Sandersville City Council

Working Session Minutes

August 17, 2026 – 4:00 P.M.

Council Members and City Employees present:

Mayor Jimmy Andrews	Jason Boatright, Fire Chief
Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith	Chris Walker, Public Works Director
Council Member Mayme Dennis	Alex Lowe, Water/Wastewater Director
Council Member Deborah Brown	Greg Taylor, Electric Director
Council Member Danny Brown	Amber Cook, Utility Billing Manager
Council Member Ben Salter	Nichole Wasson, Assistant City Clerk
Kandice Hartley, City Manager	Brian Shelton, Deputy Police Chief
Keenan Howard, Attorney	Gloria Waller, City Clerk
Ben Avant, Planning & Zoning Manager	

Mayor Andrews called the August 17, 2026 working session of the Sandersville City Council to order at 4:00 P.M.

Kandice Hartley, City Manager, Tom Berry, Consultant, Kennan Hoaward, City Attorney and Keith Porterfield, Attorney with Cook and Associates reviewed and discussed each section of the second amendment contract for electrical services with Council. Council Member Dennis asked if CleanSpark was purchasing an additional 122 acres of land and Hartley stated they have already purchased it. Dennis said that was too large of a footprint for them to have to bring in additional data centers. Hartley continued to review the amendment. Howard said that CleanSpark would be responsible for all the cost of the new infrastructure. Dennis continued to express concern about the number of acres purchased and said there should be something in the amendment that limits them to the number of acres. Keith said they couldn't exceed the 248MW of power that they have now. Council continued to discuss the amendment.

Eddie Kleid, Levi Kerlin and Brad Day with Smith Douglas Homes answered questions regarding the Special Exception and Variance on the agenda. Council Member Dennis asked about square footage of the homes. Kleid said most would be between 1,000 and 1,300 sq ft. with some larger units also available. The price point for the basic 1,000 sq ft house is $159,900 or possible lower. Council Member Salter expressed concern lowering the setback between homes. Kleid said they could keep it at 10ft. Kleid also said most of the units will have one car garages with the bigger homes having the option of a two car garage.

Alex Lowe, Water/Wastewater Director discussed item # 7 on the agenda. This invoice is for the rehab of Well #6. Lowe said the camera showed the screen was 60 – 80% blockage. Also, he reviewed data showing the lead and copper results have decreased over a years' time frame. This was due to the increase in chemicals used.

Kandice Hartley reviewed items # 8 and 9 on the agenda. These items are for the Christene Harris Park playground equipment and shelter shade. It came in a little over budget. Council Member Dennis said that Police Department needs to be diligent about the camera's and locking the gates at the necessary time.

Keenan Howard, Attorney reviewed the IGA with council. This is for the 8/10 of a mile on E. McCarty St.

Council Member Deborah Brown said that a former member of the community would like to host a Fall Festival on October 31st over in her district. Mayor Andrews said he had spoken with her and she was coming to the September 21st meeting to speak on it.