

Regular Meeting
March 13, 2017

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 Harbin, Council Members Thompson, Chapman, Buck Roberts, Laughridge, Stewart, John Roberts and Newton. Also in attendance were City Manager, Linda McConnell; Assistant City Manager, David McCuen; Assistant Finance Director, Margot Martin; City Attorney, Frankie McClain and Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher. The invocation was given by Councilman Chapman with respects to the flag by Councilman Buck Roberts.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
Firefighter Avery Bell

Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher said Firefighter Bell is a 2014 graduate of Palmetto High School. Firefighter Bell attended the Anderson District 1 & 2 Career and Technology Center where he received NFPA certifications including IFSAC Firefighter II. He has been a member of the West Pelzer Volunteer Fire Department for seven years. Firefighter Bell has successfully completed his probationary period with the Anderson Fire Department.

Chief Bratcher swore-in and pinned Firefighter Avery Bell.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION
10 & Under Girls Palmetto State Basketball Champions

Mayor Roberts welcomed and congratulated the 10 & Under Palmetto State Basketball Champions. Each player introduced themselves by announcing their name and where they attended school.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Buck Roberts seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE DETENTION CENTER

City Manager, Linda McConnell said there is a need to provide meals for the inmates of the City of Anderson Detention Center, which shall include the furnishing of nutritious, wholesome, and palatable food in accordance with the terms of this agreement.

In February, 2013, the City contracted with ABL Management, Inc. for the provision of food services at the Detention Center. The agreement was for a term of one year with an automatic renewal if agreeable to both parties. Pursuant to the Procurement Code, a RFP was made this year for the provision of food services. The only bid received was from the current vender (ABL) which is to become known as Summit Food Services, LLC on April 1, 2017. The vendor has agreed to continue to provide food service pursuant to the terms of the attached contract.

The per meal rate is based on the number of prisoners and is slightly higher than the prior schedule of rates. Based upon an average inmate population of 110, the annual cost for meals will be \$185,854.35 (\$1.543 per meal). Under the prior contract the cost would have been \$169,702.00 (\$1.4089 per meal).

The meals shall meet all nutritional standards imposed by the United States Bureau of Prisons, the American Correctional Association Standards, and any standards required by federal state or local laws and regulations. Staff has been very satisfied with the services provided by ABL.

Inmate meals are a budgeted item from current operating budget.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Harbin seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (9-0) to approve a contract with Summit Food Service, LLC to provided meals for the inmates of the City of Anderson Detention Center for the annual amount of \$185,834.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE PUMP STATIONS REPLACEMENT PROJECT

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the Utilities Division request consideration of a construction contract with McClam and Associates, Inc. for the replacement of the Mall Road and Wedgewood Drive Pump Stations.

In June 2014, the City began to develop several CMOM programs with the goal to eliminate all discharges of untreated wastewater known as Sanitary Sewer Overflows. One of the first programs was focused on the working order and state of repair of all pump stations. In order to make this certification, each pump station was rated according to its' functionality, reliability, and condition. On four (4) of the City's six (6) pump stations, we were able to make this

certification. On the two (2) pump stations that did not meet this certification, the City is required to provide remedial action and a schedule of implementation to make the identified remedies.

The Mall Road and Wedgewood Drive pump stations are the oldest stations in the City's system. Installed in 1965, these stations are over 50 years old. In addition to the existing ratings of each of these pump stations, the failure of these stations would result in SSO's upstream of the water treatment plant intake on Lake Hartwell.

In April 2015, Council approved Design South to complete a preliminary engineering report to identify possible new sites, needed right-of-way acquisition, evaluate existing and future flows, look at possible consolidation of other pump stations, establish design criteria, update cost estimates, and preparation of the report. This report was submitted to SCDHEC and received technical approval.

