

Regular Meeting  
March 11, 2019

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 Chapman, Stewart, Laughridge, Harbin, John Roberts, and Jeff Roberts. Councilman Newton was not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, David McCuen; Finance Director, Margot Martin; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; and Utilities Director, Jeff Caldwell. The invocation was given by Councilman Harbin and respect to the flag was given by Councilman John Roberts.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION  
12 & Under Girls Palmetto State Basketball Champions

Mayor Terence Roberts recognized the Lady Lakers 12 and Under Girls team for their undefeated season of 11-0 and winning the Palmetto State Basketball Championship. Mayor Roberts recognized Coach Terry Turman and Derrick Driver from the Recreation Department.

Each player on the team was presented by saying their name, age and school they attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of February 25, 2019 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
ANDERSON HOUSING AUTHORITY

City Manager, David McCuen said City Council appoints the members to the Board of Commissioners of the Anderson Housing Authority. The board has one position/term to address. Jeff Trahan, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Anderson recommends appointment of Jason Craddock.

In December 2018, the term of Jason Craddock expired. Mr. Craddock has expressed interest in continuing to serve on this board. The term for this position is a five-year term expiring December 31, 2023.

The other four board members and terms are:

Lorin Larason Smith – December, 2019

Chase Christopher – December, 2020

Charlie Ervin – December, 2021

Emily Owen – December, 2022

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson carried unanimously (8-0) to re-appoint Jason Craddock to the Board of Commissioners of the Anderson Housing Authority for a five-year term ending December 31, 2023.

#### REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FOR ITEMS RELATED TO THE PRETREATMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Utilities Director, Jeff Caldwell said the Wastewater Department manages the Industrial Pretreatment Program for the City and Anderson County industrial customers that discharge process wastewater to the City of Anderson Wastewater Treatment Plants. Goldie Associates is currently administering the City's Pretreatment Program and performs industry inspections, review of industry reports, tracking regulatory changes, preparation of semi-annual reporting, city and industry correspondence, as well as calculating and generating notices of violations.

In updating the City's Industrial Pretreatment Program to ensure compliance with EPA and SCDHEC, the first step was the recent approval of the amended Sewer Use Ordinance on January 14, 2019. The next step is to update all industry permits by recalculation of each treatment plant's headworks limits. The headworks analysis provides the flow and pollutant capacity of the treatment facility to ensure discharge limits can be reached given a high strength industrial discharge. Goldie Associates has provided a proposal to the City to complete this work.

Approval will allow the City's Pretreatment Program to ensure compliance with EPA and SCDHEC regulations. This also provides the added benefit of meeting the schedule of compliance for the renewal of the City's Generostee Creek WWTP discharge permit. The City also understands that this will satisfy the schedule of compliance of the upcoming Rocky River WWTP discharge permit.

This proposal will be funded by the Wastewater Department's Professional Services Budget.

Staff recommends approval of this proposal with Goldie Associates to complete this Pretreatment Program Update in the amount of \$31,750.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (8-0) to approve a proposal with Goldie Associates to complete the Pretreatment Program Update in the amount of \$31,750.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF AN ASBESTOS ABATEMENT CONTRACT FOR BLIGHTED UNITS  
LOCATED IN REDEVELOPMENT/FOCUS AREA NEIGHBORHOODS (FANS)

City Manager, David McCuen said the City of Anderson receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development as an entitlement grant. Last fall, City Council confirmed the allocation of CDBG funds toward activities such as demolition and clearance of substandard, blighted housing within the City's redevelopment areas and the Focus Area Neighborhoods (FANs).

The following thirteen properties are recommended for abatement:

211 L Street	302 Morris Lane
1114 White Street	116 Bailey Street (unit 1)
406 Dickens Avenue	116 Bailey Street (unit 2)
1603 S. Fant Street (unit 1)	1403 Watson Street
1603 S. Fant Street (unit 2)	806 S. Fant Street (unit 1)
1410 W. Whitner Street	806 S. Fant Street (unit 2)
112 Norris Street	

Five bids were received as follows:

4-10 Berry Inc.	Moore, SC	\$138,900
Dean Hunter & Company	Anderson, SC	\$118,052
Eastern Environmental	Hampstead, NC	\$ 98,200
Han Construction	Columbia, SC	\$ 84,360
Phillips Recoveries Inc.	Pelzer, SC	\$ 71,100

Approval of the contract with Phillips Recoveries Inc. includes asbestos abatement at thirteen houses under Phase 2.

