

Sandersville City Council

Working Session Minutes

April 20, 2026 – 4:00 P.M.

Council Members and City Employees present:

Mayor Jimmy Andrews	Lee Waddell, IT Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith	Amber Cook, Utility Billing Manager
Council Member Mayme Dennis	Vic Cuyler, Police Chief
Council Member Deborah Brown	Alex Lowe, Water/ Wastewater Director
Council Member Ben Salter	Chris Walker, Public Works Director
Kandice Hartley, City Manager	Ben Avant, Building & Zoning Manager
Gloria Waller, City Clerk	Carson Daley, Mainstreet & DDA Manager
Keenan Howard, City Attorney	

Mayor Andrews called the April 20, 2026 Working Session of the Sandersville City Council to order at 4:00 P.M.

Carson Daley, Mainstreet and DDA Manager presented the winners of the Georgia Cities Week coloring contest. Daley also reminded everyone about the upcoming events this week celebrating Georgia Cities Week. The ribbon cutting for the new Henry Watts Park is tomorrow, Ice Cream with the Fire Department on Wednesday, Business After Hours Thursday and Trash Amnesty Friday and Saturday. The Spring Fling will be on May 2nd.

Mayor Andrews said that this is the 250th anniversary of our country and he would like to ask council members to have a pastor of their choice to lead the invocation and a veteran to lead the pledge of allegiance for May, June and July.

Kandice Hartley, City Manager and David Tyree, Turnipseed Engineers presented the proposed water/sewer rate increases. Hartley said this was the information for 2022 however information remained the same. The water/sewer fund has had a \$50,000 deficit the last two years. Tyree said residential water rates would not go up just industrial and commercial. Hartley said we need to look at adopting a CPI to keep the rates adequate annually instead of big increases at one time. Hartley said the outside multi-unit rates would be a base charge plus a per unit charge for water and sewer. Council Member Dennis said she would like the senior citizens discount to be offered on the water/sewer rates just like was done on the garbage rates so that seniors wouldn't see an increase. Council Member Salter asked if these changes would balance the budget and Tyree said yes and allow money for additional sewer projects that are needed throughout the city. Council continued to have discussion on the proposed rate increases.

Manager Hartley presented the revised Special Event Permit for council to review. Hartley explained that the revision was to add security to events on city property. Council Member Dennis asked Chief Cuyler how they handle private parties that carryover onto the street. Cuyler said if they got complaints they would shut them down otherwise the city will not be shutting down streets for private events.

Chris Walker presented Council with options for the intersections of Hospital Rd and Sunhill Rd. Council Member Dennis said she thought the most effective way was the 4-way stop with continuous flashing lights. Council continued to discuss the options.

Alex Lowe, Water/Wastewater Director gave an update on S. Smith St/N. Harris St. repair. Lowe said the liner had to be custom ordered and should be here around May 13th. The water department cut out about 25 feet of blockage. Lowe also reported that the motor in the sludge truck at the

treatment plant blew out this past week and he is working on getting quotes to replace the truck.