**Sandersville City Council**

**Working Session Minutes**

**May 20, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.**

Council Members and City Employees present:

Mayor Jimmy Andrews Brianna Wiley, Finance Director

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith Jason Boatright, Fire Chief

Council Member Deborah Brown Kandice Hartley, City Clerk

Council Member Mayme Dennis Robert Eubanks, Public Works Director

Council Member Danny Brown Alex Lowe, Water/Wastewater Director

Sharon Eveland, City Manager Dave Larson, Community Development

Keenan Howard, City Attorney Bryan Long, Electric Director

 Victor Cuyler, Police Chief

 Carson Daley, Mainstreet & DDA Director

Mayor Andrews called the May 20, 2024 Working Session of the Sandersville City Council to order at 4:00 p.m.

Tess Harper with the Department of Community Affairs presented the 2024 Classic Main Street award to the City of Sandersville. Harper went on to explain the criteria and standards for being eligible for the Classic Main Street award. Mainstreet Director Daley then passed out upcoming events to the council.

Electric Director Bryan Long introduced Brian James, Director of Engineer of ECG. Brian James explained the issues the electric overload that is going on at substation #8 at CleanSpark. Engineer James showed the council a diagram of the layout at CleanSpark, explaining how the different substations disperses power throughout the area. Engineer James stated MEAG is rebuilding a new transformer now that will fix the issue, but there is not a current estimated time when the transformer will be ready. Engineer James explained different options to help fix the issue to keep from the power overloading the substation. City Manager Eveland asked for clarification and explained to the council how the outside large transformers and middle transformers are connected. City Manager Eveland questioned Engineer James to why it was set up this way in the beginning. City Manager Eveland then explained how the overload is tripping the alarm, and questioned Engineer James why was the outside and the middle transformers not set up differently so that the capacity was shifting differently to avoid the overload. Engineer James explained why the layout of transformers were laid out initially. The council had discussion and asked questions over the different options to correct the overload issue. City Manager Eveland recommended that she have more time to work with MEAG, CleanSpark, and ECG to discuss the best option for the city before moving forward. Attorney Howard reminded the council that the contract was very carefully reviewed to have protections in there that the city would not be responsible for capacity issues. Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated that the we have benefited a lot from this customer and there is a good relationship and we will not be losing anything by extending this help to CleanSpark stating that these issues are not anyone’s fault they are just industry problems. Council Member Dennis stated that we need to help them move forward by paying Helton to complete this work and stated it will help long term not just a short term fix.

Department Reports:

Police Chief Cuyler briefed the council on recent incidents that the police department has been investigating. Cuyler also stated that he has a cadet in school that has now completed week 4. Council Member Dennis asked Chief Cuyler to explain his plan for the summer months while kids are out. Council Member Dennis also stated that trucks on hospital road were still an issue and speeding continues to be an issue all over town.

Fire Chief Boatright stated there is a quote on the regular agenda to award a quote to NAFECO for the purchase of fire hoses. Boatright went on to state that according to NFAP standards, hoses have to be replaced every 10 years.

Electric Director Long reviewed items for the regular agenda including the purchase of transformers and a bid award for the construction of a new bathroom at the Electric Department.

Public Works Director Eubanks explained to the council there was a lease agreement on the regular agenda to place an electronic bill board on Highway 15 North. Director Eubanks also stated that there is an invoice on the agenda to pay for the installation of the lamellas on the bar screen at the treatment plant. Council Member Dennis asked Director Eubanks to make sure speed humps were placed on Sunhill Rd. on both ends not just the daycare end. Director Eubanks stated that had already been done. Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated that Morningside Drive keeps asking him about speed humps. City Manager Eveland stated that parameters needed to be set in order to place speed humps on a street. Council Member Dennis explained that there is already a policy and these streets met the criteria.

Water and Wastewater Director Lowe stated that there is a bid award for ESG Engineering to complete the lead and copper rule compliance services. Mayor Andrews questioned if this project would be funded through GEFA. Director Lowe stated this loan was approved through GEFA.

Council Member Dennis questioned where the city was at with expanding fiber. City Manager Eveland stated that she would like to set up a working session to discuss strategic goals and set a plan on what the council would like the staff to focus on. City Manager Eveland also stated there was an issue with a previously awarded bid for the M. Friedman Drive sidewalk project bid. City Manager Eveland stated her recommendation is to rescind the bid and rebid the project. City Manager Eveland also reminded the council that the city departments would be closing at noon on Friday May 24th for the employee appreciation picnic.

Mayor Andrews reminded everyone of the upcoming election and Memorial Day Holiday. Council Member Deborah Brown stated she still has not gotten her utility bill with all the mail delays and that we need to considerate before charging late fees.

**Sandersville City Council
Meeting Minutes**

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Mayor Andrews called the May 20, 2024 meeting of the Sandersville City Council to order.

Council Member Dennis, gave the invocation and Major Shelton led the pledge to the American flag.

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes**

Council Member Salter made a motion to approve the May 6, 2024 council minutes with corrections. Council Member Deborah Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to enter into a lease agreement**

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to enter into a rental property lease agreement with George Scott McCoy Jr. and Pendrey I. Mccoy, in the amount of $6,000 annually, for the placement of an electronic billboard sign. Council Member Salter seconded. The motion carried with favorable votes from: Council Member Deborah Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, Council Member Salter, and Council Member Dennis. Council Member Danny Brown abstained from the vote due to a personal business conflict.

**Motion to rescind contract to Peach State Construction Co**

Council Member Deborah Brown made a motion to rescind contract awarded to Peach State Construction Co., LLC in the amount of $418,675 for the M. Friedman sidewalk project. Council Member Danny Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to award a bid to Vulcan Industries**

Council Member Dennis made a motion to award a quote to Vulcan Industries in the amount of $7,820, for the installation of the lamellas on the bar screen at the wastewater treatment plant. Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to approve a quote from Gresco**

Council Member Dennis made a motion to approve a quote from Gresco in the amount of $6,150, for the purchase of three pole mounted transformers. Council Member Deborah Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to award a bid to ESG Engineers**

Council Member Salter made a motion to award a bid to ESG Engineers in the amount of $171,162, for lead and copper rule compliance services. Council Member Danny Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to award a bid to Viking Construction**

Council Member Danny Brown made a motion to award a bid to Viking Construction in the amount of $11,147 to build a restroom at the Electric Department. Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to approve a quote from NAFECO**

Council Member Deborah Brown made a motion to approve a quote from NAFECO in the amount of $6,125 for the purchase of fire hoses. Council Member Salter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to award a bid to Helton Electric Services**

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to approve an invoice quote not to exceed $28,350 to Helton Electric Services to modify transformer links at substation #8 for Clean Spark. Council Member Dennis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Deborah Brown seconded and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

**Public Comment:**

Citizen Kim Rapp stated that the City needs to figure out how to notify citizens when the water is going to be cut off in the Hines Street area. Rapp went on to state that not everyone does facebook and text messages. City Manager Eveland stated she would review the options with staff to help communicate issues to the public.

Frank Simmons of Hines Street stated that he is having issues with his driveway and he has brought it up several times and he really needs it fixed.

Citizen Cassandra Jackson announced the Juneteenth festival was coming up and explained the different events that would be taking place. Jackson invited the Mayor and Council Member Deborah Brown to come and they are welcome to say a few words at the event.

 Jimmy Andrews, Mayor

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 Kandice Hartley, City Clerk

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