

Sandersville City Council
Working Session Minutes
January 6, 2020 – 4:00 P.M.

Council Members and City Employees present:

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

Mayor Andrews called the working session to order at 4:12 p.m

Recognitions:

Mayor Andrews stated that this was the first meeting of the year and Attorney Howard would be renewing the oath of office for the Mayor and City Council Members. Attorney Howard then had the Mayor and Council Members repeat the Oath of Office. Mayor Andrews thanked the City of Sandersville and allowing him another term.

Mayor Andrews and City Clerk Hartley recognized employees with 5, 10, 15, and 30 year milestone anniversaries in 2019 and presented commemorative key chains to those employees.

Department Reports:

Police Chief Cuyler reviewed the 2019 annual report for the Police Department.

Fire Chief Riner stated that the new fire fighter tanker will be voted on at the next commissioners meeting. Council Member Dennis questioned how the truck would be funded. Fire Chief Riner stated that it is a part of our agreement with the county. Fire Chief Riner also stated that he had a new volunteer firefighter and classes would be starting next month.

Electric Director Poole stated that his crew was working getting the Christmas decorations down. DOT would also be upgrading the traffic signal at the intersection at McCarty Street and Hospital Road.

Public Works Director Eubanks stated that there was a change order on the agenda for L&L Utilities for a decrease in the amount of \$4,000.

Building Official Larson stated that there are two public hearings on special exceptions on the regular agenda. Building Official Larson stated that the

staff and the P&Z recommendation was to approve both special exceptions.

Finance Director Wiley stated that there is an item on the Agenda for opening a bank account for the 2018 CHIP Grant.

Council Member Davis joined the meeting and Attorney Howard renewed his Oath of Office.

Economic Development Director Simpson stated that he will have an update for the next meeting.

Administrator McCorkle stated that it has already been a busy year, but there a lot of good things happening and new projects continuing into this New Year.

Council Reports:

Mayor Andrews stated that former Willie Daniels who served in the police department for 29 years passed away and would be missed. Mayor Andrews passed out the new committee assignments for the New Year to all the council members. Mayor Andrews stated this year he wanted the council to be thinking about changes to the City Charter as it pertains to appointment of Department Heads, and the City changing to a City Manager type of government. Mayor Andrews stated that this didn't need to be discussed tonight but wants everyone to be thinking and researching what would be best for the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated that he has served for almost 20 and years is honored to be a part of the City and is looking forward to the New Year ahead.

Council Member Dennis thanked District 1 for allowing her to serve another term. Council Member Dennis stated that she would not be in favor for any charter changes as it pertains to Department Heads and changing to a City Manager form of government. Council Member Dennis stated that the new park sign looked great, and questioned the status of bidding and getting the playground equipment. Council Member Dennis also stated that careful consideration and research was going into the plaques for the park.

Council Member Watts stated that he is happy to be here stating he had seen a lot of good things happen to the City over the years.

Council Member Brown stated that he was looking forward to the New Year and proud to serve District 3. Council Member Brown stated that he felt the City Council works well together and the City employees are the best around.

Council Member Davis stated that this had been another good year. Council Member Davis also stated that the Council worked well together and look forward to a lot of good things happening this year.

Connie Burley with Archway stated that she would have an update in February.

City resident Ms. Barrow asked the council to consider offering gun safety classes for the community.

City resident Ms. Montford asked if the City would go ahead and have the Martin Luther King flags put up on the light poles around town.

Other Business: None.