

Regular Meeting
June 24, 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, Council Members Chapman, Stewart, Laughridge, Harbin, Newton, John Roberts, and Jeff Roberts. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson was not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, David McCuen; Assistant City Manager, Andrew Strickland; Finance Director, Margot Martin; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; and Utilities Director, Jeff Caldwell. The invocation was given by Councilman Newton and respect to the flag was given by Councilman Chapman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Newton seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of June 10, 2019 meeting as presented.

REQUEST SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 19-06 ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2019-2020

City Manager, David McCuen said in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of South Carolina, the City Council is required to adopt an annual balanced budget by ordinance prior to July 1.

The City's budget is a policy and planning document that describes the City's priorities and plans. The purpose of a budget is to control the money, directing funds at projects identified by Council and providing basic municipal services.

The City Council held a budget work session on May 22, 2019 to review highlights/overviews of the 2019-2020 budget. A public hearing was held on June 10, 2019 prior to the Council meeting, with no one from the public was in attendance.

The total budget for all funds is \$78,963,179. The budget ordinance maintains the millage rate of 116 (rolled back from 118 in 2017); implements year 2 of the previously adopted rate path for utility rate changes of 6% for water and 3.5% for sewer to invest funds to address capital and infrastructure needs; amends procurement code to increase operational efficiency in purchasing goods and services; and provides a 2.25% cost of living increase for employees. The budget does not include any tax increases or reduction in services for our citizens.

A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 19-06 adopting the budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 with all funds totaling \$78,963,179 on Second Reading.

REQUEST SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 19-07 TO REZONE 1509 EAST RIVER STREET FROM R-5, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO LO, LIMITED OFFICE

City Manager, David McCuen said the applicant proposes to rezone the property in order to bring it into zoning compliance. There is a commercial-style building on the site with paved parking, and was previously in use as a non-conforming hair salon. Since the commercial use vacated the site, it must be rezoned in order for any commercial-type activity to occupy the building. The applicant requests LO, Limited Office zoning, which allows offices and related uses that are generally compatible with surrounding residential uses.

The City Council approved this request on First Reading at their June 10th meeting. Also, the Planning Commission recommended approval. If rezoned, all tenants that occupy the property must comply with the City's zoning, signage, and related codes.

The applicant representative, Mr. Gary Simpson spoke directly to Council.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 19-07 to rezone 1509 East River Street from R-5, Single-Family Residential to LO, Limited Office on Second Reading.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A CONTRACT FOR INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM SERVICES

Utilities Director, Jeff Caldwell said the Wastewater Department manages the Industrial Pretreatment Program for City and Anderson County industrial customers that discharge process wastewater to the City of Anderson Wastewater Treatment Plants. Goldie Associates is currently administering the Pretreatment Program. The duties that Goldie Associates provides include reviewing monthly monitoring reports from each industry, performing annual inspections, scheduling and reviewing annual sampling events, issuing violations, preparing reports, etc. Goldie Associates is known as the leader in Municipal and Industrial Pretreatment fields.

Goldie Associates employs the leading experts in the Pretreatment field and is familiar with the City's Pretreatment Program and our industries.

Under an annual contract, Goldie and Associates will perform the duties required under the Pretreatment Program for \$4,500 per month (\$54,000 per year) and includes up to 15 industries. The proposed budget includes the renewal of this contract with Goldie Associates so there is no additional funding impact.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Harbin carried unanimously (8-0) to approve an annual contract with Goldie Associates to administer the City's Industrial Pretreatment Program in the amount of \$54,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June 24th – Shakespeare in the Park
July 4th – City Offices Closed for Independence Day
July 8th – Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Margot B. Martin
City Clerk Treasurer