

Sandersville City Council

Working Session Minutes

March 5, 2018 – 4:00 P.M.

Council Members and City Employees present:

Mayor Jimmy Andrews	Victor Cuyler, Chief SPD
Council Member Henry Watts	Russell Riner, Chief SFD
Council Member Danny Brown	Robert Eubanks, Public Works Director
Council Member Jason Davis	Dave Larson, Building Official
Robert Wynne, City Attorney	Brianna Wiley, Finance Officer
Judy McCorkle, City Administrator	Karrie Brown, City Clerk

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Smith and Council Member Dennis

Mayor Andrews called the working session to order at 4:00 p.m.

Recognitions:

Katie Moncus, President of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, stated the Chamber's focus for March is on their members who are in the food or related business. They will host a Taste of the Towns event on Monday, March 19th at Oconee Fall Line Technical College from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 each and can be purchased at the Chamber office, online, or at the door.

Mrs. Moncus gave the Mayor and Council Members an event calendar and noted the City will sponsor Business after Hours on April 26th at the new park. Also, the Chamber and City have been working jointly to plan two downtown concerts. The tentative dates are June 9th and July 14th.

Mayor Andrews then presented the Restaurant Month Proclamation.

Jamie Brindell with the Washington County Recreation Department stated the Linton Park Open disk golf tournament has been scheduled for May 5th. So far they have 36 registered players including professional players.

Connie Burley, Archway Professional, reminded everyone that the Teen Maze will be held on next Monday, March 12th.

Department Reports:

Police Chief Cuyler stated the City will host a Community Policing Workshop on Tuesday March 13th at Oconee Fall Line Technical College. Chief Cuyler stated that Valdosta Chief of Police Brian Childress will present the workshop and any law enforcement officers that attend will receive P.O.S.T. credit.

Chief Cuyler then gave the activity report for the Police Department and Animal Control for February 2018.

Fire Chief Riner stated that there is a lease agreement on the regular agenda for the Washington County Amateur Radio Club to use space on the City tower located on Jernigan Street. Chief Riner stated that currently the State Patrol has a repeater on the tower and this addition will not cause any interference. Council Member Davis asked what would happen if the City decided to take the tower down in the future for a project such as a streetscape project. The Council Members then discussed the possibility of providing a lease on a different tower or moving the existing tower in this type of event.

Public Works Director Eubanks stated his crews are working on the sidewalks on South Harris Street so they are accessible and ADA compliant. He added the work at the new park is almost complete. Public Works Director Eubanks stated construction on the East Haynes Street project should start next week.

Council Member Watts stated the new park looks nice but ask if the City would do anything about the walls of the surrounding buildings. Mayor Andrews stated that he met with Anne Floyd, who works for the CSRA Regional Commission, to see if there are any grants available for murals. Mrs. Floyd gave him the information he needed and he has turned this over to the DDA. Council Member Davis stated this will be brought up at the next DDA meeting.

City Administrator McCorkle stated she received notice that the City has been awarded a CHIP Grant in the amount of \$306,000 for housing projects.

City Clerk Brown stated that there is an application for a pawn shop license on the regular agenda for Hunting and Fishing Country. This is an existing business and they have passed the necessary back ground checks and inspections. City Clerk Brown stated that there are two requests on the regular agenda to allow open containers for City sponsored events; Business after Hours on April 26th and downtown concerts on June 9th and July 14th. City Clerk Brown stated there is a request on the regular agenda for all non-essential departments to close at 12:00 noon on Friday May 25th for the annual employee picnic.

City Clerk Brown reminded everyone that City taxes are due March 31st.

City Administrator Report:

City Administrator McCorkle stated there is Resolution on the regular agenda to oppose Senate Bill 426, the Broadband Infrastructure Leads to Development Act. City Administrator McCorkle stated that GMA is also opposed to this bill.

Council Reports

Mayor Andrews stated that early voting is going on now for County Commissioner seat in District 1 and the election date is March 20th.

Mayor Andrews adjourned the Working Session at 4:40 p.m.