

ANDERSON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting

August 20, 2013

REGULAR SESSION

The regular session of the City Council was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Councilmember Day
 Councilmember Baugh
 Councilmember Hunt
 Vice-Mayor Hopkins
 Mayor Yarbrough

Councilmember absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Jeff Kiser, City Attorney Ann Siprelle, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Liz Cottrell, Police Chief Michael Johnson, Police Lieutenant Rocky Harpham, Development Services Director Kristen Maze, Deputy City Clerk Brenda Hicken, and City Clerk Juanita Barnett.

INVOCATION

Mr. Amarjit Singh, the Sikh Centre, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Baugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Police Chief Michael Johnson introduced new Community Service Officer Dave Coates.

Mr. Coates' son David pinned on his badge, and Mr. Coates thanked the Council for the privilege and opportunity to serve the community.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Liz Cottrell introduced new Account Clerk II Tonja King.

Ms. King thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve Anderson.

City Manager/Public Works Director Jeff Kiser introduced new part-time Maintenance Worker Aaron Haley.

Mr. Haley thanked the Council for the opportunity to work for the City.

PROCLAMATION

Councilmember Baugh read a proclamation recognizing "See the Vision...Live the Dream" 50th Anniversary Commemoration of Martin Luther King's 1963 "I Have a Dream..." Speech, and Mayor Yarbrough presented the proclamation to Serena Holmes, Anderson resident and Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Shasta County Multicultural Board.

Ms. Holmes thanked the Council for their support and announced activities scheduled for their August 24th celebration.

SCHEDULED CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL

Keith Webster addressed the Council representing concerned citizens on East Bailey Drive regarding a drug house in their neighborhood and expressed frustration with the Police Department for not being actively involved in resolving the problem.

Tami Baudizzon expressed appreciation for the Council's willingness to hear their concerns, and expressed her own concerns regarding having a meth house in her neighborhood and for the type of people now hanging out in the neighborhood. She expressed concern for her children and others' children who live and play there. Ms. Baudizzon expressed frustration with the Anderson Police Department for saying "it's not their problem and that residents should contact SINTF." Ms. Baudizzon further stated that this is an Anderson problem and should be treated as such, that Anderson PD is responsible because the thefts and violence this brings affects us all. Ms. Baudizzon encouraged Anderson PD should be proactive in this area and to provide protection for the residents of the neighborhood. Some neighbors have not come forward because they are afraid of retaliation.

Wayne Leonhardt, stated that he lives next door to a meth house that has been there for two years and asked Council if something can be done to change the circumstances.

Chief Johnson apologized to the residents for the impression that they are not being heard and gave a report on what is being done to address this issue and answered questions from the Council.

City Attorney Ann Siprelle informed the Council there is a legal way to shut down proven drug houses by ordinance.

Chief Johnson encouraged residents to call directly to SHASCOM to report problems in this area in order to create a record, and Officer Modin provided the number for SHASCOM as 245-6526.

Chief Johnson further stated he would research the matter brought up by these residents and get back to the Council with an update.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Donna Day addressed the Council regarding the release of 10,000 more prisoners into the State of California due to AB109 prison population reduction mandates, expressed her appreciation to Chief Johnson for staying in Anderson, and encouraged citizens to protect themselves through self-defense and preparedness.

CONSENT AGENDA

By motion made, seconded (Hunt/Day), and carried, the Council took the following actions:

Approved the minutes of the special meeting of July 30, 2013, the special meeting of July 31, 2013, and the special meeting of August 6, 2013.

Received and filed warrant 127484 to 127554 in the amount of \$309,616.50; warrant 127555 to 127640 in the amount of \$962,621.73; warrant 127641 to 127708 in the amount of \$298,030.62; warrant 127709 to 127773 in the amount of \$56,618.59; warrant 127774 to 127850 in the amount of \$636,383.00; an ACH in the amount of \$1837.40; an ACH in the amount of \$1,190.13; and an ACH in the amount of \$1,190.13.

Waived reading, except by title, of any ordinances under consideration at this meeting for either introduction or passage per Government Code Section 36934.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL MIDNIGHT MADNESS CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Development Services Director/Community Services Manager Kristen Maze gave a staff report and answered questions from the Council.

Shawna Ledford, President of the Women's Softball League, introduced Board Member Maggie MacNamara. Ms. Ledford asked for consideration of a one day midnight madness tournament.

Mayor Yarbrough expressed concern for seniors living in the adjacent mobile home park.

Ms. Ledford assured Council the residents of the two mobile home parks next to the park will be notified.

By motion made, seconded (Hopkins/Baugh), and carried, the Council reviewed and approved the request of Anderson Women's Softball League to sponsor a Midnight Madness Co-Ed Softball Tournament on September 27 and 28, 2013, providing for a one-time exemption to AMC §9.38.140 allowing overnight games at the Anderson River Park beginning on Friday, September 27th and running through Saturday, September 28th, 2013.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

ACCEPT ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS FOR THE ANDERSON RIVER PARK RESTROOM; RESOLUTION NO. 13-41

City Manager/Public Works Director Jeff Kiser gave a staff report and answered questions from the Council.

By motion made, seconded (Baugh/Day), and carried, the Council adopted Resolution No. 13-41 finding the Anderson River Park Restroom project Categorically Exempt in accordance with Section 15302, Class 2(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

2013 PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY; RESOLUTION NO. 13-42

City Manager/Public Works Director Jeff Kiser gave a staff report and answered questions from the Council.

By motion made, seconded (Hopkins/Hunt), and carried, the Council took the following action:

1. Adopted Resolution No. 13-42 finding the 2013 Pavement Repair Project Categorically Exempt in accordance with Section 15301, Class 1(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
2. Approved the Plans, Specifications, Estimates and Contract Documents for the 2013 Pavement Repair Project and instructed the Deputy Public Works Director to advertise for bids; and
3. Authorized the opening of bids at 10:00 a.m. September 26, 2013 in the City Council Chambers.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Chief Michael Johnson updated the Council on recent grants utilized by the Anderson Police Department.

City Clerk Juanita Barnett updated the Council on the upcoming League of California Cities Annual Conference scheduled for September 18 – 20, 2013 reviewed the proposed resolutions that will be voted on at that conference, and answered questions from the Council.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Councilmembers used this time to report on meetings and activities they participated in and to announce upcoming events.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Yarbrough announced the labor negotiations item is being removed from the agenda and will be brought back at a later date.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S) - None.

7:12 p.m.: ***The City Council convened to Closed Session.***

The City Council convened to Closed Session to discuss the following:

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(Pursuant to Gov't. Code Section 54957)

Title: City Manager

7:19 p.m.: ***Councilmember Hunt recused herself and left the building.***

7:30 p.m.: ***City Manager Jeff Kiser was called into Closed Session.***

7:40 p.m.: ***The City Council reconvened to Open Session.***

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUCEMENT: Mayor Yarbrough announced that Council sat in Closed Session to conduct an employee evaluation of the City Manager with direction given to the City Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT

7:41 p.m.: ***The City Council adjourned to September 3, 2013.***

James Yarbrough, Mayor

ATTEST:

Juanita Barnett, City Clerk