

Regular Meeting  
December 11, 2017

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, Chapman, Laughridge, Harbin and Newton. Councilmen Buck Roberts and Stewart were not present. Also in attendance were Assistant City Manager, David McCuen; Finance Director, Peggy Maxwell; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; Public Works Director Kerry Stalnaker; and Police Chief, Jim Stewart. The invocation was given by Council Member Thompson and respect to the flag were given by Councilman Laughridge.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Peggy Maxwell – Finance Director Retiree  
Kerry Stalnaker – Public Works Director Retiree

Mayor Terence Roberts recognized Peggy Maxwell for 30 years of service and Kerry Stalnaker for 42 years of service and their commitment to the City of Anderson Community with a plaque and kind words.

City Manager, Linda McConnell also spoke words of appreciation to Peggy Maxwell and Kerry Stalnaker for their dedication to the City of Anderson and their friendship through the years.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY 2016-2017  
Greene Finney, LLP

Mr. David Phillips, Audit Partner, stated that the City received an unmodified opinion which is the best opinion that the City can receive. He also stated that the City had received the GFOA Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 22 years in a row. Also, Mr. Phillips shared the following highlights:

- General Fund – Fund balance increased \$1,100,000. The unassigned fund balance is \$9,600,000.
- Hospitality Fund – Fees increased \$61,000.
- Sewer Fund – Net position increased \$1,300,000.
- Water Fund – Net position increased \$524,000.
- Good financial position at June 30, 2017.
- Single audit was performed on CDBG program.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2017 meeting as presented.

### REQUEST SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 17-14 ESTABLISHING THE APRIL 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the next general election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2018 for the Municipal Council Seats for Mayor, Seats One, Three, Five, and At-Large Seat Seven. Candidates for this election shall be elected to serve a four-year term.

The filing period for candidates is noon Thursday, January 18, 2018 to noon Thursday, February 1, 2018. The filing for candidacy shall be initiated at the Anderson County Registration and Elections Office at 301 N. Main Street. Upon completion of the necessary candidacy forms, payment of the \$300 (Mayor) \$200 (Council) filing fee shall be submitted to the City Clerk and Treasurer at City Hall, 401 S. Main Street.

The last day to register to vote in the April 3, 2018 election is Saturday, March 3, 2018

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Newton carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Ordinance 17-14 establishing the April 2018 General Election on Second Reading.

### REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF AN APPOINTMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the Municipal Election Commission is composed of three people who serve six-year terms. The Commission is charged with the task of conducting the municipal elections. However, in 1994, the City transferred responsibility for the actual conduct of the elections to the Anderson County Registration and Elections Commission. This was done in an effort to provide for the uniformity in the conduct of municipal elections statewide. Thus, the MEC now serves more in an oversight capacity by certifying ballots, election results, etc. Time commitment is minimal due to the election process occurring every two years. However, the MEC members are required to attend local training as well as state wide training thus some travel is required.

The current three-member Commission is composed of David Ford, Clara Humphrey, and Mrs. Renee Fields York. Mr. Ford's term extends through December 31, 2017, Ms. Humphrey's term extends through December 31, 2019, and Mrs. Renee Fields York's term extends through December 31, 2022.

Mr. Ford is willing to continue serving in this capacity. The staff recommends his reappointment to the MEC for a term of service through December 31, 2023.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (7-0) to approve re-appointment of David Ford to the Municipal Election Commission for a term of service through December 31, 2023.

#### REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL JUDGES

City Manager, Linda McConnell said Josh Allen, Richard E. Thompson, Jr., Robert B. King, Jr., Goetz Eaton and Stacy Blair were previously appointed to 2-year terms beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2017. Josh Allen has been designated Chief Judge for the Municipal Court. 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 Council for a term not less than 2 years nor more than 4 years.

No additional funding is required.

The Public Safety Committee and staff recommend that Josh Allen, Richard E. Thompson, Jr., Robert B. King, Jr., Goetz Eaton and Stacy Blair be reappointed for a two-year term to run from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.

