Sandersville City Council

Working Session Minutes

September 21, 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	Leslie Williams, Finance Director
Kandice Hartley, City Manager	Nichole Wasson, Assistant City Clerk
Keenan Howard, Attorney	Brian Shelton, Deputy Police Chief
Gloria Waller, City Clerk	Shannon Davenport, Accounting Coordinator
Ben Avant, Planning & Zoning Manager	

Mayor Andrews called the September 21, 2026 working session of the Sandersville City Council to order at 4:00 P.M.

Mayor Andrews recognized Leslie Williams, Shannon Davenport and Kandice Hartley on receiving the Budget Award for the City of Sandersville again this year.

Ellis Lordge, Ryland Environmental wanted to check in with Council to see if there were any issues. Council Member Dennis said they only issue she knew about was leaf and limb pickup, that they were not raking up what was left. Lordge said that was handled out of the Milledgeville office and he would look into it. Council Member Dennis asked how the roll off dumpsters were doing and Lordge said good. Council Member Danny Brown said he had received a few complaints.

David Tyre, Tom Berry and Kandice Hartley reviewed item #12 on the agenda. This is an agreement and construction bid award for the Deepstep Road Pump Station and Force Main. Council had discussion on the agreement.

Chris Walker, Public Works Director reviewed item #7 on the agenda. Council had discussion and asked if Citylogix could come and do a presentation on their product. Walker said he was sure they could, that he would get with them and report back.

Kandice Hartley, City Manager reviewed items #9 and 10 on the agenda. Item #9 is a resolution to open a SPLOST 26 checking account. Item #10 is increasing the city's payment to the employee health insurance to 93% and family coverage to 69%. Council discussed and recommended increase employee only coverage to 95% and family coverage to 70%.

Alex Lowe, Water/Wastewater Director reviewed item #11 on the agenda. This is a bid award for the Water Department restroom and breakroom. We had originally budgeted $40,000 but that didn't include the restroom. Lowe recommended going with the seconded lowest bid due to past experiences with the lowest bid. Council Member Dennis asked the screen that was supposed to be installed on Hines St. Lowe said that it was not in the original bid and it's located in the yard not the right of way. Walker is working on getting estimates for it.

Mayor Andrews complemented Public Safety that there were not any issues this past weekend.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith said that the right of ways and cemeteries looked great. Great job Public Works.

Council Member Dennis said that the speed bumps put down on Cooley Dr has fixed the problem of cars speeding through there.

Council Member Deborah Brown agreed that the cemetery on Hall St looked great.

Council Member Danny Brown said he had several residences ask him about speed bumps. He told them to come to City Hall and get the paperwork.