

Sandersville City Council
Budget Retreat Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2019 – 4:00 P.M.
Fire Department Training Room

Council Members and City Employees present:

Mayor Jimmy Andrews	Victor Cuyler, Police Chief
Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith	Robert Eubanks, Public Works Director
Council Member Mayme Dennis	Wayne Poole, Electric Department Director
Council Member Henry Watts	Russell Riner, Fire Chief
Council Member Danny Brown	Arron Holland, Purchasing Agent
Judy McCorkle, City Administrator	Leslie Williams, Accounting Assistant
Kandice Hartley, City Clerk	Jason Gauntt, IT Consultant
Brianna Wiley, Finance Director	Dave Larson, Building Official

Absent: Council Member Jason Davis

Mayor Andrews called the November 18, 2019 Budget Retreat of the Sandersville City Council to order.

City Administrator McCorkle reviewed the current Finance Report through September 2019.

City Administrator McCorkle then went over the budget assumptions for FY 2020. City Administrator McCorkle explained the increase of the Health Insurance and discussed looking at different benefit options for next year. Administrator McCorkle stated that the University of Georgia has completed the pay study. In order to implement the new pay plan and to be able to fund the increase of rising health cost, the city would need to increase the millage rate one mill. The council then had discussions on the increase. Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated that he would like the city to raise the millage rate to 5.975 and not one mill. Administrator McCorkle stated that she did not think it would leave enough money in the reserve if we did not increase one mill.

Council Member Dennis proposed that the city get the old playground equipment out of the Maple Street Park and replace with all new playground equipment. Council Member Dennis stated that she would like this done by the first of December so the park could be dedicated to Mrs. Christine Harris on her 90th birthday. Public Works Director Eubanks stated that he had already gotten some prices on playground equipment. City Administrator McCorkle stated this would have to go through a bid process and that the city would need time to see if grant funds would be available. Mayor Pro Tem Smith suggested that the city go ahead and remove the old equipment, and get a new sign and have a ground breaking celebration for Mrs. Harris's 90th Birthday. Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated that the project would take more time and did not need to be rushed. Mayor Andrews authorized Public Works Director Eubanks to go ahead and accept bids on the project.

Each department then reviewed their Capital Improvement Project requests.

With no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Andrews adjourned the meeting.

James W. Andrews, Mayor

Kandice Hartley, City Clerk

Date Approved