

**Sandersville City Council
Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2017 – 4:20 P.M.**

Council Members and City Employees present:

Mayor Jimmy Andrews

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith

Council Member Mayme Dennis

Council Member Henry Watts

Council Member Danny Brown

Council Member Jason Davis

Robert Wynne, City Attorney

Judy McCorkle, City Administrator

Victor Cuyler, Chief SPD

Russell Riner, Chief SFD

Robert Eubanks, Public Works Director

Dave Larson, Building Official

Karrie Brown, City Clerk

Mayor Andrews called the August 21, 2017 meeting of the Sandersville City Council to order at 4:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Dennis made a motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously with favorable votes from Mayor Pro Tem Smith, Council Member Dennis, Council Members Watts, Council Member Brown, and Council Member Davis.

The regular meeting reconvened at 4:55 p.m.

Council Member Watts gave the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Smith led the pledge to the American flag.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Member Dennis made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2017 meeting of the City Council as presented. Council Member Brown seconded the motion passed unanimously. (Attachment A)

Recognitions: Marguerite Bryant then discussed the application to rezone her property to commercial so that she may open a restaurant. Ms. Bryant stated she will not allow alcohol or loitering on her property if granted the zone change. The Council Members further discussed the zone change and expressed the concern that a zone change is a permanent decision. The zoning does not revert back if the property changes ownership or if the business closes. The Council Members also discussed the possibility of making the structure conform for residential use.

MOTION TO DENY ZONE CHANGE APPLICATION #2017-02: A ZONE CHANGE APPLICATION AT 412 WEST FLOYD STREET

Council Member Watts made a motion to deny Zone Change Application #2017-02: A Zone Change Application request from Marguerite Bryant to change the zoning at 412 West Floyd Street from R-3 to C-1. Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded the motion. (Attachment B)

Council Member Davis commented that rezoning is a drastic step. Council Member Brown added that although he would like to see a new restaurant, he has to go with Council Member Watts because this would be in his neighborhood.

The vote was then taken and was unanimous.

MOTION TO APPROVE ON 1ST READING ORDINANCE 2017-01: AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE THE JUNK VEHICLE ORDINANCE

Council Member Dennis made a motion to approve on 1st reading Ordinance #2017-01: An ordinance change to replace the Junk Vehicle ordinance. Council Member Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (Attachment C)

Other Business:

MOTION TO APPOINT CITY REP TO WCRD BOARD

Council Member Dennis made a motion to appoint Council Member Watts as the City representative on the Washington County Recreation Department Board effective September 1, 2017. Council Member Davis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE TO ADVERTISE FOR 4 VACANT POSITIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for 4 vacant positions (3 full time & 1 part time). Council Member Dennis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Dennis seconded and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.