ANDERSON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
March 4, 2025

REGULAR SESSION

The regular session was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Councilmember Simmons
Councilmember Gallagher
Councilmember Hale
Vice-Mayor Gallier
Mayor Baugh

Also present: City Manager Joey Forseth-Deshais, City Attorney Collin Bogener, Police Chief Oliver Collins, Public Works Director Adam Whelen, Finance Director Cindy Wheeler and City Clerk Christy White.

INVOCATION

Mayor Susie Baugh gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Bonnie Simmons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

By motion made, second (Simmons/Gallier) and carried by a 5-0 vote, Council took the following action.

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2025.

Received and filed warrant 34098 to 34145 in the amount of $82,070.64; Received and filed warrant 34146 to 34198 in the amount of $93,817.16; Received and filed ACH in the amount of $60,442.44.

Vote: AYES: Councilmembers Simmons, Gallier, Gallagher, Hale and Mayor Baugh.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Gallagher requested to pull item 6.6.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SIMPSON UNIVERSITY AVIATION AND AVIATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Councilmember Gallagher discussed concerns with sending the letter of support to Honorable Alex Padilla and Honorable Adam Schiff. Councilmember Gallaghers requested sending the letter to Congressman Doug LaMalfa only.

A motion was made, seconded (Gallagher/Hale) but not voted on.

Councilmember Simmons spoke in support of sending the letter to all three, LaMalfa, Padilla and Schiff.

A motion made, seconded (Simmons/Baugh) Council voted to send the letter of support to all three, Congressman LaMalfa, Honorable Padilla, Honorable Schiff.

Vote: AYES: Councilmembers Simmons, Baugh and Gallier.
NOES: Gallagher, Hale.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

Councilmember Hale requested to pull item 6.10.

UPDATE TO THE USE OF CITY COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS POLICY AND ADOPTION OF A RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY.

Councilmember Hale requested striking of the terms *"gender identity, gender expression"* from the Computer Policy.

By motion made, second (Hale/Gallagher) and carried by a 3-2 vote, Council voted to strike the wording *"gender identity, gender expression"* from the Computer Policy.

Vote: AYES: Councilmembers Hale, Gallagher, Simmons.
NOES: Gallier, Baugh.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Diana Ramirez, Waste Management Public Sector Manager, gave an update on Waste Management and introduced District Manager Cahill Chavers.

PRESENTATION

Redding Area Bus Authority Transit General Manager John Andoh gave a presentation on the status of RABA.

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL

LETTER TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PRIORITIZING ISSUING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS TO RURAL COMMUNITIES

City Manager Joey Forseth-Deshais gave a staff report and turned the conversation over to Council for discussion.

Councilmember Hale recommended addressing the letter to President Trump and Directors of the Trump Administration.

By motion made, second (Hale/Gallier) and carried by a 5-0 vote, Council voted to change *the addressee to President Trump and Directors of the Trump Administration.*

Vote: AYES: Councilmembers Hale, Gallier, Simmons, Gallagher and Mayor Baugh.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

CITY MANAGER

AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GENERAL TEAMSTERS, PROFESSIONAL, HEALTH CARE AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 137

City Manager Joey Forseth-Deshais gave a staff report and turned the discussion over to Council for discussion.

By motion made, second (Gallier/Simmons) and carried by a 5-0 vote, Council voted to adopt Resolution 25-07 approving amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) negotiated between representatives of the City of Anderson and representatives of the General Teamsters, Professional, Health Care and Public Employees, Local 137 (Teamsters).

Vote: AYES: Councilmembers Gallier, Hale, Simmons, Gallagher and Mayor Baugh.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC WORKS

VOLONTE WELL EMERGENCY WORK – AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD

Public Works Director Adam Whelen gave a staff report and answered questions from Council.

By motion made, second (Gallagher/Gallier) and carried by a 5-0 vote, Council voted to approve this emergency work as a change order to the Anderson Park Village Consolidation

Project contract to RTA Construction, Inc. for $1,500,000.00, approve the purchase of an emergency bypass pump to provide temporary water to the Southern Pressure Zone to Rockwell Engineering for $95,358.75, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract upon receipt of the required insurance certificates, payment bond, and performance bond and authorize the Public Works Director to approve change orders not to exceed 20% of this amount.

Vote: AYES: Councilmembers Gallagher, Gallier, Simmons, Hale and Mayor Baugh.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

WATER RATE STUDY UPDATE

Public Works Director Adam Whelen gave a presentation on the water rate study update and answered questions from Council.

This was an informational item only, no action was taken.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

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

Public Comment on Closed Session Items – None.

7:52 p.m.: ***The City Council convened to Closed Session.***

CLOSED SESSION

8:07 p.m.: ***The City Council reconvened to Open Session.***

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

C.S.1 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
- Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): (One case)

ADJOURNMENT

8:07 p.m.: ***The City Council adjourned to March 18, 2025.***

Susie Baugh
Susie Baugh, Mayor

ATTEST: Christy White
Christy White, City Clerk