiguous to the City limits upon annexation of 1709 South Murray Avenue Extension. The R-5 zoning classification is consistent with the zoning and land uses in the general area.

The City Council approved this request on first reading on April 9th and the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval as well.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (9-0) to approve Ordinance 18-06 to Annex and Zone 1706 S. Murray Extension to R-5, Single-Family Residential on Second Reading.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Manager, Linda McConnell reminded Council of the following upcoming events and all meetings in April 2018.

- April 24th – Fair Housing Workshop
- April 26th – Concerned Citizens of Eastside

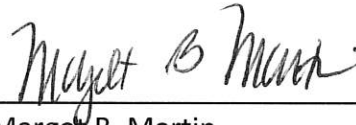
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Newton seconded by Mayor Pro Tem John Roberts carried unanimously (9-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Margot B. Martin
City Clerk Treasurer