



## MINUTES

# LANDRUM CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 13, 2022  
6:30 p.m.

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### NOTE:

- All interested citizens were invited to watch the City Council meeting live streamed on the City of Landrum Facebook page.
- 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, the City website, and the City Facebook page. The media was duly notified.

Mayor Robert B. Briggs called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Landrum City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Members Absent: Council Member Billy Inman

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

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the August 9, 2022, meetings, were accepted as written.

### The Financial Statements

The financial statement for the month of August 2022 were accepted as written

### PRESENTATION

Mr. Guy Boyle, CEO of Spartanburg Water addressed the Mayor and Council.

The new CEO of Spartanburg Water, Guy Boyle introduced himself to the Mayor and Council. He wanted to let the City know about the ongoing projects scheduled in the city, most were repairing, replacing and/or improving existing lines. Moss Lane and E. Brookwood Drive, N. Oak Ave., N. Elm Street, E. Prince Road to N. Valley Rd. sewer repair at Heritage Estates in 2023. Council Member Joyce Whiteside asks about the ongoing N. Randolph project, he said that he would find out and get back in touch with her.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Hometown Grant Resolution 2022-01

The City is submitting a grant request of \$25,000 to the Municipal Association of south Carolina to improve the vacant parcel on w. Rutherford adjacent to the Market Pavilion. The city will be required to adopt a resolution stating that it will match 5% of the grant, or \$1250 as part of the city's grant application. The funds are proposed to be used for the following, trees along the driveway entrance on S. Randolph Ave., shrubs on the embankment on S. Randolph, a new streetlight at the crosswalk, a split rail fence along W. Rutherford St. and extend the sidewalk.

Mayor Robert Briggs call for a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01 Hometown Grant though MASC. Council Member Johnny Carruth makes the motion. Council Member Shannon Dotson second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

2. Consideration of Proposed 2022-2023 American Relief Plan (COVID) Budget.

City Administrator Rich Caplan discusses the budget with the Mayor and Council and explains that the federal funds will need to be spent by December 31, 2024. The budget was approved last year. The funds were dispersed

in 2 tranches. The second and final tranche should be dispersed to the municipalities the first of October 2022. Council Member Shannon Dotson spoke in favor of the increased essential workers hazard pay and also stated that the city should use some of those funds to increase police officer salaries. He also stated that even though this relief plan is a onetime deal, that the city should do as much as financially able to keep the salaries of police officers at a rate to keep up with the increases in the cost-of-living expenses. A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes. Mayor Robert Briggs call for a motion to adopt the American Rescue Plan funds budget. Council Member Daniel Prince makes a motion to approve the American Rescue Plan budget. Council Member Shannon Dotson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

3. Discussion and award of Rail and History Museum sidewalk and platform improvements contract.

The bids were much higher than expected, discussion will be moved to the next Council Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Judy Henderson – discussed the Flexible Review District zoning ordinance in reference to the Planning Commission Public Hearing and the possibility of clearly stating the purpose of Public Hearings in the future. She was also concerned on how the FRD ordinance was being enforced. She also discussed her concerns relating to the Railcar Museum.

Carol Browning – commented on the Railcar Museum content.

**Reports**

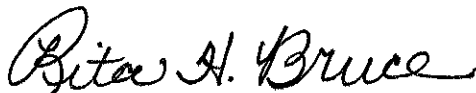
City Administrator. City Administrator Rich Caplan presented his report to council, his report is attached to these minutes.

Police Department. Chief Kris Ahler presented council with his monthly report. A copy of this report may be requested any time by calling the City Clerk's Office at 864-457-3000. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Ordinance Officer. Ordinance Officer Jack Davis gives the Mayor and Council a quarterly report and update on the various ongoing and rectified ordinance violations. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Robert Briggs calls for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Council Member Shannon Dotson makes the motion. Council Member Tammy Cox second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.**



Rita H. Bruce, ABL  
City Clerk / Treasurer

Approval Date: October 11, 2022



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**City of Landrum Police Department**  
**September 13, 2022, Report to City Council**

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Mayor and Council,

**Training**

- Instructor certification training and advanced training have been put on hold until staffing meets levels where we can afford to spare an officer.
- We had 96 hours of training conducted, 82 of those hours are recruit officer training.
- Recruit officer Powell is on track to complete the academy within 2 weeks and will begin field training thereafter.

**Fentanyl**

Overdoses requiring Narcan are on the rise in the region. The FD and PD have administered the lifesaving drug throughout the month. The FD has more saves this month. 2 to 1. Fentanyl is a nationwide and a local problem.

**Equipment**

We ordered vehicles 3 from the SRO grant and one from the Police K-9 budget. Ford increased the state contract pricing per unit by roughly \$10,000 in 2022.

**K-9 Handler**

Casey West was selected to be half of the K-9 Team. The training will take a couple of months and will hopefully coincide with obtaining and equipping the vehicle and staffing levels increasing as recruits finish the academy.

