

**Sandersville City Council
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2019 – 5:05 P.M.**

Council Members and City Employees present:

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

Absent: Council Member Mayme Dennis

Mayor Andrews called the February 18, 2019 meeting of the Sandersville City Council to order at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Watts gave the invocation and City Attorney Howard led the pledge to the American flag.

Recognitions: None

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019 regular meeting of the City Council as presented. Council Member Watts seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (Attachment A)

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2019-04: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN IGA FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution #2019-04: A Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Sandersville, Georgia and the Washington County Board of Commissioners providing for Fire Protection Services. Council Member Brown seconded the motion. City Attorney Howard noted a typo on page 5 that will be corrected. Council Member Davis discussed tabling the motion until all of the Council Members were present and also discussed the County's source of funding. The Mayor then called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously. (Attachment B)

MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL TO PREPARE THE NPDES WASTEWATER PERMIT RENEWAL PACKAGE

Council Member Watts made a motion to approve a proposal by Goodwyn, Mills and Caywood (GMC) to prepare the NPDES Wastewater Permit renewal package in the amount of \$6,000.00. Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (Attachment C)

MOTION TO APPROVE A PERMIT TO SERVE BEER & WINE FOR A PRIVATE EVENT

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to approve a permit to serve beer and wine in Paul F. Thiele Park during a private event on April 27, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Council Member Davis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Andrews then opened a discussion of proposed changes to the Sandersville Police Department Standard Operating Procedures manual concerning facial hair for police officers. Council Members discussed having the Chief of Police issue an order to allow facial hair within certain guidelines for a 12 month trial period. After the trial period, an actual policy change could be revisited.

Council Member Davis made a motion to table any changes to the facial hair policy. Council Member Watts seconded the motion. Council Member Davis and Council Member Watts voted for the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Smith and Council Member Brown voted against the motion. Since the vote was 2 to 2, Mayor Andrews acted as the tie breaker and voted against the motion. The motion failed 2 to 3.

MOTION TO ALLOW AN ORDER TO ALLOW FACIAL HAIR

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to allow the Chief of Police to execute an order to allow facial hair, within certain guidelines, during a 12 month trial period. Council Member Brown seconded and the motion passed 3 to 1 with favorable votes from Mayor Pro Tem Smith, Council Member Brown, and Council Member Davis. Council Member Watts voted against the motion.

Other Business: Willie Ann Montford discussed the need for directional signs at the Dollar General on East McCarty Street, on the M. Friedman Drive entrance side. She fears that a wreck is imminent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Council Member Watts seconded and the motion passed unanimously with favorable votes from Mayor Pro Tem Smith, Council Member Watts, Council Member Brown, and Council Member Davis.

The regular meeting reconvened at 5:45 p.m.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR VACANT POSITIONS

Council Member Brown made a motion to authorize to advertise 3 Police Officers positions and 1 Senior Customer Service position at City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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