**Sandersville City Council**

**Working Session Minutes**

**January 6, 2025 – 4:00 P.M.**

Council Members and City Employees present:

Mayor Jimmy Andrews Bryan Long, Electric Director

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith Leslie Williams, Finance Director

Council Member Mayme Dennis Victor Cuyler, Police Chief

Council Member Deborah Brown Chris Walker, Public Works Director

Council Member Danny Brown Dave Larson, Community Development

Council Member Ben Salter Alex Lowe, Water/Wastewater Director

Sharon Eveland, City Manager Jason Boatright, Fire Chief

Kandice Hartley, City Clerk Carson Daley, MainStreet/DDA

Mayor Andrews called the January 6, 2025 Working Session of the Sandersville City Council to order at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Andrews recognized Finance Director Leslie Williams for her hard work and dedication to keep the finance department running for the past several months by herself. Mayor Andrews went on to state that Finance Director Williams put in a lot of time completing the budget this year and wanted to assure her that her hard work has not gone unnoticed.

Citizen Stacey Williford presented to the council that this is the year for the 2025 Civil War reenactment and that this is a national event that brings many people to Sandersville and has a great economic impact on our community. Williford passed out the budget and statistics for the event and asked the council for their support for the event.

Department Reports:

Chief Cuyler stated that the school zone speed camera permits have been approved. Chief Cuyler went on to review the month of December activity report for the police department and animal control.

Chief Boatright stated that the department responded to 423 calls for 2024 and announced that he has a full volunteer roster.

Main Street and DDA Director Carson Daley announced that on February 21st the city would have a community wide event on the square called “Selebrate Sandersville” for the heroes that gave back to the community during hurricane Helene

City Manager Eveland introduced new Public Works Director Chris Walker. Director Walker went on to introduce himself to the council stating that he served the City of Griffin for 27 years and went on to explain that he had 30+ years of experience in public works.

City Manger Eveland went on to review agenda items explaining that she would like to propose Davenport to conduct a water/sewer rate study. The council discussed and unanimously decided to have the City Manager to put out for bid. City Manager Eveland explained that the updated travel budget for the council is on the regular agenda for approval adding that if a council member doesn’t use all of there training money it can be given to another council member to use. City Manager Eveland explained that she would be attending the county meeting to discuss FLOST and would bring a recommendation to the next meeting. City Manager Eveland stated that this FLOST would rollback the millage rate but would not completely eliminate the millage rate. Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated that it would still be important for the city to keep a millage rate in place due to all the services that the city provides. Mayor Andrews stated that the millage rate would not need to be eliminated completely but hope that it could be rolled back to no lower than 2 mills.

Mayor Andrews reminded the council that they would need to make a decision on a recent request from the hospital to help with the cost of the utility infrastructure of the new addition of the Emergency Room at the Hospital. Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated that the city needed to find a way to support the addition. Council Member Dennis stated that citizens have complained about the Hospital ER for a long time and she felt the city needed to contribute in some way.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated there are still areas around town with storm debris that need to be picked up. Mayor Pro Tem Smith also named several streets that have pot holes that the Street Department needs to look into. Council Member Dennis stated that the Street Department needed to look into another solution for potholes stating that the current patching is not working.

Council Member Deborah Brown asked the electric department to take a look around her district as there were several areas that have trees that need to be cut back off of power lines.

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Meeting Minutes**

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Mayor Andrews called the January 6, 2024, meeting of the Sandersville City Council to order at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Ben Salter, gave the invocation and Public Works Director Chris Walker led the pledge to the American Flag.

**Minutes:**

Council Member Dennis made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2024 meeting. Council Member Salter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Rate Study**

Council Member Danny Brown made a motion to deny the City Manager to sign a service agreement with Davenport Public Finance for a water/sewer rate study instead requested the study to go through the bidding process. Council Member Deborah Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2025 Council Training Budget**

Council Member Deborah Brown made a motion to approve the 2025 Council Training expense. Council Member Salter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment:**

Council Member Salter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Danny Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

 James W. Andrews, Mayor

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 Kandice Hartley, City Clerk

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