

Sandersville City Council

Regular Session Minutes

March 2, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.

Council Members and City Employees present:

Mayor Jimmy Andrews	Amber Cook, Utility Billing Director	
Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith	Jason Boatright, Fire Chief	
Council Member Mayme Dennis	Vic Cuyler, Police Chief	
Council Member Deborah Brown	Kennan Howard, Attorney	
Council Member Ben Salter	Chris Walker, Public Works Director	
Kandice Hartley, City Manager	Ben Avant, Building & Zoning Manager	
Gloria Waller, City Clerk	Alex Lowe, Water/Wastewater Director	Greg Taylor, Electric Director

Mayor Andrews called the March 2, 2026 meeting of the Sandersville City Council to order at 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Andrews gave the invocation, and Attorney Howard led the pledge to the American flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Deborah Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2026 meeting. Council Member Salter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing for Request #2026-02; Request is a Special Exception to allow a manufactured home to be placed in an R-3 zone (Single Family Residence). The property is located on Pine Forest Drive, Sandersville, GA 31082, parcel #110C-022 owned by Michael Mathis. Council Member Deborah Brown seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Building and Zoning Manager Ben Avant presented the request to council. Avant said Mr. Mathis has or will meet all the requirements for the manufactured home to be placed there. There has been no opposition. Mr. Mathis said the home would be placed in the middle of the three lots and would appreciate approval.

SPECIAL EXCEPTION #2026-02

Council Member Dennis made a motion to approve Request #2026-02; Request is a Special Exception to allow a manufactured home to be placed in an R-3 zone (Single Family Residence). The property is located on Pine Forest Drive, Sandersville, GA 31082, parcel #110C-022 owned by Michael Mathis. Council Member Deborah Brown seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2026-03

Council Member Salter made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-03; A Resolution of the City of Sandersville for the adoption of the Washington County Joint Comprehensive Plan for 2026 – 2031. Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION FOR APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to approve a Resolution for the City of Sandersville for FY 2026 Application for the Community Development Block Grant. Council Member Deborah Brown seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Citizen Kevin Jordan came before council stating his property on Hines St was flooded and he had pipes burst. Jordan said he allowed Brooks Brothers Construction to park equipment on his property when they were working in that area. Jordan asked if the city was going to get the same company to fix this new problem. He said when the sewer backed up it flooded his dog pen and blew his sewer valve off. Manager Hartley said we have a contractor here now working trying to find the blockage. Council Member Dennis asked Attorney Howard if we have any type of warranty with Brooks Brothers. Attorney Howard said he would have to go back and look at the contract.

Lyle Lansdale said over the weekend she saw the notice on the back page of the paper about getting bids for the demolition of the theater and it seemed rather alarming and imminent. Lansdale thought it was interesting that they didn't say the name of which theater they were talking about but it was the Pastime. Lansdale said it seemed alarming and so she did this Facebook post because she has opinions about tearing down historic buildings and she said that a lot of people care. The post has had 30 reactions to the positive and 19 shares. People are reacting the same way that she did. Lansdale said she has since spoken with the Carson Daley and the DDA Chairman and understand that this is not going to happen right away. Lansdale said she would like to see better communication between the Historical Society and the City. She hopes the DDA would look for grants to help save these historical buildings. Mayor Andrews said that the roof is in terrible shape and has already caused damage to the adjacent building.

Leonard Jordan said he would like to see it torn down. It brings back unpleasant memories

Council Member Dennis said the food bank at the old Elder Middle School has moved to Tennille and we need to address it and look at possible rezoning it back to residential.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Deborah Brown seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

James W. Andrews, Mayor

Gloria Waller, City Clerk

Date