Sandersville City Council

City Council Meeting Minutes

October 5th, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.
134 Malone St. Sandersville, Ga 31082

Council Members and City Employees present:

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

Mayor Andrews called the October 5th, 2026 meeting of the Sandersville City Council to order at 5:03 P.M.

Council Member Deborah Brown gave the invocation, and Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith led the pledge to the American flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Council Member Ben Salter made a motion to approve the minutes from September 21, 2026 meeting. Council Member Deborah Brown seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING
Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith made a motion to enter into the public hearing. Council Member Mayme Dennis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Variance Request #2026-15; Request is a variance on the height requirement for a building in the C-2 zoning district. Cobblestone Hotel is asking for the height restriction be lifted from 35 feet to 52 ft to accommodate for the hotel with roof mounted HVAC equipment. (Attachment B)

Mayor Andrews asked for public comment and there was none.

Ordinance #2026-02; An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Sandersville, Georgia, for the purpose of Amending the Roof Pitch and Material Ordinance of the City of Sandersville; and for other purposes. (Attachment C)

Mayor Andrews asked for public comment and there was none.

Ordinance #2026-04; An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Sandersville, Georgia, for the purpose of Amending the Alcohol Ordinance of the City of Sandersville. (Attachment D).

Mayor Andrews asked for public comment: Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith stated that with this change lodging will now be able to be in place off food. Therefore, it can be a restaurant and or lodging. Council Member Mayme Dennis asked if it would also allow Air B&Bs to sell alcohol as well. City

Manager Hartley, stated that all alcohol licenses must come before the Mayor and Council.

MOTION TO APPROVE OR DENY VARIANCE REQUEST #2026-15.

Council Member Ben Salter made a motion to approve request #2026-15 on the height requirement for Cobblestone Hotel to be lifted from 35 feet to 52 feet to accommodate the hotel with roof mounted HVAC equipment. Council Member Mayme Dennis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO WAIVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #2026-02

Council Member Mayme Dennis made a motion to waive the first reading of ordinance #2026-02 of the Mayor and City Council of Sandersville, Georgia, for the purpose of Amending the Roof Pitch and Material Ordinance of the City of Sandersville. Council Member Deborah Brown seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO WAIVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #2026-04:

Council Member Danny Brown made a motion to waive the first reading of ordinance #2026-04 of the Mayor and City Council of Sandersville, Georgia, for the purpose of Amending the Alcohol Ordinance of the City of Sandersville. Council Member Ben Salter seconded and the motion passed 3 to 2 with Council Member Deborah Brown and Council Member Mayme Dennis in opposition.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERRUPTIBLE POWER AGREEMENT BETWEEN CLEANSPARK AND THE CITY OF SANDERSVILLE.

Council Member Deborah Brown made a motion to enter into an interruptible power agreement with the City of Sandersville and CleanSpark. Council Member Ben Salter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2026-14

Council Member Deborah Brown made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-14 a resolution authorizing the City Manager and Finance Office to open a checking account for the 2026 CDBG. Council Member Ben Salter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO ALLOW OPEN CONTAINERS FOR THE KAOLIN FESTIVAL OCTOBER 10, 2026.

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith made a motion to allow open containers at the Kaolin Festival. Council Member Danny Brown seconded and the motion passed 3 to 2 with Council Member Deborah Brown and Council Member Mayme Dennis in opposition.

MOTION TO APPROVE REMOVING THE EMPLOYEE 2% CONTRIBUTION TO THE RETIREMENT PLAN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027.

Council Member Mayme Dennis made a motion to remove the employees 2% contribution to the retirement fund starting January 1st, 2027. Council Member Deborah Brown seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Council Member Deborah Brown made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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James W. Andrews, Mayor

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Nichole Wasson, Ast. City Clerk

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Date