

Sandersville City Council

Working Session Minutes

July 20, 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, Community Development
Council Member Mayme Dennis	Ken Parker, Captain SPD
Council Member Jason Davis	Robert Eubanks, Public Works Director
Council Member Danny Brown	Russell Riner, Fire Chief
Judy McCorkle, City Administrator	Brianna Wiley, Finance Director
Kennan Howard, City Attorney	Kandice Hartley, City Clerk

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

Department Reports

Captain Parker updated the council on recent shootings within the city. Captain Parker also stated that out of town gang activity is starting to move into our city, and the police department is aware and working to keep it under control.

Fire Chief Riner stated that due to COVID-19 numbers rising in the area he has cancelled Fire meetings until further notice. Council Member Dennis stated that we need to have drive-thru testing centers available since the numbers are on the rise.

Electric Director Poole stated that the line crews have been around town replacing bulbs. Director Poole also stated that employee Kyle Watkins would be going to grounds man school and Bennett Barnes would be attending lineman school soon.

Public Works Director Eubanks reviewed change orders for L & L Utilities that were on the agenda. Council Member Dennis expressed concern for all the recent change orders that are taking place. Director Eubanks agreed and stated he would meet with L & L Utilities to express the concern of all the change orders. Mayor Andrews stated that he has seen a lot of leaf and limb piles that have been out for a long time and questioned when this would be taken care of. Director Eubanks explained to the Mayor how the process works. Mayor Andrews questioned if more code enforcement was needed in order to keep track of the properties where yard debris is not being removed. Council Member Dennis stated that the Christine C. Harris Park dedication would need to be put off until after COVID-19 numbers slowed down. Council Member Dennis stated that the police department needed to still be patrolling this area, as bigger kids are still taking over the park.

Building Official Dave Larson stated that he would be having a P&Z meeting at the end of the month for a zone variance and for amending the Mobile Home Ordinance.

Administrator McCorkle then reviewed items on the Agenda. Attorney Howard stated that he did an easement for the Elderite sign and that if the signed was placed in the City right of way the city would have do an easement. Council Member Dennis stated that she would like a nicer looking historical sign and for the process to be done the correct way. Attorney Howard stated that if the sign was placed on private property they would have to get the owner of the property's permission to erect the sign on their property. Council Member Davis stated that the DDA could purchase historical

signs using tourism funds. Attorney Howard stated the easement to place the signs on the right of way could be tabled to see if it can be done through the DDA.

Council Member Dennis and Attorney Howard then had discussion on the choke hold policy for the police department. Attorney Howard stated that he would set up a time for Council Member Dennis and Chief Cuyler to review the policy. Attorney Howard also updated the council on the Georgia Hi-Lo trails and the tourism that it attracts. Mayor Pro Tem Smith also mentioned that these trails are very neat and attract people from all over.