

Regular Meeting
August 13, 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 Thompson, Council Members John Roberts, Laughridge, Stewart, Chapman, Harbin, Newton and Jeff Roberts. Also in attendance were City Manager, Linda McConnell; Assistant City Manager, David McCuen; Finance Director, Margot Martin; Police Chief, Jim Stewart; and Utilities Director, Jeff Caldwell. The invocation was given by Councilman Jeff Roberts and respect to the flag was given by Mayor Terence Roberts.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Sergeant Ken Blakely
Sergeant Cornelius Pickens
Sergeant Bradley Whitfield
Corporal Cory Barrow
Corporal Jonathan Dickerson
Corporal Austin Mills
Corporal Bake Vaughn

Police Chief Jim Stewart said Sergeant Ken Blakely started his law enforcement career in 1993 with the Anderson County Sheriff's Office. He was promoted to Sergeant over the Forensic division in 2005 and was hired as the Chief Fire/Arson investigator for the County Fire system in 2007. Sergeant Blakely came to the Anderson Police Department in 2013. He currently serves in the Criminal Investigations Division in forensics and serves on the Arson Task Force for the city. Sergeant Blakely also serves as an Instructor for the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, as well as the South Carolina Fire Academy.

Sergeant Cornelius Pickens joined the Anderson County Fire Service in 2006, as well as the explorer program with Medshore Ambulance Service. In 2009, he was hired by the Anderson County Emergency Services Division where he worked in the dispatch center. Corporal Pickens was hired by the Anderson Police Department in 2013 and was Rookie of the Year in 2014. He currently works on Patrol's Delta shift.

Sergeant Bradley Whitfield has worked for the Anderson Police Department since 2011. Corporal Whitfield is a graduate of Anderson College and Clemson University and is a Certified Fraud Examiner. He is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division and is a part of the Economic Crimes Unit that investigates white collar crimes. Sergeant Whitfield is a Crime Stoppers award recipient and was the Anderson Police Department's 2016 Officer of the Year.

Police Captains replaced each of their badges with new Sergeant badges.

Police Chief Jim Stewart said Corporal Cory Barrow began his career with the Anderson Police department in April 2013. Corporal Barrow has worked as a patrol officer, an evidence technician, field training officer, and is currently a team leader for the SWAT team. He has been the recipient of the Officer of the Month and Crime Stoppers awards. Corporal Barrow serves in the Special Operations Division with his K9 Partner Peppia.

Corporal Jonathan Dickerson started at the Anderson City Police Department in January of 2014. Corporal Dickerson is an active Field Training Officer and serves as a patrol officer, as well as a member of the City's bike force. He is a certified firefighter and has been involved with Anderson County Fire for 15 years.

Corporal Austin Mills has worked for the Anderson Police Department since 2014. He worked as a patrol officer until 2016, when he transferred to the Narcotics Division. Corporal Mills has received specialized training in development and management of informants, social media investigations, vehicle interdiction, verbal and body language analysis, and hotel and parcel interdiction. Corporal Mills is also certified in Meth lab cleanup and is a member of the Anderson Police Department SWAT team. Corporal Mills was a recipient of the Crime Stoppers Award in 2017.

Corporal Blake Vaughn began his law enforcement career with the Anderson County Sheriff's office in 2009. After three years of service, Corporal Vaughn was promoted to the CATCH team enforcement unit. He joined the Anderson Police Department in January 2015 and was later assigned to the City's Community Action Team, which focuses on street level crime enforcement and gang investigations. Corporal Vaughn currently serves as the property crimes investigator for the Criminal Investigations Division.

Police Captains replaced each of their badges with new Corporal badges.

Police Chief, Jim Stewart then swore-in the new Sergeants and Corporals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Jeff Roberts seconded by Councilman Stewart carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of July 23, 2018 meeting as presented.

REQUEST SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 18-11 TO ANNEX AND ZONE TO R-5, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL 1704 SOUTH MURRAY AVENUE EXTENSION

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. Recently, two neighboring properties, 1706 and 1709 South Murray Avenue Extension were also annexed into the City. The R-5 zoning classification is consistent with the zoning and land uses in the general area.

The Planning Commission considered recommended approval and the City Council also approved this on first reading.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (9-0) to approve Ordinance 18-11 to annex and zone to R-5, Single-Family Residential, 1704 South Murray Avenue Extension on Second Reading.

REQUEST SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 18-12 TO AMEND CHAPTER 82 OF THE ANDERSON CITY CODE

City Manager, Linda McConnell said Article III, Chapter 82 of the Code of the City of Anderson provides for ordinances pertaining to the operation of vehicles.

Pursuant to Section 82-7 of the City Code, the City of Anderson has adopted the state statutes pertaining to vehicles and traffic within the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court. S.C. Code Section 56-5-10 et. seq. is the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways. This statute sufficiently covers the operation of vehicles provided in Article III of the City Code. The statute also prohibits local ordinances in conflict with its provisions unless expressly authorized.

The repeal of Article III will make our traffic ordinances consistent with the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic. In addition, some grant applications may be more favorably received.

A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (9-0) to approve Ordinance 18-12 to amend Chapter 82 of the Anderson City Code on Second Reading.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 18-13 TO REZONE 1805-1811 AND 1806-1808 EDGEWOOD AVENUE FROM R-5 SINGLE FAMILY TO RM-18 MULTI-FAMILY

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the applicant proposes to rezone the existing multi-family dwellings to RM-18, Multi-Family Residential in order to bring them into zoning compliance. According to the applicant, this is needed for lending purposes from the bank. When the multi-

family dwellings were constructed years ago, the property was zoned for multi-family uses, but the area was changed to R-5, Single-Family Residential in 1998 when the Zoning Ordinance went through a major revision. Therefore, the multi-family dwellings are currently non-conforming uses.

