

**ANDERSON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting  
September 2, 2014**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The regular session was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Juanita Barnett announced Councilmember Melissa Hunt and City Manager Jeff Kiser were absent due to traveling to the League of California Cities Annual Conference and that a staff report would be given toward the end of the meeting by Deputy Public Works Director David Durette to update the Council on the recent report published in the paper about water loss in the City of Anderson.

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

Councilmember absent:      Councilmember Hunt

Also present:      Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Liz Cottrell, Police Sergeant Bryan Van Dyke, Development Services Director Kristen Maze, Deputy Public Works Director David Durette, and City Clerk Juanita Barnett.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Ryan Wildauer, Neighborhood Church of Anderson/Cottonwood, gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hopkin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Councilmember Baugh read a proclamation declaring September 17-24, 2014, as Constitution Week and Wednesday, September 17, 2014, as Constitution Day in the City of Anderson.

Councilmember Day read a proclamation proclaiming September 2014 as Youth/Peer Court Month in the City of Anderson.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

By motion made, seconded (Yarbrough/Baugh), and carried by a 4-0 vote, the Council took the following actions:

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of August 19, 2014.

Received and filed warrant 131334 to 131403 in the amount of \$92,617.53; warrant 131404 to 131480 in the amount of \$206,413.80; 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.

Adopted Resolution No. 14-47 amending the City of Anderson Position Classification and Compensation Plan re-establishing the classification of City Engineer, establishing a salary range, and approving an updated job description.

Vote: AYES: Councilmembers Yarbrough, Baugh, Day, and Mayor Hopkins.  
 NOES: None.  
 ABSTAIN: None.  
 ABSENT: Councilmember Hunt.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR** – None.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Any person may speak on items scheduled for hearing at the time the Mayor declares the hearing open. ALL LEGAL NOTICES WERE GIVEN ACCORDING TO LAW.**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING - WATER AND SEWER USER CHARGES REGULAR AGENDA: RESOLUTION NO. 14-54**

This was the time set aside to receive public input on proposed water and sewer rate increases for 2014 and 2015.

Assistant City Manager Liz Cottrell gave a staff report and, together with Deputy Public Works Director David Durette, answered questions from the Council.

**6:23 p.m.:** The Public Hearing was opened.

Kim Chamberlain, Anderson resident, addressed the Council in opposition to the proposed 10 percent increase in both sewer and water rates over the next two years, stating that as a retired senior she does not receive those kind of increases in her income and recommended, that if an increase must be made, a smaller increase be considered such as two percent. She further urged the elected officials to examine all of the City's budgets and to approve increases that are reasonable. Ms. Chamberlain also stated the City should pay attention to water losses.

Ron Barnett, Anderson property owner, addressed the Council in opposition to the proposed increases in both water and sewer stating he did not approve the water or sewer increases being five percent per year over the next two years. He also stated he feels the sewer bill, which is attached to his property tax bill, is already high and the proposed increase is too much.

Kim Chamberlain addressed the Council again, stating that Councilmember Baugh indicated water was not being wasted, but the report in the Record Searchlight clearly shows the City's water loss at more than 58% which is a tremendous loss.

No other comments were received.

**6:43p.m.:** The Public Hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Baugh, and seconded by Mayor Hopkins, to adopt a resolution increasing water consumption charges by 5% effective October 1, 2014 and again by 5% effective October 1, 2015. The motion failed by a 2-2 vote.

Vote: AYES: Vice-Mayor Baugh and Mayor Hopkins.  
 NOES: Councilmembers Yarbrough and Day.  
 ABSTAIN: None.  
 ABSENT: Councilmember Hunt.

Councilmembers Yarbrough and Day requested staff bring the matter back to Council for consideration again by December 2014, with more information and possibly smaller increase increments.

Assistant City Manager Cottrell stated there would need to be a minimum of sixty days lead time in order to provide water users the opportunity to protest any proposed increase prior to bringing the matter back to Council. She also informed the Council that if they decided not to increase sewer rates at this time the opportunity to increase rates this year will be lost because sewer rates are included on the tax bill and there would be no time to meet the deadline for submitting them to the Assessor's office.

By motion made, seconded (Baugh/Hopkins), and carried by a 4-0 vote, the Council adopted Resolution No. 14-54 increasing monthly sewer user charges by 5% effective October 1, 2014 and again by 5% effective October 1, 2015.

Vote: AYES: Councilmembers Baugh, Day, Yarbrough and Mayor Hopkins.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Councilmember Hunt.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Deputy Public Works Director Dave Durette gave a brief update on the water loss report.

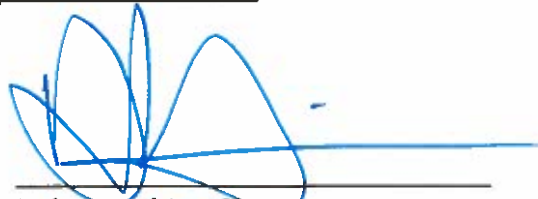
Development Services Director Kristen Maze announced the upcoming Parks Master Plan meeting at Scout Hall from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS**

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

**ADIJOURNMENT**

**6:54 p.m.: The City Council adjourned to September 16, 2014.**

  
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Debe Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Juanita Barnett, City Clerk