



**MINUTES**  
**LANDRUM CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, July 13, 2021**

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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.

Mayor Robert B. Briggs called the meeting to order at 6:39pm in the Landrum City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Members Absent: None

The Invocation was given by Mayor Robert Briggs and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Shannon Dotson calls for a motion to amend the agenda to include in the old business #4, the donation requested by the Landrum High School Athletic Booster Club at the June council meeting. Council Member Billy Inman makes the motion, Council Member Daniel Prince 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The Mayor calls for a discussion. Council Member Johnny Carruth states that the Council did not discuss the proposed donation and is in favor of waiting until the next Council Work Session to discuss the donation. They decided to send it back to the next Work Session. Council Member Shannon Dotson withdraws his motion to amend the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes**

All Minutes from June 2021 were accepted as written.

**The Financial Statements**

The financial statements June 2021 were accepted as written.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Presentation of the Carolina Foothills Chamber of Commerce and Operation Hope re: Feed the Foothills. Susan Tomkins the director of Operation Hope gives a presentation to the Mayor and Council on the current growth and expansion of their facilities. She also informed them of the additional community services that were being added to serve those in need, such as a free medical clinic that would be located in the building between Burkes and The Dollar Tree.  
A spokesperson from the Carolina Foothills Chamber of Commerce, Don Borrelson, informed the Mayor and Council of the upcoming event, "Feed the Foothills" food drive and 4 town Poker Run, to be held Saturday, September 25, 2021, from 10am to 8pm. The event would end at the Harmon Field Music Festival, where admission will be free with a canned good donation.
2. A Presentation by Dominique Dawkins representing Spartanburg County Community Development of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program was given to the Mayor and Council. She explained how the program worked towards helping people in the community with past due rent and utilities, especially those negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

3. A Resolution authorizing the purchase of a building at 503 S. Randolph Ave for use as the Landrum Senior Citizens Center. City Administrator Rich Caplan discussed with the Mayor and Council the need for a permanent building to house the Senior Citizen Center, which currently meets at the Train Depot. A member of the Landrum Community, Anne Regan donated \$100,000 to the City of Landrum earmarked as a match to purchase and furnish a Senior Citizen Center. The resolution authorizes the City Administrator to execute the contract for the purchase of the building at 503 S. Randolph Ave. Council Member Shannon Dotson makes the motion, Council Member Joyce Whiteside 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted unanimously yes to approve the resolution authorizing the City Administrator to execute the contract for the purchase of the building at 503 S. Randolph Ave. to be used for the Senior Citizens Center.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Continued discussion of the 2022 Municipal Resurfacing Request / County Match Program. Council Member Daniel Prince and Street Supervisor Marion Price went over list of streets in the city. They traveled around the city and took an inventory of the streets that were in the worst condition. They used a grading scale of A thru F to grade the streets to determine the ones that were in the most need of fixing. City Administrator discussed that the Council would need to pick out around 6 to 8 roads that needed repairing immediately. There were 11 streets graded at the D and F level. The Mayor calls for a motion to send the list of 11 streets that were graded as a D or F to the County to get a repair estimate. Council Member Billy Inman makes the motion, Council Member Tammy Cox 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted yes to send the list of 11 roads to the county to request pricing for repairs. See List attached to the minutes.
2. Approval of the Contract for Residential Trash Disposal Services Contract to GFL Environmental USA Inc. The City recently opened bidding for Trash disposal services and awarded the contract to the lowest bidder GFL Environmental. The contract has been sent to the City for approval. Council Member Daniel Prince makes the motion to approve the contract with GFL Environmental, Council Member Shannon Dotson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all voted yes to approve the Trash Disposal Services contract with GFL Environmental.
3. Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-06 amending provisions to the City's Code of Ordinances pertaining to the City of Landrum Business License Ordinance. The Mayor calls for a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-06. Council Member Billy Inman makes the motion, Council Member Johnny Carruth 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted yes to adopt Ordinance 2021-06, an ordinance amending provisions to the City's Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Business License Ordinance Section 3 Purpose and Duration. This ordinance changes the effective dates of the City Business License year to May 1 to April 30, to comply with the State of South Carolina mandated SC Business License Standardization ACT 176.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any citizen of the City of Landrum shall be entitled to address the City Council at this regular meeting to discuss municipal matters per Landrum Municipal Code, Section 2.212.

Judy Henderson – She states her concerns over the new garbage collection issue, if there are any new grocery stores interested in the vacant BI-LO building and Railcar Museum progress.

### **Reports**

**City Administrator-** Rich Caplan discussed Hogback Mountain Day and fireworks. He also announced that there is an ongoing dispute between neighbors of the dog park owned by Suzanne Strickland located behind Stone Soup. The Ordinance Officer Jack Davis has been called out to the property numerous times, due to the noise related complaints. The City of Landrum is not affiliated, nor does it sponsor the dog park in any way.

**Police Department.** Chief Kris Ahler presented the report to Council for the month of June. You may obtain a copy of this report by calling the City Clerk's office at (864)457-3000.

**Fire Department.** Fire Chief Warren Ashmore gave the report. A total of 26 calls were reported for the month of June 2021. You may obtain a copy of the report by calling Landrum Fire and Rescue at 864-457-3101 or by calling the City Clerk's Office. A copy of these reports will be filed with the approved minutes.

**Landrum Rescue.** Bruce Cogdell gave the report for Rescue 11. He stated that they responded to 58 calls the month of June, servicing 2 states and 3 counties.

**Spartanburg County.** County Council Member Bob Walker gave the report. He discusses, the roads, storm water and the groundbreaking for the County Courthouse.

**Friends of the Landrum Library.** Anita Briggs gave the report of the ongoing and upcoming events scheduled and the continuation of the summer reading program. for the Month of July.

**Regular meeting adjourns at 8:50pm**

RITA H. BRUCE

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Attest: Rita H. Bruce  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approval Date: August 10, 2021