

Sandersville City Council

Working Session Minutes

February 6, 2017 – 4:00 P.M.

Council Members and City Employees present:

Mayor Jimmy Andrews	Russell Riner, Chief SFD
Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith	Karrie Brown, City Clerk
Council Member Mayme Dennis	Wayne Poole, Electric Department Director
Council Member Henry Watts	Robert Eubanks, Public Works Director
Council Member Danny Brown	Kelly Collins, SPD Captain
Council Member Jason Davis	Dave Larson, Building Official
Judy McCorkle, City Administrator	

Absent: City Attorney Wynne and Police Chief Victor Cuyler

Mayor Andrews called the working session to order at 4:00 p.m. He noted that City Attorney Wynne is absent due to a medical appointment and Police Chief Cuyler is attending the Police Chiefs' Conference.

Other Reports:

Connie Burley, Archway Professional, gave the Mayor and Council a report of the projects that Archway is currently working on including the Highway 15 project which has been nicknamed "Traditions Highway". The Teen Maze program is scheduled for Monday, March 13th and a session has been added to teach teens how to interact with Law Enforcement Officers. Ms. Burley listed several other projects that Archway is working on.

Department Reports:

Police Captain Kelly Collins gave the January report for Animal Control. He stated the Police Department report will be given quarterly. Council Member Dennis asked who in the Police Department reviews accident reports as she had a complaint. Captain Collins stated the shift supervisors and he review accident reports. He is working on this particular report in question. Captain Collins added there is a Resolution on the regular agenda to add the Crime Suppression Unit to the Police Department's Operating Procedures. Mayor Pro Tem Smith noted he would like a report to show the effectiveness of this unit when preparing for the next year's budget.

Fire Chief Riner stated this is Severe Weather Preparedness Week. There is a different topic covered each day and this information can be found on the Fire Department's Face book page as well as in the Sandersville Progress. Chief Riner noted that the Code Red system is the main notification source to the public of severe weather. Anyone needing help registering with Code Red is welcome to stop by the Fire Department.

Electric Director Poole stated the annual right-of-way tree trimming, which is bid out by Electric Cities of Georgia, is on the regular agenda for approval. He would like for Council to award the bid to Asplundh, who is the 2nd lowest bidder based on their availability and great service in the past. Electric Director Poole stated he was able send help to Albany following both storms. After the first storm, Lineman Greg Taylor helped set poles January 5-12. Following the second storm, Adrian Johnson and Bryan Long helped from January 24-27 resetting services. He reported that, while in Albany, someone ran a red light and crashed into the side of the truck that Greg Taylor was driving. There were no injuries and repairs to the truck are being scheduled.

Public Works Director Eubanks asked the Mayor and Council to add a bid award for land application at the Eddy Turner farm to the regular agenda for approval. The low bid is to Smith Farm Supply for \$14,470.00.

Building Official Larson stated that Arbor Day is Friday, February 17th and the Sandersville Tree Board will be planting a Live Oak at the Walking Trail.

Council Member Dennis asked about a complaint she received from Stacer Helton concerning water standing on his property following the construction of Dollar General on East McCarty Street. Building Official Larson stated he is aware of the complaint but has advised Mr. Helton that this is a civil matter between him and the contractor.

City Administrator Report:

City Administrator McCorkle went over the agenda items. City Administrator McCorkle noted one agenda item is to transfer money to the Disc Golf Park account to cover expenses for the tournament which is scheduled for April 1st. There are also plans to host a paint ball game and a movie night in the spring. City Administrator McCorkle also discussed renewing the Economic Development services contract for Chris Hutchings to work on retail development. The consensus of the Council is to be proactive with Economic Development but they would like a report before future contract renewal.

Mayor and Council Reports:

Mayor Andrews stated he was asked if the City could donate a vehicle to the Washington County Regional Medical Center and he thought that the 1998 Jeep that was driven by Jim Collins may be considered for donation. Mayor Andrews then discussed the training and travel budget for the Mayor and Council Members. He noted that the cost of the conference and classes has increased and asked that everyone be mindful of the budget when scheduling training. The Council Members then discussed the training and travel budget in more detail. Council Member Davis suggested looking at webcasts or online training options as well.

Mayor Andrews adjourned the Working Session at 5:00 p.m.