

Regular Meeting  
March 25, 2019

The regular meeting of City Council was held this date in City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, Council Members Chapman, Laughridge, Newton, John Roberts, and Jeff Roberts. Mayor Terence Roberts, Councilmen Stewart and Harbin were not present. Also in attendance were City Manager, David McCuen; Finance Director, Margot Martin; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; and Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher. The invocation was given by Councilman Chapman and respect to the flag was given by Councilman Newton.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY  
Firefighter Austin Elgin  
Firefighter Keith Wicker, Jr.

Fire Chief, Randy Bratcher said Austin Elgin began his fire service volunteering with Rock Springs Fire Department at the age of 14. He is a graduate of Anderson School District 1 & 2 Firefighting Program where he received his Firefighter 2, Auto Extrication, Hazmat Operation and Awareness, and Emergency Medical Responder certifications. He is currently taking online classes through Anderson University to achieve his Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Service Management.

Tony Keith Wicker, Jr. began his fire service volunteering with Hart County Fire Department in 2012. He has volunteered with Hartwell City Fire Department for 6 years. He has an Associate's Degree in Diesel Technology from Athens Technical School. Keith is Firefighter 2 and Emergency Medical Responder certified.

Chief Bratcher swore-in and pinned Firefighter Austin Elgin and Firefighter Keith Wicker, Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the minutes of March 11, 2019 meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL AUDITING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF  
ANDERSON

City Manager, David McCuen said an annual audit is required by SC State law. An audit is an independent assessment of a municipality's financial statements to reasonably ensure that they are materially correct. An audit also assesses the effectiveness of internal controls, which minimize the risk of fraud.

Finance Director, Margot Martin said the City staff solicited proposals from qualified certified public accounting firms to audit the financial statements of the City for a four-year period. The City had 2 firms to respond. Below is a summary of fees and experience.

<b>Firm Name</b>	<u>Greene Finney LLP</u>	<u>Mauldin &amp; Jenkins</u>
<b>Location</b>	Mauldin, SC	Columbia, SC
<b>Previous Relationship</b>	Yes- 2018 last audit	No
<b>Depth of Staff</b>	5 - 4 CPA's	4 CPA's
<b>Experience</b>	City of Greenville City of Spartanburg Anderson School District V Anderson County	City of Charleston City of Orangeburg City of Beaufort City of Goose Creek

Name of Company	Cost					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total	AVG
Greene Finney LLP	\$ 39,700	\$ 40,700	\$ 41,700	\$ 42,700	\$ 164,800	\$ 41,200
# of hours	500	500	500	500	2,000	500
Mauldin & Jenkins	\$ 44,900	\$ 45,900	\$ 46,900	\$ 47,900	\$ 185,600	\$ 46,400
# of hours	500	450	400	400	1,750	438

Name of Company	Hours	Avg. Hourly Rate
Greene Finney LLP	500	\$ 82.40
Mauldin & Jenkins	438	\$ 106.06

The average annual cost of the City's audit is already budgeted in the Finance division's professional fees budget.

Based on the City's prior experience with Greene Finney, LLP and the fact that their fees were the lower proposal, the staff requests awarding the financial auditing services contract for four years for total cost of \$164,800 and average annual cost of \$41,200 to Greene Finney, LLP.

A motion by Councilman Jeff Roberts seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (6-0) to approve a contract with Greene Finney, LLP for financial auditing services in the amount of \$41,200 per year for four years with a total cost of \$164,800.

## ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

April 4<sup>th</sup> – Block Party – Carolina Wren Park

April 5<sup>th</sup> – Sounds in the Park – Carolina Wren Park

April 8<sup>th</sup> – Council Meeting

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Councilman Newton carried unanimously (6-0) to move into Executive Session:

Discussion of proposed sale of property to South Carolina Department of Transportation for the round-a-bout on West Market Street pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2).

A motion by Councilman Jeff Roberts seconded by Councilman Newton carried unanimously (6-0) to move out of Executive Session.

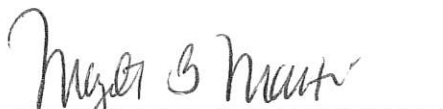
### ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Laughridge seconded by Councilman John Roberts carried unanimously (6-0) to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts  
Mayor



Margot B. Martin  
City Clerk Treasurer