

Sandersville City Council
Called Meeting Minutes
City Hall Conference Room
July 2, 2018 – 12:00 P.M.

Council Members and City Employees present:

Mayor Jimmy Andrews

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith

Dave Larson, Building Official

Council Member Mayme Dennis

Robert Wynne, City Attorney

Council Member Henry Watts

Judy McCorkle, City Administrator

Council Member Danny Brown

Kandice Hartley, Assistant City Clerk

Council Member Jason Davis

Mayor Andrews called the July 2, 2018 called meeting of the Sandersville City Council to order 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Andrews gave the invocation. He then reviewed the agenda items by stating there is a MEAG Bond item that needs to be voted on. Also, under other business, the Sandersville Building Authority is requesting a portion of matching funds from the City for a One Georgia Grant they want to apply for and Building Official Larson will give an update on corrections that need to be made to the zoning map.

Administrator McCorkle explained the MEAG documents that need Council approval are to consolidate Project 1, 2, 3, and 4 debt obligations to take advantage of lower interest rates and to also provide for more flexibility in financing between all four projects. Attorney Wynne stated this is a time sensitive contract that needs to be responded to quickly this is the reason for the called meeting so that MEAG can move forward with the refinancing process.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE VALIDATION OF MEAG BONDS TO ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL CAPACITY AND FAVORABLE REFINANCING.

Council Member Dennis made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute documents in connection with the validation of MEAG bonds to allow for additional capacity and favorable refinancing. Council Member Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business:

Building Official Larson stated that there are some more corrections that need to be made to the zoning map. There are several properties on East McCarty that are marked incorrectly as residential that should be commercial. These corrections will require the Council to adopt a new map.

Mayor Andrews then explained that the Sandersville Building Authority (SBA) members are here today to find out if the City will give a letter of support and also be willing to pledge a third of the matching funds for a One Georgia Grant. The pledge would be just over \$16,000. Mayor Andrews went on to explain that Council Member Brown was on the SBA board but has recently resigned. However, he would need to abstain from voting. City Attorney Wynne went on to explain that Council Member Brown would need to abstain from voting on this particular issue, but going forward he would be fine to vote on any new business. Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated that he thinks the City should give them the support to see if they can get the grant.

Council Member Dennis explained concerns that it does not look good for the City to contribute and not the County when the SBA is a County Authority. Council Member Davis expressed his concern of why the Authority could not raise and come up with more money through fundraising before asking the City for a contribution. The Council Members then had discussion with the SBA members about future plans if they were awarded the grant, and future fund raising plans. Mayor Andrews then called for a motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to provide funding in the amount of \$16,600 to the Sandersville Building Authority to apply for a One Georgia Grant. No one seconded the motion. The motion died for lack of a second.

ADJOURNMENT

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