

**Sandersville City Council**

**Working Session Minutes**

**January 16, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.**

Council Members and City Employees present:

Mayor Jimmy Andrews	Brianna Wiley, Finance Director
Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith	Alex Lowe, Water Director
Council Member Ben Salter	Kandice Hartley, City Clerk
Council Member Mayme Dennis	Robert Eubanks, Public Works Director
Council Member Danny Brown	Nathan Riner, Interim Fire Chief
Council Member Deborah Brown	Dave Larson, Community Development
Keenan Howard, City Attorney	Carson Daley, DDA/Mainstreet
Judy McCorkle, City Administrator	

Mayor Andrews called the January 16, 2024 Working Session of the Sandersville City Council to order at 4:00 p.m.

Department Reports:

David Tyre with Turnipseed Engineers explained items on the agenda concerning the L&L Utilities and replacement of equipment at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Council Member Salter asked if there is process that could be put in place to keep from preventing the bar screen at the wastewater treatment plant from being damaged. Engineer David Tyre stated that he has discussed some preventative measures with Public Works Director Eubanks. The council then had discussions on how to prevent such an expensive repair in the future.

Mayor Andrews stated that Lieutenant Shelton has provided the council a 2023 annual report for their review. Captain Collins stated there was an invoice for the annual payment for the tasers on the regular agenda stating this is tasers that were already purchased that the purchase was split up into annual payments.

Public Works Director Eubanks introduced new street supervisor Matt Reese.

Mainstreet & DDA Manager Daley passed out flyers for all events planned through April.

City Administrator McCorkle stated that the charter is on the agenda but she would recommend tabling until the council can have a work session to review the charter line by line. Administrator McCorkle went on to state that MEAG would be hosting their next meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> in Sandersville.

Attorney Howard explained the work that he has done thus far on the charter changes but there are couple of things that still need to be reviewed before adopting.

Council Reports:

Mayor Andrews stated that item #4 on the regular agenda would be skipped until the administrator and attorney can finalize the charter. Mayor Andrews also stated that item #12 would be skipped due to Chief Cuyler being out of town.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated since the police department is researching the options of speed detection devices, he felt it would be worth looking into the mobile units that can be moved around town. Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated the DDA and Mainstreet boards are doing a great job keeping events going on in Sandersville.

Council Member Dennis stated that the Hines Street project is moving along good. Council Member Dennis introduced her sorority sister and explained the mission of the sorority.

Council Member Deborah Brown stated that she had orientation with the city staff and that it was a lot and there is a lot to learn.

Council Member Danny Brown thanked Public Works Director Robert Eubanks and David Tyre for all the time and hard work put into the Hines Street area.

Council Member Salter stated that it is very important to get started on a new police department and we need to get serious on making it a reality.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated that we need to be thinking collaboratively and move towards a public safety building or government building away from the downtown area. Mayor Pro Tem Smith suggested maybe even joining with the county to create one government complex.

Mayor Andrews adjourned the working session.