

**Sandersville City Council
Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2019 – 5:00 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 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 May 6, 2019 meeting of the Sandersville City Council to order at 5:00 p.m. He stated that he, along with the Council Members and City Staff, got a chance to tour the newly renovated Boys and Girls Club today at 4:00 p.m. in lieu of the working session. He added that Council Member Dennis is out of town at her son's college graduation and she will be absent today.

Council Member Watts gave the invocation and Council Member Davis led the pledge to the American flag

Recognitions:

Conni Burley, Archway Professional, passed out a report of complete Archway projects. She noted that there are currently 14 projects in the works including developing a website for the Sandersville Downtown Development Authority and also the Sandersville Walks project. Mrs. Burley showed the Mayor and Council a rendering of the Sandersville Walks map. The Mayor and Council Members stated that Mrs. Burley is doing a great job.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Member Watts made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2019 regular meeting of the City Council as presented. Council Member Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (Attachment A)

David Tyre with Turnipseed Engineers briefly went over the USDA projects list. He stated that this USDA loan process started in 2015. Since then, there have been price increases as well as the scope of the projects has been changed somewhat. The resolution that is on the agenda for approval will request additional funding for the projects, approve the bids awards for the proposed projects, and authorize a rate increase on the water and sewer rates by the completion of the projects. Mr. Tyre explained the rate increase is based on a preliminary analysis and would increase water and sewer rates by \$.90 per thousand gallons; however the base rate would not change. He added the average household usage is 4,500 gallons per month, so that would be about a \$4.50 monthly increase for both water and sewer.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2019-09: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL USDA FUNDING, AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE IN WATER & SEWER RATES, AND TO APPROVE BIDS FOR WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS

Council Member Davis made a motion to adopt Resolution #2019-09: A Resolution to authorize additional loan funding from USDA

Rural Development, to authorize an increase in water and sewer rates, and to approve bid awards for sewerage system improvements, water system improvements, south water treatment plant improvements, and water pollution control plant improvements. Council Member Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (Attachment B)

Public Works Director Eubanks explained that there is a section on Sunhill Road near the railroad bed where the water line broke. The water line has been temporary repaired, but will need to be permanently repaired which will include running a casing under the railroad line. Public Works Director stated that there are a lot of rules when you work in the railroad's right of way. The next item on the agenda is an agreement with the Sandersville Railroad for the City to occupy that space in the railroad's right of way. City Attorney Howard noted there are a couple corrections to the agreement including a typo and a change to the provisions on page 2 section 4 subsection C concerning insurance requirements during the construction. City Attorney Howard stated the contractor has to submit a contractor's liability certificate prior to the start of the project.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT FOR PIPELINE OCCUPATION ON SUNHILL ROAD WITH CHANGES

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and Agreement for Pipeline Occupation of Sandersville Railroad Company Property on Sunhill Road with the changes per City Attorney Howard. Council Member Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (Attachment C)

Public Works Director Eubanks stated there was only one bid submitted for the Sunhill Road Water Line Project. This bid is in line with his cost estimate.

MOTION TO AWARD A BID FOR THE SUNHILL ROAD WATER LINE PROJECT WITH AN ADDED STIPULATION

Council Member Davis made a motion to award a bid to the only responsive bidder, L&L Utilities, in the amount of \$32,000.00 for the Sunhill Road Water Line Project with the added stipulation that they have the required railroad liability certificate to cover the project. Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (Attachment D)

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MOU FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ARCHWAY PARTNERSHIP

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for the renewal of the Washington County Archway Partnership. Council Member Davis seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (Attachment E)

Other Business:

Mayor Andrews reported a pile of limbs on a vacant lot on Floyd Street at the intersection of Post Office Street and asked Public Works Director Eubanks and Building Official Larson to look into this.

City Administrator McCorkle explained the EDGE program through Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG). City staff, elected officials, and community partners all participated in the EDGE program. City staff, including herself, Public Works Director Eubanks, Electric Director Poole, and Building Official Larson attended (8) 1 day training sessions in Forsyth. The Mayor and Council Members attended (2) 2 day sessions. Then the City staff, Mayor & Council Members, along with community leaders participated in a community retreat to decide what direction the City should go in for the future. The Mayor and Council Members then further discussed the EDGE program and economic development. As a result of this training and planning, the City received the EDGE Development Designation Award from Electric Cities of Georgia.

City Administrator McCorkle stated the disk golf tournament was held this past weekend and went well. The tournament was sanctioned through the Professional Disk Golf Association (PDGA) and 13 professional players played in the tournament.

Mayor Andrews stated the Downtown Café site has been cleaned off and thanked Building Official Larson and Public Works Director Eubanks and his crews for their work on this.

Mrs. Herbert Johnson, 316 Hines Street, had some questions about her utility bill. Mayor Andrews advised Mrs. Johnson to talk with City Clerk Brown.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION TO HIRE A HIGH SCHOOL INTERN DURING THE SUMMER

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to hire a high school intern during the summer. Council Member Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR A POSITION IN THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Council Member Davis made a motion to advertise for a position in the Electric Department. Council Member Watts seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO APPOINT KANDICE HARTLEY AS THE CITY CLERK

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to appoint Kandice Hartley as the City Clerk effective May 17, 2019. Council Member Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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