

Sandersville City Council

Working Session Minutes

May 4, 2026 – 4:00 P.M.

Council Members and City Employees present:

Mayor Jimmy Andrews	Lee Waddell, IT Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith	Leslie Williams, Finance Officer
Council Member Mayme Dennis	Vic Cuyler, Police Chief
Council Member Deborah Brown	Ben Avant, Building & Zoning Manager – via phone
Council Member Danny Brown	Carson Daley, Mainstreet & DDA Manager
Council Member Ben Salter	Dustin Gee, Fleet Maintenance
Kandice Hartley, City Manager	Gloria Waller, City Clerk
Keenan Howard, City Attorney	Greg Taylor, Electric Director

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

Mayor Andrews asked Greg Taylor, Electric Director to come up and explain the Safety Award. Taylor said it was based on a safety audit by ECG (Electric Cities of Georgia). The city scored 97 on the audit and won the platinum award. Council congratulated Taylor and the employees on their hard work.

Dustin Gee, Fleet Maintenance reviewed item #10 on the agenda. This bid is for a replacement the slug truck that blew an engine last week. He and Alex Lowe, Water/Wastewater Director were recommending purchasing the truck from Peterbilt of Atlanta. Gee was able to get it less than the original quote and a month earlier delivery. It would be delivered in about 2 months. Council Member Dennis asked about hiring a person to help Gee in the Fleet Maintenance shop and Hartley said we would revisit this in the fall when we started planning for the budget.

Greg Taylor, Electric Director reviewed item #11 on the agenda. This bid is for the pole change out in the City. Helton Electric came in at the lowest bid and he was recommending them. They will replace 25 poles as part of the annual pole change out program. If awarded the bid, Helton will start in June and it will take 3-4 weeks and they will provide everything. Council Member Salter asked if it would fit within budget. Hartley said it will come in under budget. Council Member Dennis said there is a pole on Henerson St. that is leaning and asked Taylor to change out if possible.

Kandice Hartley, City Manager reviewed several items on the agenda. Item #9 is to ratify the motion from the last meeting to transfer \$300,000 to the DDA for economic development purposes. Item #8 is an ordinance amending the table of permitted uses to add Bitcoin Mining and Data Centers in zones I1 and I2 only by special exception.

Keenan Howard, City Attorney reviewed item #12 on the agenda. This resolution is supporting an amicus brief for the City of Milton.

Mayor Andrews said we had a successful trash amnesty day. He and Council Member Danny Brown went around helping pick up items.

Council Member Dennis said that May 29th is clean up day for District 1.

Council Member Deborah Brown commended the Electric Department for their work on getting the power back on this past Friday when a car hit a pole.

Ben Avant, Building and Zoning Manager reviewed the items under the Public Hearing. Item A is to allow a 3/12 roof pitch on a manufactured home and to allow for a smaller setback. Item B is to annex property into the City and allow manufactured homes to be placed in an R-3 area. Avant said that Mr. Daniels now only wants to annex 4 of parcels. He suggests tabling this until he can discuss the issue further with Mr. Daniels. Item C is requesting to allow a manufactured home in an R-3 zone and allow for smaller setbacks. Item D is amending the table of permitted uses to add Bitcoin Mining and Data Centers in zone I1 and I2 by special exception only.

Attorney Howard said he is working a bond document and an Intergovernmental Agreement between the DDA and City.

Carson Daley, Mainstreet and DDA Manager reported the Spring Fling has been rescheduled for June 13th from 3-9 and movie night on May 30th.