

Sandersville City Council

Working Session Minutes

October 21, 2019 – 4:00 P.M.

Council Members and City Employees present:

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

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

Department Reports:

Police Chief Cuyler gave the September 2019 Activity Report for Animal Control.

Fire Chief Riner stated that October is Fire Safety Month. The fire department has been visiting the different schools, clubs, and churches in the community this month to discuss fire safety.

Electric Director Poole stated that the Kaolin Festival went good. The Electric crew is working with the Waste Water Treatment plant on electrical upgrades. Electric Director Poole also stated that the electric crew would begin working on Christmas decorations soon.

Public Works Director Eubanks stated that there have been several water leaks and breaks around the city. Several areas in the city have lines that are old and need to be replaced. City Administrator stated that during the budget process the replacement of the water lines would need to be added to the capital project part of the budget. Director Eubanks also gave an update on the progress at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Building Official Larson stated there is a bid on the Agenda to reject a bid to Brooks Brothers for the Downtown Café Site Paving and rebid. Building Official Larson stated this bid is double what was budgeted. Building Official Larson said the new sign ordinance has restrictions on temporary signs, and he has had a lot of complaints. Building Official Larson stated that if council would like to have the sign ordinance amended we would need to begin the process to amend it and make the necessary changes. Mayor Pro Tem Smith suggested a special committee needed to be formed to review the ordinance and make changes to what is currently in place. Building Official Larson questioned the council if they wanted him to put a hold on enforcing the restrictions on temporary signs. Mayor Andrews stated that we do not need to hinder the small businesses from advertising and placing sale signs out. Administrator McCorkle said under other business we need to have an official motion to stop enforcement on temporary non-conforming signs for ninety days until we have amended the temporary sign ordinance.

Council Reports

Mayor Andrews stated that he hated he missed the last meeting, but enjoyed his vacation. Mayor Andrews heard the Kaolin Festival was a success

and thanked everyone for making the festival run smoothly.

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith thanked the employees for a job well done at the Kaolin Festival.

Council Member Davis also thanked everyone for their hard work for the Kaolin Festival. Council Member Davis also wanted to thank the Lyons club stating they do a lot for the Kaolin Festival. Council Member Davis also stated that Mr. Bill Phillips who was a longtime P&Z board member was not doing well to keep him and the family in your thoughts in prayers.