It is also recommended that Josh Allen continue as Chief Judge of the Municipal Court.

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 Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Josh Allen, Richard E. Thompson, Jr., Robert B. King, Jr., Goetz Eaton and Stacy Blair be reappointed for a two-year term to run from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.

## REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE MOBILE PRINTERS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the Anderson Police Department seeks Council funding authority in order to purchase (50) HP Office Jet 200 mobile printers and (50) HP62 black ink cartridges. The department also requests funding for (57) vehicle printer stands.

Police Chief, Jim Stewart said the roadmap that the Information Technology Department has developed for the Anderson Police Department includes the implementation in July of 2017 the new and much improved RMS system along with tablet/laptops with the help of mifi hotspots which give officers remote access to retrieve and enter criminal justice information without the need to come into the department headquarters. This has allowed for more time out in the field, patrolling and less time in the office.

Beginning January 1, 2018, the state of South Carolina is requiring all state law enforcement agencies to begin implementing the entering of electronic traffic tickets, also called e-ticketing, from the patrol car. In order to facilitate e-ticketing, the implemented tablets and mifi hotspots will utilize mobile printers for all patrol and traffic vehicles in use by the APD.

The Information Technology department has state contract pricing Hewlett Packard Columbia, SC for the purchase of the (50) HP Office Jet 200 mobile printers and (50) HP62 black ink cartridges. The department has also secured (3) bids for printer stands. The IT department has previous experience with GPScity.com and recommends the bid for purchase.

1. GPScity.com \$15,973.45 – Las Vegas, NV.
2. GPSCheap \$15,463.41 – Van Nuys, CA.
3. Just Mounts / GPSZone \$16,810.95 – Ardmore, OK.

The Anderson Police Department and Information Technology staff recommend to purchase (50) HP Office Jet 200 mobile printers and (50) HP62 black ink cartridges for \$12,902.50 from Hewlett Packard and printer stands from GPScity.com for \$15,973.45, total \$28,875.95.

Funding will be provided from the police department budget.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the purchase of (50) HP Office Jet 200 mobile printers and (50) HP62 black ink cartridges for \$12,902.50 from Hewlett Packard and printer stands from GPScity.com for \$15,973.45, total \$28,875.95.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 17-15 REGARDING THE SALE OF CITY OWNED  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF EAST MARKET AND SOUTH MAIN STREETS

City Manager, Linda McConnell said this is consideration of a proposal and to negotiate a contract for the sale of city owned property located downtown with boundaries of the property fronting South Main, East Market, and South McDuffie Streets. The property is currently serving as part of the East Church Street parking lot.

Pursuant to the Procurement Code for the City of Anderson, the City of Anderson publicly advertised for requests for proposals (RFPs) to purchase parcels located in the East Church Street parking lot. Based upon the proposals received, the City Council has agreed to sell the property.

The sale of the property will benefit the City of Anderson because it will enhance the activity base of the Central Business District in a way that meets a desired niche for downtown. In addition, the property will be returned to the tax books.

The details of this will be addressed during Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Councilman Newton seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried (7-0) to move into Executive Session to discuss Section 30-4-70(a)(2) – Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale of property owned by the City of Anderson located at the corner of East Market and South Main Street.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (7-0) to move out of Executive Session.

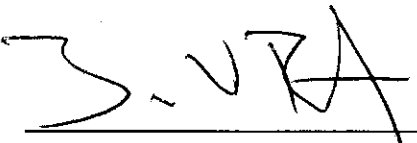
City Attorney, Frankie McClain will continue negotiations on the sale of the property.

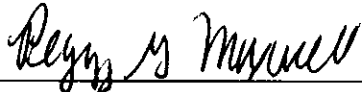
A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Ordinance 17-15 regarding the sale of City owned property located at the corner of East Market and South Main Streets on First Reading.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Newton seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (7-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:

  
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Terence V. Roberts  
Mayor

  
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Peggy G. Maxwell  
City Clerk Treasurer  
(Mmaxwell)