

Regular Meeting
November 18, 2024

The regular meeting of City Council was held on this date in the City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Terence Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem Newton, Council Members Thompson, Stewart, Harbin, John Roberts, Jeff Roberts, Martinez and Steele. Also in attendance were City Manager, David McCuen; Assistant City Manager, Andrew Strickland; Assistant Finance Director, Tamara Lindley; City Attorney, Frankie McClain; Planning Director, Maurice McKenzie; Fire Chief, Charlie King; and Public Works Director, Ken Mullinax. The invocation was given by Councilman Tony Stewart with respect to the flag was given by Council Member Beatrice Thompson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Council Member Thompson seconded by Councilman Steele carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2024, meeting as presented.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION A PETITION TO
REZONE 1201 GADSEN STREET FROM LI, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO RM-10, MULTI-FAMILY
RESIDENTIAL

Planning Director, Maurice McKenzie said the applicant wishes to rezone the 0.61-acre property to RM-10, Multi-Family Residential to subdivide it into 3 new lots for single-family detached dwellings. A commercial type building previously existed on the site but has since been demolished. The existing LI zoning does not allow residential use.

The RM-10 zoning classification allows single-family dwellings to be on lots of at least 5,000 square feet. The R-5, Single-Family Residential zoning will also permit the applicant to construct the 3 houses. However, the area directly across the street is zoned RM-10, so this classification will be more consistent with surrounding zoning.

The Planning Commission will consider this request at their December 3rd meeting.

A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Councilman Martinez carried unanimously (9-0) to approve a referral to the Planning Commission a petition to rezone 1201 Gadsen Street from LI, Light Industrial to RM-10, Multi-Family Residential.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE A FIRE TRUCK FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief, Charlie King presented to Council a power point on the current fleet at the three City Fire Stations. The presentation includes information on each apparatus, vehicle, trailer and rescue boat.

The Anderson Fire Department is requesting to purchase a fire engine from Safe Industries (Piedmont, SC) to replace Engine 2 (706) that was significantly damaged during Hurricane Helene responses. The cost of the replacement is \$204,500.

City Manager, David McCuen said Engine 2, a 2010 Pierce Fire Engine, was struck by a large tree while operating during Hurricane Helene. While the crew was unharmed, the truck sustained significant damage rendering it out of service. Within a week of the event, and an extensive search in our region, the City of Anderson was able to lease a 2008 Crimson fire engine from Safe Industries in Piedmont, SC. Since going into service on October 2nd, the apparatus has proven to be mechanically sound and reliable in serving our community. The specifications of the apparatus meet our needs and are in line with the arrangement of our fleet.

If the current Engine 2 were to be repaired, the timeline is estimated to be 10-14 months and a minimum expense of \$356,611.28. In addition to the estimate for repairs, we have researched replacing Engine 2 with a "used" apparatus. Three comparisons are provided, including the 2008 Crimson fire engine from Safe Industries that we are currently leasing.

Safe Industries (Piedmont, SC) - 2008 Crimson	\$204,500.00
Brindlee Mountain Fire App. (Union Groove, AL) - 2009 KME	\$225,000.00
Command Fire Apparatus (Mount Joy, PA) - 2011 Pierce	\$219,000.00
Engine 2 Repair – Spartan Fire & App. (Spartanburg, SC) (10–14-month timeline)	\$356,611.28

One of the City's Strategic Goals is to advance the quality of life by providing a safe and secure environment. The Anderson Fire Department strives every day to provide a critical service to our residents and visitors with a high degree of quality and efficiency. To do so, we are dependent upon the apparatus and vehicles to always be reliable and ready. The Anderson Fire Department is dependent upon having five fire engines available to serve as primary response resources and reserve apparatus. By purchasing the currently leased 2008 Crimson fire engine, we are maintaining the needed number of available apparatus while saving on the cost of rebuilding Engine 2 (\$356,611.28) or replacing with a new apparatus (\$800,000+).

The General Fund will fund this purchase.

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A motion by Councilman Harbin seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Newton carried unanimously (9-0) to approve the purchase of the 2008 Crimson Fire Engine from Safe Industries in the amount of \$204,500 to be paid from the General Fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING
Hurricane Helene Update

City Manager, David McCuen gave Council an update on the damaged metal roof at Fire Station 1 that was blown off during the storm. The City is working on a settlement with the Insurance Company and recommend replacing the roof.

Public Works Director, Ken Mullinax said the last day of overtime debris removal was November 1, 2024 and staff are back on normal routes. Public Works will continue to pick up debris from the storm as it makes it way to the curbs.

The City was very thankful for the mutual aid provided by the cities of Rock Hill, Mount Pleasant and Myrtle Beach.

The City's Cemeteries had 12 trees down. The City crews were able to remove 6 of the trees. The remaining larger trees will be removed by contract work.

Darwin Wright Park has been closed for the season. 30 trees were down with 18 high-hanging trees that will need to be removed as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman Steele carried unanimously (9-0) to move into Executive Session:

Section 30-4-70(a)(2) – Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and the receipt of legal advice relating to matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.

A motion by Councilman Stewart seconded by Council Member Thompson carried unanimously (9-0) to move out of Executive Session.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

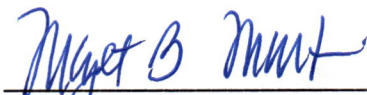
A motion by Councilman Steele seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Newton carried unanimously (9-0) to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the City of Anderson's website and the Anderson Independent Mail newspaper was notified of the meeting at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting in accordance with the S.C. Freedom of Information Act.

ATTEST:



Terence V. Roberts
Mayor



Margot B. Martin
City Clerk Treasurer