



MINUTES
LANDRUM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 14, 2020

NOTE:

- **In accordance with the State of South Carolina DHEC COVID-19 regulation proclamations, attendance in person at the City Council meeting will be restricted.**
- **All interested citizens were invited to watch the City Council meeting live streamed on the City of Landrum Facebook page.**
- **Public comments were accepted during the Public Comment segment by calling City Hall via telephone (864)457-3000. All comments would be directly aired to the Mayor and Council.**

Mayor Robert B. Briggs called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Landrum City Hall Council Chambers.

Members Present: Mayor Robert B. Briggs, Council Members: Billy Inman, Daniel Prince, Shannon Dotson, Joyce Whiteside, Tammy Cox
Members Absent: Johnny Carruth

The Invocation was given by Council Member Billy Inman and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were accepted as written.

The Financial Statements

The financial statements were accepted as written.

NEW BUSINESS

1. City Administrator presents to council Ordinance No.2020-01 Permitting the Implementation of Electronic Meetings. Due to the declared State of Emergency declared by Governor Henry McMaster in issued Executive Order 2020-08 related to Covid-19 on March 13, 2020 restricting gathering of 3 or more individuals. On March 17, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order No. 2020-10 directing local governing bodies to utilize any available technology or other reasonable procedures to conduct meetings and accommodate public participation via virtual or other remote means. The introduced City ordinance will authorize the City of Landrum to conduct Council meetings and other public meeting exclusively in electronic form. Council Member Daniel Prince makes a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-01 Permitting the Implementation of Electronic Meetings, Council Member Shannon Dotson 2nd the motion, all voted and approved Ordinance No.2020-10.

2. A discussion was held to determine the opening day for the 2020 Farmers Market. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and all the state and federal mandated regulations, the City Council decided to postpone the opening of the 2020 Farmers Market on May 2, 2020 until further notice. The council will make a decision at the May 12, 2020 council meeting. The decision will be based on the current mandates in place and if the conditions for gatherings of 10 or more people are believed to be safe.
3. A discussion was held to consider extending the dates for the filing of 2020 City of Landrum Business Licenses and April and May Hospitality Tax payments. It was determined that the City would waive the late penalty for both Hospitality Tax payments and for Business License payments. The due date for business license will be extended from April 15 to May 30. The due date for hospitality tax was changed to March receipts not due until May 20 and April receipts due June 20. Council Member Billy Inman makes a motion to push back the due date for Business License and Hospitality Tax payments 60 days, Council Member Joyce Whiteside 2nd the motion. All voted and approved.
4. A discussion of reallocation of Community Promotion Funds and/or Business Incentive Fund to support Covid-19 community needs in Landrum. The Council discussed which venue would be the best to supply the current needs of the citizens if Landrum affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Operation Hope is currently experiencing an overwhelming need for supplies and services and was decided would best benefit from a donation that would go directly to Landrum citizens. Since there can't be any community events during the spring months, the council would like to reallocate funds designated in the budget for those events to helping Landrum citizens impacted by the devastating effects of the pandemic. Council Member Daniel Prince makes a motion to reallocate funds of \$2500 to Operation Hope, Council Member Shannon Dotson 2nd the motion, all voted and approved the donation of \$2500 to Operation Hope. More funds could be allocated to Operation Hope if needed, a decision will be made at the May council meeting, if another request has been made.
5. Consideration of adopting the state of South Carolina "Burn Ban" regulations in the City limits on behalf of the Landrum Area Fire & Rescue District. Council Member Shannon Dotson makes a motion to authorize Landrum Fire & Rescue District the authority within the city limits to enforce State mandated burn bans, Council Member Daniel Prince 2nd the motion, all voted and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment may be made by calling telephone number 864-457-3000.

There was none.

Reports

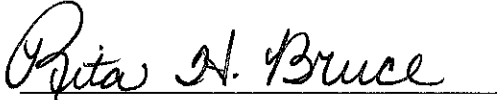
City Administrator- Rich Caplan updates the council on the measures the City has taken to protect its employees during the Covid-19 pandemic. City hall lobby will be closed to the public until further notice, employees will be available to answer the phone each day between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm. City office employees will stagger their working hours to half days to limit contact between each other and to maintain the government required social distancing of 6ft. Office employees will also be utilizing the option of working from home and answering emails.

Police Department. Chief Kris Ahler submitted his report to council electronically in their monthly council packets. A copy may be requested any time by call the City Clerk's Office at 864-457-3000.

Fire Department. Chief Warren Ashmore submitted his report to council electronically in their monthly council packets. A copy may be requested any time by calling the Landrum Fire and Rescue at 864-457-3101 or by calling the City Clerk's Office.

Regular meeting adjourns at 7:14pm to Executive Session for the purpose of considering land acquisition. Council Member Tammy Cox makes the motion to adjourn from the regular council meeting to enter the Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, Council Member Daniel Prince 2nd the motion, all voted and approved to adjourn to Executive Session.

Executive Session Adjourned at 8:10pm
(to date to be set for special Meeting)



Attest: Rita H. Bruce
City Clerk/Treasurer