

**Sandersville City Council**  
**Working Session Minutes**  
**September 4, 2018 – 4:00 P.M.**

Council Members and City Employees present:

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

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

Recognitions:

Todd Price with the Georgia Department of Transportation introduced the new District Engineer, Corbett Reynolds. Mr. Price then gave an update on the Highway 15 Truck Route, noting that construction will start on the northern leg in the near future. The southern leg is still in the environmental review process. Mr. Price also gave an update on the Fall Line Freeway section where the slide occurred, stating the lanes will not go around the church. There will be 4 lanes with no median.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked about the design of the intersection at Hospital Road and Highway 242. Mr. Price replied there is a proposal to make this intersection a round-about. Representatives from GA DOT will be meeting with representatives from the railroad to discuss the proposal.

Council Member Watts asked about the speed limit changes on the Fall Line Freeway. Mr. Price replied that the speed limit increase is in the works. Also, Mr. Price noted the Fall Line will become Highway #540 all the way through.

The Mayor and Council Members thanked Mr. Corbett and Mr. Price for attending the meeting today and for working so well with the City of Sandersville.

Department Reports:

Police Chief Cuyler gave the August 2018 activity report for the Police Department. He stated there is a bid award on the regular agenda for emergency equipment for the 2 new Detective cars. He would like to recommend West Warning, who is not the lowest bidder, but he has the best experience with their equipment and installation.

Electric Director Poole reported power outages last week at the Industrial Park and at the KT Plant. He added that one of the bucket trucks broke down while working at the new car wash. Employee Adrian Johnson was stuck in the bucket and they had to get another bucket to get him down. Altec will be onsite tomorrow to look at repairs.

Council Member Davis and Council Member Dennis discussed the possibility of providing electric service to the old Wal-Mart that has been turned into a church. City Administrator McCorkle stated that Walter West of Electric Cities of Georgia is currently researching the possibility of providing electric service to this location.

Public Works Director Eubanks stated the Georgia Department of Transportation has a grant program called TAPS. On the regular agenda is a motion for Council to authorize an application for the TAPS grant program that would include improvements to Brookins, Jernigan, and Gilmore Streets. If awarded, the project total will be \$1,459,535 of which the City would have to provide a 20% match of about \$291,907.

Building Inspector Larson stated during the regular meeting there will be a public hearing followed by a vote for a special exception to allow a church in a commercial zone. The Planning and Zoning Board approved the special exception.

Finance Director Wiley stated there is a request on the regular agenda to purchase 6 computers from Dell. These computers will replace computers in various departments including the water, police, electric, and building departments. Finance Director Wiley noted this is the State contract pricing from Dell.

City Clerk Brown stated that the Georgia Municipal Association will hold a District 7 Fall Policy Forum on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> in Thomson.

#### Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked about the summer hours for Public Works and the Electric Department. It was noted the summer hours are 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. and start on Memorial Day in May and end on Labor Day in September.

#### City Administrator Report:

City Administrator McCorkle went over the regular agenda items. She noted there are two resolutions on the agenda for the two GEFA loans that will serve as the interim financing for the USDA projects.

City Administrator McCorkle stated there is a bid award on the regular agenda to purchase new garland for the downtown light poles. There is also an agenda item to convey 40 of the old wreaths to the City of Tennille. The rest of the old wreaths will be made available to other surrounding cities.

City Administrator McCorkle stated she will give the Mayor and Council an update on the current year budget at the next Council meeting.

Public Works Director Eubanks added that he has a change order for the East Haynes Street improvement project on the regular agenda for an insertion valve. This insertion valve keeps the City from shutting down water service to customers during construction.

The Council Members then discussed hiring a DDA person next year. Considerations include the job description, salary range, and work location.

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