The Planning Commission considered this request at their August 7th meeting and unanimously recommended approval. There was no public opposition.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson carried unanimously (9-0) to approve of Ordinance 18-13 to rezone 1805-1811 and 1806-1808 Edgewood Avenue from R-5 Single-Family to RM-18 Multi-Family on First Reading.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION FOR JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM REGARDING STREET LEVEL CRIMINAL APPREHENSION PROGRAM

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the City of Anderson Police Department is requesting \$21,097 in direct funding from the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for the purpose of hiring sworn officers to work overtime to practice pro-active law enforcement activities in Anderson, South Carolina. The name of the program for which the City of Anderson will apply for these funds is the Street Level Criminal Apprehension Program. This is the same program we have been funding with grant money since 1997.

The primary goal of the Street Level Criminal Apprehension Program is to reduce the violent crime rate in the City of Anderson through saturated patrols of high crime areas. The program allows the department to take a proactive stance toward violent crime control by concentrating resources in areas that the crime rate and crime trends indicate that law enforcement is most needed.

This grant program does not require a match. The \$21,097 will be applied toward the cost of overtime for sworn officers and non-sworn support personnel. The overtime to be funded by this program will be solely for street level criminal apprehension operations.

The City of Anderson Police Department is requesting approval to apply to the JAG Program in order to receive grant funding to operate the Street Level Criminal Apprehension Program.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Newton carried unanimously (9-0) to approve a Police Department application for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program in the amount of \$21,097 regarding the Street Level Criminal Apprehension Program.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE VEHICLES FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Utilities Director, Jeff Caldwell said as part of our capital replacement plan, we identified the need to replace one service truck and three operations trucks in FY 2019. Bids were requested through the fleet managers office and all are state contract bids and no additional bids were received.

<u>4X2 Truck</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
Dodge	Cooper Motors	\$24,863	Clinton, SC
Chevrolet	Love Chevrolet	\$26,893	Clinton, NC
Ford F150	Vic Bailey Ford	Expired	Spartanburg, SC
<u>4X4 Truck</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
Dodge	Cooper Motors	\$29,722	Clinton, SC
Dodge	Performance Dodge	\$32,314	Clinton, NC
Ford F150	Vic Bailey Ford	Expired	Spartanburg, SC
<u>Service Truck</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
Dodge	Cooper Motors	\$49,732	Clinton, SC
Chevrolet	Love Chevrolet	\$51,571	Columbia, SC
Ford	Vic Bailey Ford	Expired	Spartanburg, SC

This equipment is used daily in the operation, maintenance, and construction of the wastewater collection system. Four vehicles will be replaced as part of this purchase.

This purchase will be funded by the Wastewater Department capital equipment budget of \$120,000 for FY 2019. The remaining \$9,180 will be funded by the other equipment budgets in the Wastewater Fund.

Staff recommends the approval of \$129,180 for the following:

Two 4X2 Truck	\$49,726 from Cooper Motors in Clinton, SC
One 4X4 Truck	\$29,722 from Cooper Motors in Clinton, SC
One Service Truck	\$49,732 from Cooper Motors in Clinton, SC

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the purchase of vehicles for the Wastewater Department in the amount of \$129,180 from Cooper Motors in Clinton, SC.

City Manager, Linda McConnell stated that Item B3 would need to be reviewed in Executive Session. Mayor Terence Roberts requested City Manager, Linda McConnell to complete Administrative Briefing before hearing a motion to go into Executive Session.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

August 17th – Movie Night in Carolina Wren Park - Ferdinand

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson carried (9-0) to move into Executive Session to discuss Section 30-4-70(a)(5) – Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (9-0) to move out of Executive Session.

After Executive Session, City Manager, Linda McConnell presented the following item of business.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 18-14 APPROVING A PROJECT AGREEMENT AND A CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH PROJECT ACCOMMODATION; AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY; CONSENTING TO PLACEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY INTO MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

City Manager, Linda McConnell said one of the primary missions of the City of Anderson is to encourage development and improve the tax base and enhance the livability of the Anderson Area.

The development will directly and beneficially affect the economy of the City with an estimated investment of more than ten million dollars.

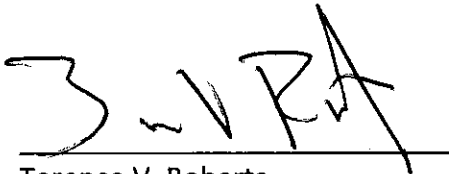
The public interest of the City will be served to a substantial degree by undertaking the development because of the significant capital investment and job creation.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson seconded by Councilman Jeff Roberts carried unanimously (9-0) to approve Ordinance 18-14 approving a project agreement and a credit agreement with project accommodation; authorizing the disposition of real property; consenting to placement of real property into multi-county industrial or business park; authorizing the execution and delivery of additional documents; and other related matters on First Reading.

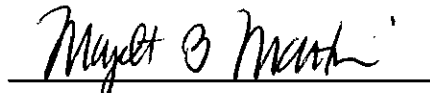
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Newton seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (9-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Margot B. Martin
City Clerk Treasurer