**Sandersville City Council**

**Working Session Minutes**

**January 28, 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

Kandice Hartley, City Clerk

Keenan Howard, City Attorney

Mayor Andrews called the January 28, 2025 Working Session of the Sandersville City Council to order at 4:00 p.m.

Michele Thomas of Carver Street approached the council with concerns of the speeding on Carver Street stating that she has a special needs child and is concerned with her child’s safety and would like the city to install speed bumps on her street. Michele went on to state that she has signatures of the majority of the houses that are occupied on her street in favor of the speed bumps but there are several properties that are vacant on carver street. Council Member Dennis stated that the policy needed to changed to majority of homes that are occupied instead of empty homes. City Manager Eveland explained that the request didn’t have enough signatures. The current policy looks at is property owners. City Manager Eveland explained that the request has been denied due to not meeting the policy of 75% of home owners. City Manager Eveland stated that she and the public works director would look at the criteria and see what could be amended. Mayor Andrews stated this would need to be revisited at the next council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Smith sated it is important to have criteria for speed bumps. City Manager clarified the criteria that the council wants to revise the policy to state it is based on property owners and property that have utility accounts.

Water/Wastewater Director Alex Lowe reported that he has bid award for fertilizer and land applications and recommended that the Turner site be awarded to Smith Farm Supply and the Helton site to the Producers Ag.

City Manager Eveland then reviewed other agenda items including a request for the city to contributing financially to the expansion of the Washington County Emergency Department. City Manager Eveland explained that the County has already agreed to pay majority of the cost of the renovation which is projected to be around 15 million and would recommend the city not contributing to the project. City Manager Eveland explained that there is a resolution and IGA for the FLOST agreement with the county on the regular agenda. The county has explained that all the cities in the county have agreed to opt in to FLOST.

Mayor Andrews stated that the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday February 18th and to make sure the speed hump policy is amended to be ready. Mayor Andrews then questioned the status of the electronic billboard signs. City Manager Eveland explained that the city has the DOT permits and would be moving forward to getting the signs installed soon.

Council Member Dennis stated that there are a lot of problems on Tybee Street with people burning in the barrel and this is an environmental hazard and that the fire chief should be stopping the burning. Council Member Dennis explained that she reported to the fire chief that this burning was going on and he stated they were trying to stay warm. City Manager Eveland explained that there is no burning in the city limits and that the proper authorities would be contacted to put an end to the burning.

 **Sandersville City Council
Meeting Minutes**

**January 28, 2025- 5:00 p.m.**

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Council Member Mayme Dennis Victor Cuyler, Police Chief

Council Member Deborah Brown Chris Walker, Public Works Director

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Council Member Ben Salter Alex Lowe, Water/Wastewater Director

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Mayor Andrews called the January 28, 2025, meeting of the Sandersville City Council to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Jimmy Andrews gave the invocation and Council Member Dennis led the pledge to the American Flag.

**Minutes:**

Council Member Deborah Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2025 meeting. Council Member Danny Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 2025-01 FLOST:**

Council Member Salter made a motion to adopt a Resolution#2025-01; A Resolution in support of a 2025 FLOST referendum in Washington County, GA and authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Washington County, GA. Council Member Dennis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**IGA FLOST**

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Washington County establishing the rate of the FLOST, the duration of the FLOST, and the allocation and distribution of FLOST proceeds which shall be used exclusively to reduce the property taxes levied by the Governmental Entities. Council Member Dennis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Bid Award:**

Council Member Danny Brown made a motion to award a bid for fertilizer and land applications to Smith Farm Supply for the Turner site in the amount of $64,500 and Producers Ag for the Helton site in the amount of $16,078. Council Member Salter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Funding WCRMC expansion**

Council Member Ben Salter made a motion to deny a financial contribution to the expansion of Washington County Regional Medical Center Emergency Department. Council Member Deborah Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**P&Z Appointment**

Council Member Danny Brown made a motion to appoint Weston Williford from District 3 to the P&Z Board for a term beginning January 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2027. Council Member Mayme Dennis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 2025-02**

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to adopt a Resolution 2025-02: A Resolution Authorizing the filing of a 2025 CHIP Application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Council Member Dennis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Chris Gilbert property owner on Hines Street explained to the council that he the hole that the city dug on his property still has not been filled in. City Manager Eveland explained that this is something that she would be discussing with the engineer and following up with Mr. Gilbert at a later time.

**Executive Session- Personnel**

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to enter into executive session. Council Member Salter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2025 Employee Pay Scale**

Council Member Dennis made a motion to modify the 2025 pay increases for all employees in the amount of 7.159% based off of the 2024 rates. Council Member Danny Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2025 Manager Pay Increase**

Council Member Dennis made a motion to modify the 2025 pay increase for the city manger to be a 3% increase and another 3% at the 1-year anniversary date. Council Member Deborah Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**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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