Joint Called Meeting of the Sandersville City Council and the Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Minutes City of Sandersville Council Chambers April 1, 2019 – 4:00 P.M.

City 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

Council Member Jason Davis Brianna Wiley, Finance Director

Keenan Howard, City Attorney Karrie Brown, City Clerk

Judy McCorkle, City Administrator

Planning & Zoning Board Members present:

Robert James, Vic-Chairman Mike Wiggins

Carolyn Bloodsaw Ben Salter

Rita Hunt

Mayor Andrews called the April 1, 2019 joint called meeting of the Sandersville City Council and the Planning and Zoning Board to order at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Andrews stated there would be no working session today. He noted this is a joint working session with the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Board to discuss proposed changes to the mobile home and other zoning ordinances. Mayor Andrews stated this meeting is not a public hearing. He stated the City Council will hold a public hearing on April 15th at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Andrews then asked the Planning & Zoning Board members to introduce themselves. Board Members Mike Wiggins, Ben Salter, and Rita Hunt were present at this time. Mayor Andrews stated there is not a quorum of P&Z Board members present at the time. Mayor Andrews stated he would like to start the discussion. Board Members Robert James and Carolyn Bloodsaw both joined the meeting after the discussion started.

P&Z Board Member Mike Wiggins started the discussion by stating that in the proposed ordinance changes, the minimum square feet allowed in an R-4 zone is 1200. He would like to see this changed to 900 square feet because 1200 square feet may not be affordable for some people. He also noted that R-3 zones only have a 900 square feet requirement. Building Official Larson noted the current ordinance refers to a required size by width and length in the R-4 zone and not the square feet.

Mr. Wiggins also discussed the proposed change to the required roof pitch, which is currently 3/12 and is proposed to change to 5/12.

P & Z Board Member Carolyn Bloodsaw stated that people build homes and then when someone places a mobile home in that same neighborhood, it

depreciates the value of the homes. Board Member Rita Hunt stated she agrees with Ms. Bloodsaw.

The Mayor and Council Members and the Planning and Zoning Board further discussed the proposed ordinance changes including the minimum square feet requirement and the roof pitch requirement. They also discussed allowing special exceptions instead of rezoning areas of the City that have a majority of mobile homes.

The Mayor and Council Members asked the Planning and Zoning Board Members for a recommendation on the proposed zoning ordinance revisions.

With a quorum present, Building and Zoning Board Vice-Chair Robert James officially called the Planning and Zoning Board meeting to order.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE REVISIONS WITH TWO CHANGES

Board Member Rita Hunt made a motion to recommend the proposed zoning ordinance revisions be passed by the Sandersville City Council with two changes: 1. the roof pitch requirement be a minimum of 4/12 in all zones and 2. The square foot requirement for all residential structures in all zones be a minimum of 1,200. Board Member Carolyn Bloodsaw seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed 3 to 1 with favorable votes from Board Members Rita Hunt, Carolyn Bloodsaw, and Ben Salter. Board Member Mike Wiggins voted against the motion.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Board Member Salter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Bloodsaw seconded and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Mayor Andrews asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the Council at the time. No one came forward. Mayor Andrews adjourned the called joint meeting at 5:00 p.m. and noted there would be a short break before the Council meeting starts.