

Sandersville City Council
Working Session Minutes
August 20, 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	Wayne Poole, Electric Department Director
Council Member Jason Davis	Robert Eubanks, Public Works Director
Robert Wynne, City Attorney	Dave Larson, Building Official
Judy McCorkle, City Administrator	Brianna Wiley, Finance Director
Karrie Brown, City Clerk	

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith and Council Member Mayme Dennis

Mayor Andrews called the working session to order at 4:00 p.m. He noted that Mayor Pro Tem Smith will be absent today and that Council Member Dennis should be in attendance before the business meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Department Reports:

Fire Chief Riner stated he is a prospect for a vacant volunteer firefighter position and he hopes to bring a recommendation to the Council at the next meeting for a vote. Mayor Andrews stated he would like to take a tour of the training facility. Chief Riner replied there will be a live burn training event in October and this may be a good time to see the facility in action. He will get the training details to the Mayor and Council.

Police Chief Cuyler stated he has an item on the regular agenda to purchase Power DMS which is records management software. City Clerk Brown added this software has been approved by Local Government Risk Management Service (LGRMS) for a safety grant. Because the program is grant specific, it was not bid out, but does require approval from the Council since it is over \$5,000. City Clerk Brown noted the grant will reimburse the City for the entire cost of the software.

Electric Director Poole stated he finished the EDGE training last week. Also, his crews continue to work on the East Haynes Street improvement project.-

Public Works Director Eubanks stated the East Haynes Street improvement project is coming along well. There is a change order on the regular agenda for crushing the concrete that has been removed from the East Haynes Street project. If approved, the crushed concrete will be moved to the yard at the Public Works Annex and stored for use in other City projects.

Public Works Director Eubanks added there is a resolution on the regular agenda to officially change the name of Deer Street to P.L. Braswell Way. There will be a small dedication ceremony on Thursday, August 30th at 5:00 p.m. on site and the new road sign will be revealed.

Building Official Larson stated there will be a Planning and Zoning Board meeting next Monday to hear a Special Exception request to open a church on Industrial Drive. This will also be on the next Council agenda for a vote. Building Official Larson asked the Council Members to think about changes they would like to make to the mobile home ordinance and they will discuss this also at the next meeting.

Finance Director Wiley stated she is working on the first budget amendment for FY 2018 and will have this on the next agenda for approval.

City Clerk Brown stated the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4th due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 3rd. Also, the Chamber of Commerce will host a street dance on the square on Saturday, September 1st.

City Administrator Report:

City Administrator McCorkle reminded the Council Members about the EDGE training on August 28th in Forsyth. Also, she has started working on the FY 2019 budget and asked the Council Members for any considerations they may have for the budget.

Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Andrews stated he would like for City Administrator McCorkle to try to find money for road resurfacing projects. Mayor Andrews added he appreciates all of those who worked on the Thiele Park dedication event this past Friday. He noted there was a nice turn out for the park dedication.

The Council Members then discussed the Highway 15 Truck Route and also the speed limit on the Fall Line Freeway. Public Works Director Eubanks will contact GA DOT to see if a representative can attend the next Council meeting to give updates on the projects that will affect Sandersville.

Council Member Watts stated he is thrilled with the Thiele Park and that Mr. Thiele was a great man who did a lot for this community. Council Member Watts expressed appreciation to City Administrator McCorkle and everyone who worked on the park.

Council Member Brown asked Fire Chief Riner if he knew why the cell phone signal was so poor. Chief Riner replied that he is not aware of any issues but will check into this.

Council Member Davis stated he would like to see if they can find money for a playground, park, or other quality of life projects.

City Administrator McCorkle stated the EDGE Community Retreat is planned for October 29 and 30. More information will be sent out in the near future.

Other Business:

Willie Ann Montford suggested the City put up flags in February for Black History Month, similar to the City of Dublin. Mayor Andrews stated they will research this.

Mayor Andrews adjourned the Working Session at 4:30 p.m.