

Sandersville City Council

Working Session Minutes

January 22, 2019 – 4:00 P.M.

Council Members and City Employees present:

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

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

Recognitions:

Mayor Andrews and City Clerk Brown recognized employees with 5, 10, 15, and 30 year milestone anniversaries in 2018 and presented commemorative key chains to those employees.

Ross Smith, Project Engineer with GWES, LLC stated his firm has locations in Macon, Perry, and Brunswick and would like to be considered for future projects with the City of Sandersville. Mr. Smith noted that he is from Tennille. He passed out a brochure that included his firm's project experience.

Department Reports:

Building Official Larson stated there is a resolution on the regular agenda to put a moratorium in place for mobile homes until the ordinances can be updated. This moratorium would be temporary for 90 days and would include all zones except R-4. Council Member Dennis asked if this includes modular homes and Building Official Larson responded that it includes all manufactured houses. Council Member Dennis expressed concerns with legal issues. Council Member Davis suggested holding a working session as well as a public hearing during the moratorium. City Attorney Howard noted he would research any legal issues to discuss at the working session.

Mayor Andrews noted that Police Chief Cuyler was attending a funeral and will join the meeting shortly and that Fire Chief Riner is attending training today.

Electric Director Poole reported that AT&T has removed their phone cables off of the poles on East Haynes Street. Electric Director Poole stated that he ordered a small bucket truck in June, 2018 and the ordered somehow got mixed up. The company that the City ordered from has offered to provide a 2019 model at no extra charge that will include the same equipment. The truck should be ready by April.

Council Member Dennis asked about broadband internet service in Sandersville, City Administrator McCorkle responded that she has a meeting tomorrow to discuss upgrades to the City's fiber network. The City currently provides fiber service to commercial locations, but can look at adding

residential service.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith joined the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Andrews asked Public Works Director Eubanks to report on the USDA projects. Public Works Director Eubanks stated the projects are divided into 4 divisions: Division 1 is the water projects including Ridge Road, Anderson Drive, and East McCarty Street, Division 2 is the sewer projects including the same area as well as the Davisboro pump station and Cook Street, Division 3 is the South Water Plant, and Division 4 is the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Public Works Director added the bids have been let out for all 4 divisions and the bid opening date will be February 21, 2019.

Public Works Director Eubanks added that he and Finance Director Wiley are in the process of attending the TAP training and once the training is completed, he will be able to resubmit an application for grant funding.

Mayor Andrews stated that he was out and about and noticed a lot of tires on the right-of-ways. He asked Public Works to notify the property owners that tire disposal requires a separate fee. Council Member Watts added that he has seen a lot of grocery store buggies in his neighborhood. Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked if the newspaper would help the City get information out to the public about the tire disposal program as well as asking residents to take their carts off of the right-of-ways after pickup.

Mayor Andrew then asked the Council Members if they have given any thought to the downtown flower planters as discussed in the last meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Smith suggested asking the businesses near the planters if they would like to use them and if not, for the City to pick the planters up.

City Clerk Brown reported the 2018 property tax bills have been mailed and are due March 31, 2019. Tax payers can make installment payments as long as they are paid in full by the due date.

City Administrator Report:

City Administrator McCorkle stated there is a new grant that the City can apply for that would help take down dilapidated structures. The City would need to set up a land-bank authority. City Administrator McCorkle will meet with Linda Grijalva from the CSRA Regional Commission on February 4th to discuss the grant application and requirements.

City Administrator McCorkle stated the downtown café has been taken down. Once the debris is removed, the construction on the project design, as approved by Council in 2018, can begin. For funding purposes, the bathrooms will not be constructed until 2020. Council Member Dennis asked that there is adequate lighting.

Council Reports:

Mayor Andrews stated that CID Captain Ken Parker's father passed away. He asked everyone to keep Captain Parker's family in their thoughts and prayers.

Police Chief Cuyler joined the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Other Reports:

Willie Ann Montford stated she is working with the DDA on the Black History month banners to be placed in the downtown area.

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