

Sandersville City Council
Working Session Minutes
February 04, 2019 – 4:00 P.M.

Council Members and City Employees present:

Mayor Jimmy Andrews	Russell Riner, Chief SFD
Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith	Victor Cuyler, Chief SPD
Council Member Henry Watts	Wayne Poole, Electric Department Director
Council Member Jason Davis	Dave Larson, Building Official
Council Member Danny Brown	Brianna Wiley, Finance Director
Kennan Howard, City Attorney	Kandice Hartley, Assistant City Clerk
Judy McCorkle, City Administrator	

Council Member Dennis and Public Works Director Eubanks were absent from the meeting.

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

Recognitions: None

Department Reports:

Chief Victor Cuyler read the activity report from January for the Police Department and Animal Control. Mayor Andrews questioned if there were any leads on the vehicle break in's over the weekend, Chief Cuyler stated that they were interviewing and investigating.

Fire Chief Riner asked Council for prayers and support for volunteer Justin Whiddon as he has been diagnosed with colon cancer and will be having surgery. The Fire Department will be selling raffle tickets to help raise funds for his surgery. Chief Riner went on to read statistics from 2018 and remind everyone that it was Severe Weather Awareness Week was this week and encouraged everyone to make sure they were signed up with CODE RED alerts. Mayor Pro Tem Smith updated Chief Riner on the negotiation with the county funding their part for the use of our Fire Department and stated they did agree to pay some but still not what they should be paying. Attorney Howard commented that a fire fee tax was becoming a big thing with other cities. Council had brief discussion on this matter.

Electric Director Poole reported that the tree trimming bid was awarded to Trees Unlimited so they would have three men and three trucks around the city doing tree trimming.

Building Official Larson stated that they had come up with two different dates for the mobile home ordinance February 22nd & February 28th both at the Fire Department at 10 a.m. Council had discussion on the dates and hoped that it could be done in one meeting on the February 22nd if not they would have the second meeting.

Finance Director Wiley state there would be a meeting at the fire house on Feb 6th at 9:15 on procurement cards and explained how these cards would

be used now and for what kind of purchases.

City Attorney Howard informed the Council that they are continuing cases on nuisances but eventually they would need to come up with a plan for these code enforcement cases.

City Administrator Report:

City Administrator McCorkle stated there was a resolution on the regular agenda for the City to accept and maintain Wedgewood Drive and Wedgewood Court as city streets. They were deeded to the city several years back but were never voted on and accepted by the City. These streets would also be added to the list of resurfacing projects to be looked at in the future. City Administrator McCorkle also stated there was a motion on the Agenda to update and execute an a Legal Services Agreement with Gray, Pannell & Woodward LLP for Bond Counsel for the City's USDA loan, this would need to be updated to add Attorney Howard as the City of Sandersville's attorney to the agreement. City Administrator McCorkle stated that the City of Lafayette wanted to purchase power and Council would need to authorize her to further the negotiating process with the City of LaFayette. After negotiating they would then draft a contract that she would then bring before Council in more detail for approval.

Council Reports:

Council Member Danny Brown said he had a great training class at Mayors Day and got some very useful information from his training. He also stated that the process of changing over trash companies has been a nightmare and he has had lots of complaints, but hopefully everyone would adjust to the change soon.

Other Reports:

Susan Lewis stated that the black history month banners would be placed around the downtown area in the next week.

John Willie Jackson came before council stating that he poured concrete for a bathroom addition at a residence on Hines St. and that everything was done to code, but he did not call for an inspection. Building Official Larson informed him he was required to get a letter from a structural engineer stating that everything was done to code. Building Official Larson stated that he had already completed the job and did not call for an inspection and it is required that when the Building Official does not inspect the job there has to be a letter from an engineer stating that everything was done correctly so the city is not liable. Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated that he would need to get the letter that was required and get back with Building Official Larson.

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