

City of Anderson  
Regular Meeting  
June 13, 2016

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 Chapman, Council Members Kirven, Thompson, Laughridge, Stewart, Buck Roberts, and John Roberts. Councilman Harbin was not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, Linda McConnell; Assistant City Manager, David McCuen; Finance Director, Peggy Maxwell; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; Police Chief, Jim Stewart; and Planning Director, Maurice McKenzie. The invocation was given by Councilman Kirven with respects to the flag by Mayor Pro Tem Chapman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2016 meeting as presented.

REQUEST SECOND AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 16-11 TO Amend ORDINANCE 16-03  
REGARDING BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

City Manager, Linda McConnell said City Council adopted a Business Development Assistance Ordinance on February 8, 2016 which provided for the addition of Article VIII to Chapter 2 of the City Code. Article VIII establishes programs for use by the Division of Economic Development to encourage private capital investment and reinvestment. The ordinance limits the eligibility for participation in the Interior Up Fit and Maintenance Program to properties in the Downtown District. It has been recommended that this limitation be removed so that all properties within the city limits are eligible for the Interior Up Fit and Maintenance Program.

It also appears that the Article VIII was incorrectly numbered.

The Ordinance was passed on first reading at the May 23, 2016 Council Meeting.

Amending the ordinance will increase opportunities to encourage business development in the City of Anderson.

A budget of \$100,000.00 has previously been provided by Council for all Business Assistance Programs. This funding will not change.

A motion by Councilman John Roberts seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 16-11 Amending Ordinance 16-03 regarding Business Assistance Programs on Second Reading.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 16-10 adopting the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 with a budget of \$58,394,415 for all funds on First Reading.

#### REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 16-13 ESTABLISHING THE SEPTEMBER 2016 SPECIAL ELECTION

City Manager, Linda McConnell said based upon Section 7-13-190 of the S.C. Code of Laws, a special election to fill a vacancy in office shall be held on the thirteenth Tuesday after the vacancy occurs. Councilman Kirven will vacate his office effective June 30, 2016 and a special election is necessary to elect a candidate to serve Councilman's Kirven's unexpired term which ends June 30, 2018.

The filing period for candidates is noon Friday, July 15, 2016 through noon Monday, July 25, 2016. 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 \$200 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 September 27, 2016 election is August 27, 2016.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (8-0) to approve Ordinance 16-13 to establish the September 27, 2016 Special Election to fill the seat vacated by Councilman Steven Kirven.

#### REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF CAPITAL PURCHASES

City Manager, Linda McConnell said in the 2014/2015 budget Council established the funding to be used for capital improvements. To date there have been three phases of purchases using the CIP funds. Staff identified department priorities and obtained quotes on requested vehicles and equipment. The staff is recommending the capital purchases of \$107,897 to City Council for approval.

The purchase of this equipment will improve and enhance services provided, as well as saving time and money in the performance of various operations within the city.

The Capital Replacement Fund has a balance of \$111,154 which is available for the requested General Fund purchases equaling \$107,897.

Sherwin-Williams	\$19,464
CJ Spray	\$16,746
Tran Safe	\$16,471

- B. Funding: General Fund
- C. Recommendation: Purchase from Tran Safe

V. Gas Powered Soil Compacter: \$2,434 Cemetery

- A. Objective: The equipment will be used as needed by Cemetery personnel to compact dirt after interment. Bids were received as follows:

Norris Supply Co.	\$2,729
Sunbelt Rentals	\$2,434
United Rentals	\$2,246

- B. Funding: General Fund
- C. Recommendation: Purchase from United Rentals

VI. Electric Hammer/Shovel: \$1,513 Cemetery

- A. Objective: The equipment will be used as needed by Cemetery personnel to assist in "hand digging" graves when excavation equipment is inaccessible. Bids were received as follows:

Trado Supplies	\$1,709
Norris Supply	\$1,550
Sunbelt Rentals	\$1,513

- B. Funding: General Fund
- C. Recommendation: Purchase from Sunbelt Rentals

Total General Fund \$107,897

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Chapman seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (8-0) to approve capital purchases of \$107,897 for vehicles and equipment as stated above. Funding will be provided by the Capital Replacement Fund.

During the summer months and school holidays, the SROs are used for patrol, security event staff, and covering shifts during times of officer vacation leave, illnesses, etc.

Under the proposed MOA of 75/25%, the school district will pay approximately \$210,279 and the police department will pay approximately \$70,082 for cost sharing to include actual cost for salary, clothing, fuel, parts and repairs. Funding for the SRO program will come from the Police Department Budget.

Staff recommendation is to approve the new MOA to include the assignment of 5 School Resource Officers.

Councilman Kirven stated that the School District (SD) is responsible for the safety of the school children and this should be their priority. The SD would be putting children at risk by using security guards rather than trained police officers. The SD has the money to pay for SROs but are refusing to do so and are shifting the costs to City taxpayers. Councilman Kirven does not support the proposed MOA.

Councilman Chapman stated that student safety is very important to him and contact with a School Resource Office is very positive and would be lost with a security guard. He thinks that the school district has the money to fund SROs and should not ask the city for any assistance.

Chief Stewart stated that the SROs know the students and the neighborhood. He prefers an officer onsite for safety and quick response. He uses the SROs during holidays and the summer.

Councilman Stewart stated that having police officers in schools is necessary for the success of the city's 'Dream Team'. Officers in schools build relationships with students which in time reduces crime and gang activity. He recommended continued discussion between the City Manager and School District Superintendent.

Councilman Laughridge stated that the safety of the children should come first and having school resource officers in schools is the right thing to do regardless of who pays for it. Councilman Laughridge made a motion to approve the MOA as presented but the motion failed from lack of a second. More discussion continued.

A motion was made by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Laughridge to approve the School Resource Officer Memorandum Agreement with School District Five as presented and amended by both to include a term of one year. The motion carried (6-2) with Councilmembers Kirven and Chapman opposed.

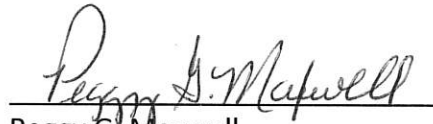
ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts  
Mayor



Peggy G. Maxwell  
City Clerk Treasurer