

**Sandersville City Council**

**Working Session Minutes**

**April 16, 2018 – 4:00 P.M.**

Council Members and City Employees present:

Mayor Jimmy Andrews	Victor Cuyler, Chief SPD
Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery	Russell Riner, Chief SFD
Council Member Henry Watts	Wayne Poole, Electric Department Director
Council Member Danny Brown	Robert Eubanks, Public Works Director
Council Member Jason Davis	Dave Larson, Building Official
Robert Wynne, City Attorney	Karrie Brown, City Clerk
Brianna Wiley, Finance Director	

Absent: Council Member Mayme Dennis and City Administrator Judy McCorkle

Mayor Andrews called the working session to order at 4:15 p.m. He noted that Mayor Pro Tem Smith should join the meeting shortly. Council Member Dennis and City Administrator McCorkle will be absent from the working session and the regular meeting.

Department Reports:

Police Chief Cuyler stated he has a bid award on the regular agenda for 2 detective cars. There was only one bidder and his recommendation is to award the bid. The equipment for the cars will be bid separately and brought back to Council for approval at a later date. The Mayor and Council Members discussed repurposing equipment from the old detective cars. Chief Cuyler stated he has 1 personnel item for executive session.

Fire Chief Riner stated he will be attending an EMA Conference in Savannah this Tuesday through Thursday. He will be back in the office on Friday.

Electric Director Poole reported he sent a few of his linemen to a one day training class on hot work last week in Newman. He attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> session on the EDGE training last Thursday in Forsyth. Electric Director Poole stated the tree trimming crew will finish next week. Mayor Andrews and Council Member Brown then discussed several complaints received about the tree trimming crews leaving messes and hacking up trees.

Public Works Director Eubanks stated he has been notified that the USDA has reviewed and made comments on our proposed projects. He will be meeting with David Tyre from Turnipseed Engineers this week to go over the project list so they can start the work.

Public Works Director Eubanks stated he just received a quote from Charter to move their lines underground on the East Haynes Street improvement project. The quote includes 2 options: in the first option they will locate their service in the same trench with the City and in the second option they will do their own work separate from the City. Public Works Director Eubanks stated that even though the second option is more, he recommends the second option because he doesn't know what will happen with our crews' workload.

Finance Director Wiley stated there is a resolution on the regular agenda to approve interim financing with GEFA for the USDA projects. Once the

construction is complete, the USDA loan will pay off this financing and also 3 other GEFA loans. Finance Director Wiley noted the City will still have one GEFA loan for the MLK sewer project.

Public Works Director Eubanks reported that a portion of West Haynes Street is closed due to a storm drain that has deteriorated and also a sewer line that was cracked. The repairs will take at least another week to finish.

Finance Director Wiley stated the Fuel Management Policy is on the agenda for approval. This will provide a written record of the policies that employees should go by when fueling and servicing City vehicles.

Building Official Larson stated there is an agreement with AMEC on the regular agenda for approval for the design of the downtown café site. This project is a part of the master plan for the downtown area. The Mayor and Council Members then discussed the downtown buildings and the possibility of a mural being painted. Mayor Andrews asked if the DDA could contact Sukie Griffin to see if she would be interested in having a mural painted on the side of her building.

City Clerk Brown stated she has been made aware of a scam where City residents and business owners are receiving calls from people claiming to work for the City and threatening to turn off their electricity. City Clerk Brown stated they are trying to make the public aware that this is a scam and if they receive any calls to hang up and call back to City Hall.

City Clerk Brown reminded everyone that Trash Amnesty day will be this Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and the Business after Hours will be next Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith joined the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

#### Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Andrews stated he along with several Council Members attended the EDGE training last Sunday and this was a great training opportunity. Mayor Andrews stated he would like to plan a retreat with the Council Members and Department Heads to discuss several items including possible ordinance changes, hiring policies, meeting times, etc. He asked the Council Members to let him know if they would like to have the retreat in lieu of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in May.

Mayor Andrews then stated he would like to contact the heirs of the Byrnes property, which is near to the old Wal-Mart, but is in the County. He would like to see if the property could be annexed in and or torn down. City Attorney Wynne stated he will see if he can contact the family.

Council Member Watts stated he was glad to be back after being sick and he appreciates the prayers, visits, and cards.

Council Member Davis stated he would like to see the funding for the Archway program restored to the original amount of \$15,000 for next year instead of \$8,000. The Mayor and Council Member then discussed the Archway funding.

#### Other Reports

Connie Burley, Archway Professional, stated the Public Service Outreach Leadership Academy, which is made up of about 20 UGA faculty members, visited Sandersville last Friday.

Mayor Andrews stated the GMA District 7 meeting will be held in Thompson on Thursday.

Debra Helton, Candidate for Washington County Commissioner District 1, introduced herself to the Mayor and Council Members

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