

Sandersville City Council

Working Session Minutes

May 7, 2018 – 4:15 P.M.

Council Members and City Employees present:

Mayor Pro Tem Smith	Victor Cuyler, Chief SPD
Council Member Mayme Dennis	Russell Riner, Chief SFD
Council Member Henry Watts	Wayne Poole, Electric Department Director
Council Member Jason Davis	Robert Eubanks, Public Works Director
City Administrator Judy McCorkle	Dave Larson, Building Official
Robert Wynne, City Attorney	Karrie Brown, City Clerk
Brianna Wiley, Finance Director	

Absent: Mayor Jimmy Andrews and Council Member Danny Brown

Mayor Pro Tem Smith called the working session to order at 4:15 p.m. He noted that Mayor Andrews is at a GEFA Board meeting and Council Member Brown is out of town on business. Mayor Pro Tem Smith added that Council Member Dennis should be in attendance before the business meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Recognitions:

Roger Byrd, Manager of Business and Industry Services with Oconee Fall Line Technical College, stated he conducted a 10 week training course with City employees to expand their leadership training. He then presented the Leadership Series Certificates to Wayne Johnson, Greg Haynes, Sylvester Hooks, Seaborn Street, Carla Cooper, and Casey Hilson. Antonio White also completed the training but is out sick today. Mr. Byrd thanked the City for the opportunity to work with City employees with this training.

Department Reports:

Police Chief Cuyler gave the activity report for the Police Department and Animal Control for the month of April 2018. He added there was one fatality on the Fall Line in which the Georgia State Patrol was called in to investigate the accident. Chief Cuyler stated that Keyerika Yorker will graduate from the Police Academy on Friday, May 18th, 2018 and invited the Council to attend the graduation ceremony.

Fire Chief Riner reported a structure fire at 412 N. Harris Street and noted there were no injuries. However, an arrest was made for arson. Chief Riner stated while he attended an EMA Conference, he was able to negotiate a lower price for the Code Red services.

Electric Director Poole stated he will be attending the EDGE training in Forsyth on Tuesday. Also, his crews are making good progress on the East Haynes Street improvement project.

Public Works Director Eubanks stated there is a motion on the regular agenda to approve an application to GEMA for a grant to purchase a generator for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The grant total is \$278,500 and will require a 15% match from the City which will be \$41,775.

Public Works Director Eubanks stated that also on the agenda is a change order proposal for the East Haynes Street improvement project for additional project management from Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions (f/k/a Amec Foster Wheeler) in the amount of \$17,000. He stated this will give more extensive oversight to the project.

Public Works Director Eubanks stated he would like to add an item to the regular agenda under other business for the Council to approve the replacement of water lines on the East Haynes Street project. He noted the existing lines are clay with taps that are gooseneck. They do not feel that the existing lines will hold up to the compaction process. The quote is from the existing contractor, L&L Utilities, and he would like to approve options 2, 3, and 5 which total \$41,080.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated the East Haynes Street project is the 3rd phase of the City's downtown streetscape projects. He noted these improvements will compliment the businesses in the area once complete and asked everyone to still patronize the businesses during this construction.

Building Official Larson stated the proposed plan for improvements to the Boys and Girl Club is on the regular agenda for approval. This is for the CDBG grant. Building Official Larson stated that Cardno, the company that is managing the Downtown Café cleanup project, is waiting on EPA approvals and then the clean up should start in August or September and be completed in October. The City will then be able to start on the development phase. Building Official Larson noted that Linda Grijalva will be at the next meeting to discuss the CHIP grant as well as other projects.

Finance Director Wiley stated there is a contract on the regular agenda for the CSRA Regional Commission to administer the CHIP grant, which will be paid out of the grant funds.

Police Chief Cuyler stated the Sandersville Police Department assisted the Pilot Club in the Car Seat Safety check last Saturday. Police Captain Kelly Collins reported that of the 55 car seats that were checked, that only 6 of those were installed correctly. Captain Collins gave an overview of age, height and weight regulations for car seats. He also noted that children should not ride in the front seat until they are at least 12 years old.

Council Member Dennis joined the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

City Clerk Brown invited everyone to attend the City's Family Day on Friday, May 25th starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Splash Pad. Also, the annual Walk to Wal-Mart event will be held on Friday, June 8th starting at 6:30 a.m.

City Administrator Report:

City Administrator McCorkle stated she has given all of the Council Members a draft copy of the Procurement Card policy to review. This will be on the next agenda for approval. City Administrator McCorkle handed out an updated list of City projects that are currently underway and included a status update. City Administrator McCorkle stated she has a personnel item for executive session.

Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated there were a lot of activities going on in Sandersville this past weekend including the disk golf tournament, street dance, community yard sale, and a fundraiser in the Old City Cemetery.

Council Member Dennis stated she has an executive session item concerning property.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith adjourned the Working Session at 4:55 p.m.