



MINUTES
LANDRUM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 10, 2020

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, SECTION 30-4-80, THE TIME, DATE, AND LOCATION OF THE MEETING WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, ON THE CITY WEBSITE AND THE CITY FACEBOOK PAGE. THE MEDIA WAS DULY NOTIFIED.

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 6:36 P.M. in the Landrum City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Members Absent: None

The Invocation was given by Council Member Johnny Carruth and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from October 2020 were accepted as written.

The Financial Statements

The financial statements from October 2020 were accepted as written.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Continued from October Meeting 2020. Ordinance No. 2020-08, Consideration of proposed rezoning for N. Poplar & E. Rutherford Street from C-2 to R-3 for proposed Town Houses on N. Poplar Ave. & E. Rutherford Street and subdividing a 0.56-acre parcel on Thrift Circle into R-1 single family (applicant: Jeffrey Smith). Council Member Johnny Carruth makes a motion to send the plans back to the Planning Commission Board for the developer to revise his plans without the R-3 designation. Council Member Billy Inman 2nd the motion. All voted yes to send the plans for the rezoning and Town Homes on N. Poplar & E. Rutherford and Thrift Circle back to the Planning Commission. Developer Jeffrey Smith will be instructed to submit revised plans to the Planning Commission for further review.

2. Continued from July 2020: Consideration of Ordinance No. 2020-04, an ordinance amending the land use and zoning map on 8.36 acres on Dodd Street Extension from R-1 to R-3 (applicant: John Mckinnon). The Council did not make any decisions on this item from the July 2020 council meeting, the following actions must be taken: vote yes to approve the Ordinance, vote no to cancel the Ordinance or send the developer back to the Planning Commission to revise the plans taking into consideration limiting or lowering the density and improvements, if any, to be made to Dodd Street. Council Member Billy Inman makes a motion to send the plans back to the Planning Commission with the above considerations. Council Member Daniel Prince 2nd the motion, all voted yes to send the developer John Mckinnon back to the Planning Commission with revised plans addressing all the concerns from the Council and local citizens. Planning Commission member Bill Robinson spoke to the council and described the quality and design of previous Town Homes complexes built by the developer. The council was also advised that they could visit other Town Home complexes designed and built by this developer to get an idea of the design of the buildings and the layout of the community. City Administrator stated that there would be a Virtual Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. The public would be advised of the time and provided log in information. The above issue will not be on the agenda for that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Funding allocation for the Landrum Youth Sports Association ballfields lighting. The Youth Sports Association had approached the City in January of 2020 with a request to help provide funds to repair the aging ballfield lighting system. The Council discussed the issue at the prior Work Session to get more information on what funds were needed. The Mayor introduced a motion to allocate \$16,160 in funds be donated to the Landrum Youth Sports Association to pay for the repair of the ballfield lights. Council Member Shannon Dotson makes the motion to allocate the funds. Council Member Daniel Prince 2nd the motion. All voted yes to the allocation of \$16,160 in funds to be donated to the Landrum Youth Sports Association to repair the lighting system for the ball fields. Council Member Billy Inman stated that a portion of the funds would be donated from the Hospitality tax fund.
4. Review of proposed Railcar Museum Platform designs. Architect John Walters presented multiple design options for the Museum platform. He described the access options and the aesthetics of each design he presented, the Council will make a formal decision later which design they feel will suit the location and accessibility requirements needed. This portion of the design is included in Phase 1 of the Railcar Museum Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

- Bill Robinson commented on the Dodd Street Project.
- Josephine Jackson commented on the Dodd Street Project.
- Judy Henderson commented on the Dodd Street Project and presented the Council with a petition with over 118 names stating they were against the project.
- Merry-Beth Noble commented on the Dodd Street Project and on the Railcar Museum.

Reports

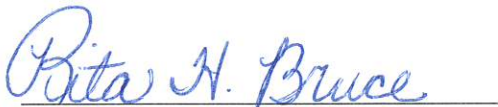
City Administrator- City Administrator Rich Caplan addressed the Council that he and the Mayor participated in a Zoom Meeting with the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce pertaining to the closing of our local BI-LO. They were cooperative and were willing to help the City find suitable prospects to fill the vacant building. City

Administrator Rich Caplan also stated that he talked with the owner of the building and that he was also trying to recruit grocery stores in the area. The scheduled date for BI-LO to close is reported as March 31, 2021. He also reported that there would be a training session for the various Boards next week on Tuesday, November 17 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

Police Department. Chief Kris Ahler presented the report to Council. A copy may be requested any time by calling the City Clerk's Office at 864-457-3000. A copy of this report will be filed with the approved minutes.