# Landrum

SOUTH CAROLINA

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## City of Landrum Ordinance Report:

July-June, 2021-2022

**Violation Notice Letters**  
74

**Tickets**  
12

**Weeds-Grass**  
17

**Rubbish-Debris**  
21

**Animal Complaints**  
12

**Vehicle**  
14

**Tree Hazards**  
2

**Structure Problem**  
10

**No Power-Water**  
2

**Sign Ordinance**  
1

**Business License**  
4

**Compliance**  
68

### Drug Cases:

From July 2021 to June 2022 Total 86 cases  
With highest for 2021 was 9 cases in November  
The highest in 2022 was 9 cases also in April  
Some cases there were more than one charge  
Cases were for Marijuana, Cocaine, and Fentanyl and other drugs

**Evidence Cases: Total 108 some cases had more than one item**

City Administrator's Report – September 13, 2022

- I have had a preliminary meeting on a proposed residential development on the 110 acre Boatwright property on Fairwinds Road. A formal pre-application is being prepared.
- As widely reported, the city has been informed of the lease of the former Bi-Lo to Aldi, renovation plans are underway and they are expected to open spring 2023.
- There is some misinformation on social media sites concerning the city adhering FOIA laws. I want to assure the city council and the public that the city of Landrum is complying with FOIA requirements. So there is no misunderstanding, for the record let me repeat that in September 2021 the circuit court judge ruled against the plaintiff in favor of the city as the defendant on prior FOIA requests. Sadly, numerous FOIA requests from the plaintiff in the case have continued since that court decision. I wish to state that the city is adhering to Judge Knie's statement, and responding to her statement and that considers these latest FOIA requests as stated by the judge are "a burden on the City which borders on being unreasonable".

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*Drake Taber*

**PROPOSED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS: 2021-2022; 2022-2023**

	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Carryover</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<b>Projected Allocation:</b>	<b>\$1,332,728</b>			
<i>Note: Received over two fiscal years; spend by 12/31/24</i>				
<b>Carry over from year 1</b>				\$ 666,364
<b>2021-2022 Revenue: \$666,364; AVAILABLE</b>				\$ 192,775
<b>Lost /Replacement Revenues</b>	\$ 167,775	\$ 167,775	\$ -	\$ 859,139
General Fund reimbursement	\$ 184,075			
Hospitality Fund reimbursement	\$ 19,700			
<b>Incurred/Proposed Expenditures</b>				
<b>General Fund Eligible Expenses:</b>	\$ 49,392	\$ 49,392	\$ -	
Depot Maintenance	\$ 3,000			
Police Overtime associated with COVID	\$ 8,135			
Court/Office/Depot cleaning supplies & services	\$ 1,668			
Legal services associated with COVID	\$ 4,000			
City Hall / Depot air filters	\$ 4,240			
Essential workers COVID hazard pay	\$ 8,800			\$ 55,800
Heritage Estates sewer design	\$ 4,500			
Police Security Drone	\$ 7,049			
Council Chambers wiring/speakers	\$ 8,000			
<b>Non-Profit for COVID expenses/lost revenues:</b>	\$ 55,960	\$ 55,960	\$ -	
Rescue Squad (\$34,300)	\$ 17,150			
Operation Hope	\$ 18,485			
LYA (\$40,650)	\$ 20,325			\$ 20,325
<b>Landrum Businesses Support:</b>	\$ 35,000			
50% discount on Landrum business licenses	\$ 34,000	\$ 33,700		\$ 34,000
<b>Additional Capital Eligible Expenses:</b>	\$ 167,775			
Road improvements (locations TBD)	\$167,775	\$0	\$167,775	\$ 475,000
<b>Drainage &amp; Broadband improvements:</b>	\$ 188,317			
Storm drainage: equipment & trailer	\$ 33,500	\$ 33,500		
City Hall Police parking lot drainage	\$ 12,192	\$ 12,192		
Senior Center building drainage	\$ 10,125	\$ 10,125		
Other drainage projects	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000
Market Square drainage/Hometown Grant Match	\$ 100,000	\$ 70,600		\$ 1,250
Expanded Broadband services (@ Pavilion & Aging Well Cente	\$ 7,500	\$ 4,000		
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	\$ 664,219	\$ 437,244	\$ 192,775	\$ 606,375
Unallocated	\$ 2,145			\$ 252,764
Year 1: adopted 11/9/2021				Reserve for
Year 2: Proposed 9/13/2022				2023-24

# PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN IN

COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES

Meeting Date

Please sign in and take a seat. YOUR NAME WILL BE CALLED DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENTS PORTION OF THIS MEETING.

Name

Address

City

Comment Topic

Phone Number if you wish to be contacted

Judy Hendon  
~~Carol Hendon~~

210 W. Cedar  
~~210 W. Cedar~~

Leavenworth  
~~Leavenworth~~  
CANDOR.

EDGING/MUSEUM  
~~Public Library~~  
CONTRIBUT MUSEUM.