



Work Session Minutes Landrum City Council Tuesday, May 11, 2021

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Meeting started at 5:29pm

Members present: Mayor Bob Briggs, Council Members, Johnny Carruth, Billy Inman, Joyce Whiteside, Tammy Cox, Daniel Prince and Shannon Dotson

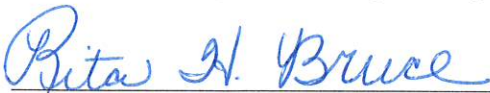
Members absent: None

1. A discussion of trash disposal services contract. The City Administrator Rich Caplan discussed with the Mayor and Council in reference to a letter received from the City current waste disposal service, Republic Services. The letter informed the City of yet another rate adjustment and stated that they could not continue to service the City of Landrum area on their current rates. The City Administrator discusses that the City should start the request for proposals for City wide recycle and trash services. There have been at least 2 or 3 companies that have already expressed an interest in submitting bids for the trash collection services. The council would like to keep the 96 gallon rolling carts for the recycle service and still have the bi-weekly recycle pickup service. The discussion was in favor of going out to bid for trash and recycle services.
2. Proposed 2021-2022 General Fund and Hospitality Fund Budgets. City Administrator Rich Caplan enclosed a copy of the proposed FY2021-2022 budget in the agenda packets for the mayor and council. He opened the discussion with the council to ask if they had any questions or concerns about the proposed FY budget. He also announced that the City would be receiving funds from the Federal American Rescue Plan to offset the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The City would be required to follow the strict guidelines set forth by the federal government to disperse those funds. He discussed that the federal funds could be dispersed to local non-profit organizations and small local businesses and restaurants that lost revenue during the pandemic. He suggests a uniform amount be dispersed to businesses. The funds may also be used towards water and sewer upgrades. Spartanburg Water contacted the City and requested some of the funds be dispersed to them to fix the water and sewer issues on Oak Avenue. He also discussed the budget item for police cars, they City has not purchased new police cars for the department in several years. The Police department is in the process of selling off several of the older cars, the revenue from those sales will contribute to the purchase of the new cars. There was a discussion of purchasing a tractor for the City street employees to use towards extra projects and street needs that are currently being contracted out. The purchase of the tractor should actually save the City money in the long run on contract labor. The City Administrator also discussed the need to hire a part time Hospitality director for all the upcoming venues currently under construction. The position would handle the Farmers Market Pavilion rental, oversee the Railcar Museum, handle the train depot rentals, Brookwood Park rentals, Music at the Tracks and other City special events. The position would be responsible for the promotion of events and venues by advertising, social media posts, website posts and local radio advertising. The position would be a flexible hourly position for about 20 to 25 hours a week determined by the need. The position would be funded by the hospitality tax fund. The City Administrator informed the council that he had spoken with Tricia Tabor in regards to the position, she is a local Landrum native and is very knowledgeable of Landrum and the surrounding areas. He also discussed that the Depot Rental rates should be raised to meet the increasing expenses incurred from the heavy rentals and to have rates to compare with other surrounding rental venues. Also included in the agenda

packet was information on raising the tax levy, the levy was reduced in 2018 and have been the lower rate since then with no increases. The proposed increase would just take the millage/levy rate back to the amount assessed in 2017.

3. Landrum Springs Baptist Church / Dodd Street Alley update. He reported that there had been a community meeting in reference to this issue and that it was concluded that City would abandon that alley. He also stated that the City was looking into putting in WIFI access throughout the downtown area, Brookwood Park, the new Farmers Market Pavilion and Simmons Street Park with some of the federal covid relief funds.

Adjourned to Regular Meeting at 6:25pm.



Attest: Rita H. Bruce

City Clerk/ Treasurer

Approval Date: June 8, 2021