

Sandersville City Council
Working Session Minutes
March 18, 2019 – 4:00 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 Mayme Dennis	Wayne Poole, Electric Department Director
Council Member Henry Watts	Robert Eubanks, Public Works Director
Council Member Danny Brown	Dave Larson, Building Official
Keenan Howard, City Attorney	Brianna Wiley, Finance Director
Judy McCorkle, City Administrator	Karrie Brown, City Clerk

Absent: Council Member Jason Davis

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

Recognitions:

Ms. Betty Pinkston, 507 Martin Luther King Jr Ave, stated there are several houses in her neighborhood that need to be torn down. Also, there are tree limbs on the electric line and her neighbor has a tree limb hanging over her trailer. Mayor Andrews replied that he will have the electric department check on the tree limbs that are growing on the power lines. He noted that her neighbors' tree hanging over her property is a civil matter. Mayor Pro Tem Smith suggested that she contact her insurance company about the limb hanging over her trailer and they may be able to provide her with advice or may even help notify the neighbor.

Ms. Pinkston then stated the storm drain in her front yard needs to be cleaned out because water is settling in her yard when it rains. Mayor Andrews asked Public Works Director Eubanks to check on this.

Department Reports:

Police Chief Cuyler went over the 2018 Vehicle Pursuit Analysis report. He noted that any time an officer conducts a vehicle pursuit, that it will be reviewed for policy compliance. Factors included in deciding to make a vehicle pursuit include the seriousness of the event, the time of day, the location, and the amount of traffic. In 2018, there were 6 pursuit events in which there were no injuries or damages.

Mayor Andrews asked Chief Cuyler to contact Bobby Jackson about closing a section of Hines Street on March 30th for a food giveaway.

Public Works Director Eubanks stated he has been working on the striping grant application that is due to the DOT by April 1st. Also, there is resolution on the regular agenda to authorize an application for the CDBG which will include improvements to areas of PL Braswell Way, Spring Street, Green Street, MLK Jr. Ave, and Newman-Turner Street. Public Works Director Eubanks reported that he is working on an update to the solid waste ordinance and hopes he has the proposed revision on the next agenda for review.

Public Works Director Eubanks stated he is working with Attorney Howard on an agreement with the railroad for the water line work on Sunhill Road. Also, he is working on setting up an area for camping during the disc golf tournament.

Public Works Director Eubanks stated there is bid award on the regular agenda for land application fertilizer for both the Helton and Turner sites. Smith Farm is the low bid for both sites. The City Administrator and Council Members then discussed the land application bids.

Public Works Director Eubanks stated there is also a bid award on the regular agenda for a variable speed drive for the Beck Boulevard lift station. There was only one bidder.

Electric Director Poole stated the invoice from Altec for repairs to one of the bucket trucks in on the agenda for approval. Mayor Andrews asked Electric Director Poole to check for limbs on the power lines near Ms. Pinkston's house on MLK Jr. Ave.

Building Official Larson stated the Planning and Zoning Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed mobile home ordinance on March 25th. Then, the City Council will hold the first reading on April 1st and then a public hearing and 2nd reading on April 15th.

Finance Director Wiley stated the 2nd budget amendment for FY 2018 is on the regular agenda for approval. She will begin working on the audit soon, and this should clean up all of the expenses.

City Clerk Brown stated that the City will host a Business after Hours event on April 18th at Thiele Park in conjunction with Georgia Cities Week. Also, the City will host a street dance on May 4th to provide entertainment during the disc golf tournament. Both of these events are on the regular agenda for approval which include allowing open containers.

Council Reports:

City Administrator McCorkle stated the final EDGE session is scheduled for March 28th from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Fire Department Training Room. She added that ECG will recognize the City of Sandersville on April 29th during a conference at Jekyll Island, as being the first City to complete the EDGE program.

City Attorney Report:

City Attorney Howard stated he is working with Turnipseed Engineers on updating easements for the USDA projects.

Council Member Dennis joined the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

City Administrator Report:

Mayor Andrews stated he has seen a lot of people using Thiele Park and taking pictures for events. He noted there was a wedding in the park this past Saturday.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated there have already been 3 wedding booked this year, a concert scheduled, and also the Business after Hours planned for Thiele Park. He noted he has seen a lot of people taking pictures and even some playing chess. He is glad the disc golf tournament is sold out in

advance. Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated he is excited to see the fruits of our labor with these City projects.

Council Member Dennis stated she has received complaints about the gravel patch on Sunhill Road and asked when it will be fixed permanently. Public Works Director and City Attorney Howard replied they are working on agreements with the Sandersville Railroad that have to be in place prior to the work being done because they will be working in the railroad's right of way. City Attorney Howard added we have to meet very specific guidelines when working in the railroad's right of way.

Council Member Dennis stated that traffic has been flying down East Church Street, near Morningside Drive. Chief Cuyler will look into this.

Council Member Brown stated he has also seen several families in Thiele Park.

Other Reports:

Conni Burley, Archway Professional, stated she will be attending the EDGE session on March 28th. Some of the current Archway projects include working on a website for the DDA and completing the maps for the Sandersville Walks project.

Mayor Andrews adjourned the Working Session at 4:45 p.m.