

City of Anderson
Regular Meeting
February 8, 2010

The regular meeting of City Council was held this date in City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Roberts, Mayor Pro-Tem Thompson, Council Members Kirven, Stewart, Dunaway, Roberts, Chapman, Williamson and Laughridge. Also in attendance were City Manager, John Moore; Assistant City Manager, Linda McConnell; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; Finance Director, Peggy Maxwell; Parks and Recreation Director, Bobby Beville; and Recreation Director, Willis Lee . The invocation was given by Councilman Roberts with respects to the flag by Councilman Stewart.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Thompson carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2010 Council Meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF EXPENDITURE OF HOSPITALITY FUNDS FOR THE RENOVATION OF
LINLEY PARK RESTROOMS

Mr. Moore said the City of Anderson Parks and Recreation Department received a \$39,851.46 PARD Grant for the construction of a handicap accessible restroom at Linley Park. Since the acquisition of the PARD Grant, Linley Park has been placed in the Historic District and all construction and revocation projects must be approved by the Board of Architectural Review (BAR). The Recreation Committee approved a pre-fabricated structure to replace the existing facility but the BAR did not approve the structure. A renovation proposal of the existing structure was submitted to the BAR and was approved. The Recreation Department advertised for renovation bids for the Linley Park Restroom Project and received three bids:

Sutherland Constructors	\$37,000
Jimmy L Davis, Inc	\$37,500
A.B. Roberts Construction	\$44,790

The state share of the \$39,851.46 PARD Grant is \$38,881.17, which will be reimbursed back to the city upon completion of the project. The City's 20% match of the grant is \$7,970.29, which is being requested from the Hospitality Funds. The City will use \$2,851 of its share to make other improvements around the facility like installing a four feet wide handicap accessible concrete path from the handicap parking space near the picnic shelter. The metal swing gate near the picnic shelter will be replaced with bollards to make it easier for wheel chairs to access the restroom pathway. The staff recommends awarding the Linley Park Restroom Renovation bid to Sutherland Constructors for \$37,000 and spending \$7,980 from Hospitality Funds for the City's match of the PARD Grants.

Councilman Stewart asked if the facility will be painted or stucco.

Mr. Beville said the plans called for stucco which was an additional five to six thousand dollars. To stay within budget we chose to paint the facility.

Councilman Dunaway asked what measures are taken to help prevent vandalism to the restrooms.

Mr. Beville said they are only open from 7am to 10pm at night. There are seasonal hours during the spring and summer months. Linley Park is one of our parks with the least amount of vandalism because there is more activity there.

Mr. Moore said staff will talk with the Police Department about putting Linley Park on a keep-watch since there are no cameras.

Councilman Dunaway said he would also like for the staff to take a look at the flume at the park. He said it is deteriorating and needs to be fixed before it is too late.

Councilman Laughridge thanked Representative Brian White for his role in securing the PARD funds.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Councilman Williamson carried unanimously (9-0) to awarding the Linley Park Restroom Renovation bid to Sutherland Constructors for \$37,000 and spending \$7,980 from Hospitality Funds for the City's match of the PARD Grants.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE ACCOMMODATION TAX (ATAX) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Moore said the ATAX Advisory Committee has three positions/terms of members to address:

Larry Richardson (at-large) — term expired and he has agreed to continue to serve another 4 year term

Donald Meksvanh (hospitality/lodging) — term expired and he has agreed to continue to serve a 4 year term

Vacant Position (at-large) — Lolly Wenzel's term expired and she has appreciated the opportunity to serve but now would like to offer this position to someone else. John Martin with the Fox Pub has agreed to serve on this committee for a 4 year term.

The other four members that serve on this committee are Jeff Morris (hospitality position), Tina Anderson (hospitality/lodging), Larry Linnette (hospitality position), and Vicki Culler

(cultural position). The staff recommends appointment/reappointments as indicated above with terms through December 31, 2013.

A motion by Councilman Dunaway seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to re-appoint Larry Richardson and Donald Meksvanh and to appoint John Martin to the Accommodations Tax (ATAX) Advisory Committee.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE ANDERSON COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Mr. Moore said The City of Anderson has four appointees to the Anderson County Human Relations Council. City Council appointed Art Kaldas and Eric Bradshaw in October 2009 to fill two of these positions. The City needs to appoint two more members to fill the two vacancies. The HRC seeks to improve human relations by building bridges and lowering barriers, among all races and age groups throughout Anderson County. The HRC has thirty members representing Anderson County municipalities. HRC is searching for individuals who are open to diversity and are willing to volunteer for various projects they have. The HRC meets on the second Thursday of the month, 6 PM at the Historical Courthouse second floor chambers. Mr. Scott McClure has expressed interest in serving on the HRC and the staff recommends his appointment to fill one of the vacancies for a three year term. Thus, one more appointment is still needed. Any recommendations from City Council will be appreciated.

Councilman Roberts said Mr. Scott McClure is one of his neighbors and lives on Marshall and is a very nice and energetic young man. He said he will do a good job on this council.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (9-0) to appoint Scott McClure to the Anderson County Human Relations Council.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE INNOVATE ANDERSON BOARD

Mr. Moore said Innovate Anderson is a public-private organization of which the City is a member. Our financial contribution to the organization entitles the City to seven representatives on the Board of Directors. The City's representatives to the Board currently are:

Terence Roberts, Bea Thompson, and Steve Kirven (all representing City Council)
Doug McDougald, Jr. and Charlie Thornton, Jr. (representing City from the private sector) John Moore and Linda McConnell (representing the City from the staff)

Appointments/reappointments to the Board are requested annually to coincide with Innovate Anderson's business year. Thus, at this time, they are requesting appointments and/or reappointments of the City's representatives on the Board. Each of these representatives has agreed to continue to serve.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Roberts carried unanimously (9-0) to re-appoint Terence Roberts, Bea Thompson, and Steve Kirven (all representing City Council), Doug McDougald, Jr. and Charlie Thornton, Jr. (representing City from the private sector), John Moore and Linda McConnell (representing the City from the staff) to the Innovate Anderson Board

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Roberts said the Council Retreat was Friday, February 5th. We came out of the retreat with a lot of good ideas about moving forward.

COUNCIL CALENDAR

Mr. Moore reminded Council of the following dates:

February 11th – Anderson County Municipal Association Meeting
February 17th – MASC Meeting in Columbia (Legislative Action Day)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Roberts seconded by Councilman Chapman carried unanimously (9-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:

Terence V. Roberts
Mayor

Peggy G. Maxwell
City Clerk Treasurer