Fire Department. Chief Warren Ashmore presented the report. The Fire Department responded to a total of 57 calls during the month of October. 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. A copy of this report will be filed with the approved minutes.

**Regular meeting adjourns at 8:18pm to Executive Session to discuss City Employee Compensation Matters.
Executive Session adjourns at 8:45pm.**



Attest: Rita H. Bruce
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approval Date: December 8, 2020



**City of Landrum Police Department
November 2020 Report to City Council**

Honorable Mayor and Council,

Covid-19

The remaining restrictions, having returned restaurants to full capacity, is the wearing of masks into the establishment and the wearing of masks by staff. Many businesses are refusing service, absent a mask mandate, if customers do not wear a mask. Officers can help enforce by using trespassing laws if businesses refuse service. Officers have experienced a few known exposures to Covid-19 with no positive tests to date.

Storm

The police department went to an all day and all night double rotation to meet the needs of storm victims, businesses with false or faulty alarms, and other issues. An off-duty detail was formed for a private residence at the owner's expense.

The fire department and rescue 11 are commended for their excellent dedication to duty during the storms: removing roadway blockages, dealing with patients with special needs due to power outages, and dealing with downed power lines. Citizens, *including the mayor*, assisted neighbors and are a credit to our community.

After action review: an after action review was conducted to improve operations following a similar event. Fire, police, and city official met to discuss the storm responses. Recommendations were made to enable landline services at city hall, absent IP connection, and to provide internet for the offices should service be disrupted during an event.

Election

Minor issues were experienced during the elections, though all were resolved without significant issue. The head of elections for Landrum was consulted on a complaint, as well as the Solicitor's office to ensure the right to vote was unencumbered at our polling location. Thank you to the Landrum Methodist church for providing an excellent polling location and for dealing with the large amount of voters.

Political demonstration escort: officers assisted with escorting a convoy of vehicles from Polk County, through Landrum and back to N.C. without incident. The officers recognize the right to peaceably assemble as a constitutional freedom and are quick to assist residents of various political affiliations to exercise this right.

Training

Defensive tactics: 44 hours (Chief Ahler)

Courtroom testimony: 14 hours (MASC)

D.V. 2020: 32.30 hours (SCCJA)

SFST re-cert: 3 hours (SCCJA)

BID: 80 hours (SCCJA)

Glock Armorer: 8 hours (Glock)

Line up: 1 hour (SCCJA)

Total training hours: 182.30

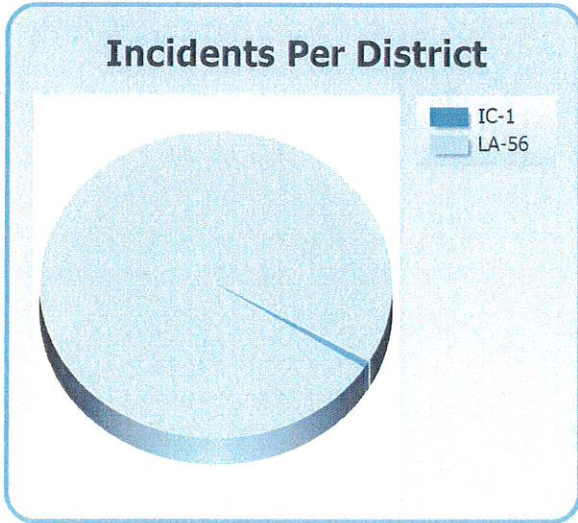
Human Interest: first responders, including members of the Landrum Police and Fire, participated in a Hero's parade on Sunday for Levi, a three year old battling cancer. The location was the Gowensville Baptist Church. The feedback was: "another fine job by our Landrum PD, Levi loved it and our community was very happy, thank you guys and girl for all you do and stay safe!"



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**Incidents for Landrum Fire Dept. October,
2020**

From: 10/01/2020 00:00:00
To: 10/31/2020 23:59:59



Incident Types	Total
AUTO ACCIDENTS	4
FIRE/SMOKE ALARMS	1
MEDICAL	29
HAZ-MAT/LEAKS/ODORS	1
TRASH/WOODS/GRASS FIRES	1
LINES DOWN/ARCING	3
STRUCTURE FIRES (Residential)	1
OTHER	10
OTHER	7
Total	57

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 86 total