In September 2015, Council approved the final design and bidding phases for the project with a construction budget of \$5,290,000. Following design and advertising, the city received 4 bids for this work.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
McClam and Associates, Inc.	Little Mountain, SC	\$4,610,647.71
Don Moorhead Construction, Inc.	Belton, SC	\$4,687,646.00
Legacy Water Group, LLC	Covington, GA	\$5,226,023.50
Payne, McGinn, and Cummins, Inc.	Travelers Rest, SC	\$5,380,189.00

Moving forward with this project will provide for a more reliable sewer collection system, eliminate sewer stop-ups, and take the necessary steps to protect our environment thereby meeting EPA CMOM requirements.

This project is anticipated to be funded by a low-interest State Revolving Fund Loan.

Councilman Stewart questioned the City of Anderson's Procurement Code on awarding the bid to a local vendor instead of the lowest bidder. Mrs. McConnell said that our current regulations require the lowest bidder to be awarded the contract. Council asked that management review our current Procurement Code, to possibly allow changes in the bidding process that would favor Anderson County vendors.

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Laughridge carried unanimously (9-0) to approve a contract with McClam and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$4,610,647.71 for the Pump Station Replacement Project for the Mall Road and Wedgewood Drive Pump Stations.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 17-01 TO APPROVE THE SOUTH CAROLINA CLEAN WATER REVOLVING FUND LOAN NOT EXCEEDING \$6,300,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE TWO PUMP STATIONS

City Manager, Linda McConnell said the Utilities Division request consideration of Ordinance 17-01 approving the financing for replacement of the Northwest Pump Station (formerly known as Mall Rd) and the Northeast Pump Station (formerly known as Wedgewood).

At the April 11, 2016 City Council meeting, the City Council gave approval to the application for the State Revolving Loan fund (SRF), for potential low interest funding for two sewer pump replacements.

The South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority provides low interest loan financing for the construction of municipal wastewater facilities from the Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The current interest rate is 1.8%.

Annual debt service payment varies depending on the capitalization of the pump station assets, as some items can be capitalized for twenty years and others thirty years. Estimated annual debt service payments are \$294,283 for twenty years and \$200,801 for remaining ten years. Debt Service payments are expected to begin August 2018. Monies for debt service will be paid with Environmental Protection Act monies.

Councilman Chapman questioned the amounts of the total debt service payments. Mrs. Martin stated these are estimates and final debt service payments, showing principal and interest, will be presented at Second and Third Reading.

A motion by Councilman Chapman seconded by Councilman Newton carried unanimously (9-0) to approve Ordinance 17-01 to finance the replacement of two sewer pump stations by borrowing funds from the State Revolving Loan Fund not to exceed \$6,300,000 on First Reading.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 17-02 TO AMEND STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND AUTHORITY DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND REQUIREMENT

City Manager, Linda McConnell said in 2014, the State Authority adopted an amendment that reduced the Debt Service Reserve Fund Requirement necessary to be held under certain circumstances. The proposed ordinance authorizes the City's 2006 and 2006B SRF Loan agreements to be amended so that the required debt service reserve requirement is reduced to \$0 for as long as the City maintains at least "A" ratings from Moody's and Standard and Poor's' for its Water and Sewer System.

Based on the City's current credit ratings of Aa3 (Moody's) and A+ (Standard and Poor's), the City qualifies for this reduction in the Debt Service Reserve fund.

Following the approval of this ordinance and execution of the documents among the City, SRF, and Bank of New York (Trustee), the City will be refunded all of its Debt Service Reserve funds of approximately \$299,098.

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (9-0) to approve Ordinance 17-02 to amend a loan agreement between the SC Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund Authority and the City of Anderson on First Reading.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Manager, Linda McConnell, reminded Council of the following upcoming events and all meetings in March 2017.

March 16th – Southeast Anderson Task Force

March 21st – Westside Community Coalition

March 23rd – Concerned Citizens of Eastside

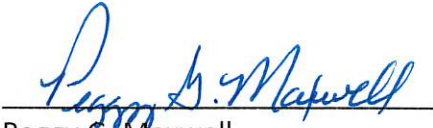
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Harbin seconded by Councilman Buck Roberts carried unanimously (9-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Peggy G. Maxwell
City Clerk Treasurer