

Sandersville City Council

Working Session Minutes

June 15, 2026 – 4:00 P.M.

Council Members and City Employees present:

Mayor Jimmy Andrews	Lee Waddell, IT Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith -entered at 4:20	Leslie Williams, Finance Officer
Council Member Mayme Dennis	Vic Cuyler, Police Chief
Council Member Deborah Brown	Jason Boatright, Fire Chief
Council Member Danny Brown	Amber Cook, Utility Billing Manager
Council Member Ben Salter	Chris Walker, Public Works Director
Kandice Hartley, City Manager	Gloria Waller, City Clerk
Kennan Howard, Attorney	Greg Taylor, Electric Director
Alex Lowe, Water/Wastewater Director	

Mayor Andrews called the June 15, 2026 Working Session of the Sandersville City Council to order at 4:00 P.M.

Connie Burley, Archway Partnership gave an update on the activities happening in the community. Ms. Burley said that Archway is currently focusing on Education and Workforce Development, Healthcare and Community Wellness, Quality of Life, Generational Poverty, and Housing. Burley also discussed a new program called “Look Ahead Georgia Intern Program”. Currently there are five students from the University of Georgia that will participate this summer in the program. This program is designed to get students from this area to return home after graduation. Council Member Dennis asked how the information was distributed. Burley said it is done mostly on campus. Council Member Dennis ask Burley to bring the students to a council meeting before they finish. Burley also reported that the UGA School of Medicine will start back up in the fall and the inaugural class will tour the local hospital on July 30th. Archway also continues to support RSTAT, Mental Health Task Force, Literacy Task Force, Poverty Task Force, Teen Maze and others.

Alvin Rogers came before council to ask for speed bumps to be placed on Cooley Dr. There is increase traffic on that street due to the stop sign on Sunhill Rd. Mayor Andrews told Mr. Roger to have the residences on Cooley Dr sign a petition agreeing to have speed bumps and bring back to council. Majority of the residence would have to agree. Also, Chris Walker said he has looked at it and they will need 3 speed bumps.

Vic Cuyler, Police Chief reported that the department has been working on getting re-certified since October, 2025 and have completed the process. Chief Cuyler introduced Dr. Young, Chief of Police with the Waycross Police Department. Dr. Young presented Chief Cuyler and Wanda Peacock, Certification Manager the departments certification award.

Greg Taylor, Electric Director said item number 5 on the agenda was a CIP project and he was recommending awarding the bid to DitchWitch. Also, the tree trimmers will be starting this week and will take about 13 weeks to finish.

Alex Lowe, Water/Wastewater Director said that the Smith St. project is finished. The lines look good and they have closed the tap at the Tarbutton house. Lowe said there were no issues with rain we had this past week. Also, the department will start flushing fire hydrants this week. Lowe also said item number 6 on the agenda is for the new annexed parcel and the correct amount is not to exceed \$84,000. Kandice Hartley, City Manager said we need to get approval on this so we can get started.

Jason Johnson, Washington County Development Authority, Doug Gebhardt, Davenport Group, Kennan Howard, City Attorney and Kandice Hartley, City Manager presented item number 4 on the agenda. They reviewed the IGA with council and answered questions. Johnson said everything is going well with Cobblestone. They have \$600,000 in the bank and are ready for construction. Johnson also said that two of the local banks are working together on the bond package. If the Council approves the IGA today closing should be around July 15th.

Kandice Hartley, City Manager said item number 7 on the agenda would need to be tabled. The second amendment was not ready.

Mayor Andrews said he wanted to congratulate Mary Charles Howard on the Hi-Lo trails and asked Attorney Howard to pass it along to her. The trails are 3.1 miles and opened on Saturday. Bikes will be available for rent.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith said the hotel project has been a long time coming and appreciated Jason Johnson's work on the project.

Council Member Dennis asked Chris Walker, Public Works Director why rumble strips were not put on Sunhill Rd at the new 4-way stop. Walker said they were expensive and there were speed bumps already on that side of the 4-way stop signs. Dennis also asked where were we on the Christine Harris Park and Walker said we are waiting on an update estimate and design.

Council Member Deborah Brown said that District 2 had 9 residences to help with cleanup day and appreciated Leon Poole's help by bringing his golf cart.