Asbestos abatement for these dilapidated dwellings which are scheduled for demolition is the next step before the actual demolition and clearance of the houses. Removal of the asbestos is a regulatory and environmental requirement. The future demolition of these existing blighted structures will compliment other strategies for neighborhood improvement outlined in the City's adopted Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

Funding will be provided by the Community Development Block Grant award from US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Staff recommends approval of this contract for \$71,100 with Phillips Recoveries for asbestos abatement at thirteen houses to continue to remove slum and blighted properties. Past performances of Phillips Recoveries, Inc. for asbestos abatement services has been very good.

A motion by Councilman Jeff Roberts seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to approve a contract for \$71,100 with Phillips Recoveries for asbestos abatement of thirteen houses to continue to remove slum and blighted properties.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ALLOCATING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)  
FUNDS TO SALVATION ARMY

City Manager, David McCuen said the City of Anderson receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an entitlement grant. Last fall, City Council confirmed the reallocation of CDBG funds toward other eligible activities within the City's redevelopment areas and the Focus Area Neighborhoods (FANs).

During the past year, merchants impacted by the City's needy and most vulnerable community members seeking shelter and restroom facilities approached the City to request solutions to address this community issue. City staff met frequently with downtown merchants and agencies, such as the Salvation Army, that provide services to assist homeless and displaced persons. The mission of the meetings is to strategize and develop initiatives to assist homeless populations.

CDBG regulations allow grantees to provide a maximum of 15% of its funds toward eligible Public Services. The services must benefit low to moderate income persons and meet one of HUD's National Objectives.

By authorizing this Public Service activity, the City is able to provide financial resources toward a housing priority need included in its Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan submissions to HUD. Operation of the Day Program at the Salvation Army will provide homeless and displaced persons a safe, decent, and sanitary place. It will also address the public's concerns about persons loitering. By providing this funding it will have an impact on Anderson's homeless populations by providing services by extending the Salvation Army's hours of operation. Allocation of the funds will assist the City with meeting HUD's timeliness of expenditures requirements.

Existing funding is within the Community Development budget.

Staff reviewed the Salvation Army's Housing and Homeless Support Program Budget and recommends allocating the Salvation Army \$5,128 per month (6 months) for monthly budget costs including supplies/sundries, employee payroll and utilities occupancy. In addition, staff recommends a one-time allocation not to exceed \$18,703 for furniture and equipment. Total costs combined not to exceed \$50,000.

There was much discussion and concerns among Council. Councilman Stewart commented his concern about using the CDBG Funds for a sole subrecipient. He would like to see using the funds toward several subrecipients that would benefit our community and citizens. Councilman Stewart recommended providing an RFP for other non-profit organizations to express their needs.

The consensus of Council was to approve this recommendation but would recommend not being the sole funding source for this project with Salvation Army and to look at other non-profits needs in future funding. Council also would like to obtain a better understanding of how the CDBG funding functions.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried (7-1) with Councilman Stewart opposed, to approve allocating Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to Salvation Army in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.

## ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

### UPCOMING EVENTS

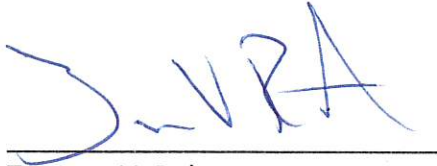
City Manager, David McCuen reminded Council of the following upcoming events and all meetings in March 2019.

- March 12<sup>th</sup> – Seat 6 – Neighborhood Watch Meeting
- March 14<sup>th</sup> – Anderson County Municipal Association Meeting
- March 19<sup>th</sup> – Westside Community Coalition
- March 21<sup>st</sup> – Southeast Anderson Task Force

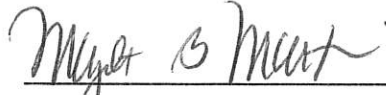
### ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts  
Mayor



Margot B. Martin  
City Clerk Treasurer