



MINUTES
LANDRUM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 13, 2023
6:30 p.m.

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 regular meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. in the Landrum City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Members Absent: Joyce Whiteside

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

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Bob Briggs calls for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Council Member Billy Inman makes the motion. Council Member Shannon Dotson second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried, the minutes from the January 10, 2023 meeting were accepted as written.

The Financial Statements

Mayor Robert Briggs calls for a motion to accept the financial statement as written. Council Member Shannon Dotson makes the motion. Council Member Billy Inman second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried, the financial statement from January 2023 were accepted as written.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of potential Special Election Bond Measure for Park Acquisition – Amy Vinter, First Tryon Advisors presented the possible funding options for the acquisition of a 119 acre parcel on the west side of Fairwinds Road for the purpose of creating a new community park. The asking price is approximately \$3+million. In order to seriously pursue this opportunity, the city would need to raise city property taxes by issuing a general obligation bond. These bonds are paid back by the taxing power of the city. The current interest rate is 4 ½ % over a 20 year period. The impact on city residents current taxes was explained, for example a person owning a \$100,000 residential home taxes would increase by about \$80, a \$200,000 residential home taxes would increase by \$161. The burden of this decision will be placed on the current City resident taxpayers by voting on the approval of a General Obligation Bond in a Special Election. If the bond was voted in as approved, there would be a 3 to 4 month time frame to execute the bond and finalize the sale.
2. Habitat for Humanity Landrum update – Linda Berta Saturno, President & CEO presented to the Mayor and Council.

She announced that most of the homes built lately were in Tryon. Landrum has a Habitat community on Irish Hills Lane behind Shamrock Ave. She explained that there are currently 22 lots in that subdivision, 14 of the lots have homes on them. They would like to build triplexes on an acre of that property. That request would have to be reviewed and the plans would have to be reviewed to see if that particular project would adhere to the city's zoning

code. They would like to start the project near the end of the year. There are several other lots throughout the city that Habitat currently owns and they would like to start the process of planning projects for those lots.

3. **Presentation/Request from Landrum High School Student Council**

Student representatives and advisors from Landrum High School Student Council presented the plans for the 2023 Mayday Fest Fundraiser held annually by District One Schools. It will take place at Landrum High School this year on May 12, 2023 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The student representatives present the scheduled events that will take place. They also request that the City of Landrum become a sponsor as they have done in the past. The Mayor explains that the city will decide their sponsorship level and inform them at a later date.

4. **Resolution appointing Judge Vicki Rae Smith as acting Municipal Judge.**

Landrum Municipal Judge, John Rollins is taking an undetermined amount of medical leave from his role. Under these circumstances, the City is required to appoint an acting Municipal Judge. Judge Rollins and others have recommended Judge Vicki Rae Smith be appointed to fill this role. She has 25 years of experience as a municipal judge including serving three other municipalities in Spartanburg County. Resolution No. 2023-01 will appoint Vicki Rae Smith as acting Municipal Judge. Mayor Robert Briggs calls for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-01. Council Member Daniel Prince makes the motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-01 appointing Vicki Rae Smith as acting Municipal Judge. Council Member Tammy Cox second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-01 An Ordinance of the City of Landrum, SC annexing 105 Foxy Road, Boomer Holdings, LLC / John Kelahar, owner.**

Mayor Robert Briggs calls for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-01 An Ordinance annexing 105 Foxy Road, owned by Boomer Holdings LLC./ John Kelahar into the city limits of Landrum. Council Member Shannon Dotson makes the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-01. Council Member Tammy Cox second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

2. **Continued discussion of proposed improvements to the Anne Reagan Aging Well Center for Senior Center grant opportunity.**

The federal grant will only pay for capital improvements to the building and grounds. The proposed projects are improve and repave the parking lot, construct raised beds outside for flower and vegetable gardens, an out door deck area with tables and seating, replace the carpet with linoleum and shutters on the outside of the building. The total improvements list cost : \$125,172 of that amount \$104,234 is grant eligible. The Grant would cover 70% (\$72,964) and the City would have to match 30% (\$31,270). Mayor Robert Briggs call for a motion to approve the submission of the federal grant for the Anne Regan Aging Well Center designating the city's 30% match of \$31,270. Council Member Shannon Dotson makes the motion to approve the 30% match of funds. Council Member Billy Inman second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lael Dann – She is a Landrum business owner and wanted to share some ideas pertaining to other uses for the Farmers Market Pavilion.

Reports

City Administrator. City Administrator Rich Caplan presented his report to council. A copy of his report will be attached to these minutes when archived.

Police Department. Chief Jason Coffin presented council with his monthly report. A copy of this report will be attached to these minutes when archived and may be requested by calling the City Clerk's office at (864)457-3000.

Mayor Robert Briggs calls for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Council Member Johnny Carruth makes the motion. Council Member Daniel Prince second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

Regular Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

Executive Session adjourned 8:30 p.m.

No action taken.

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City Clerk / Treasurer

Approval Date: March 14, 2023

February 13, 2023

Re: City Administrator Report

Farmers Market Annual Report

- There were an average of 50 vendors, almost double from Np. Trade Avenue during the regular season, and 28 vendors in 6 Saturdays for the winter market and holiday craft fair.
- The market is setting up an advisory committee, Councilmember Shannon Dodson will be the city liaison.
- We will continue to manage the marketing efforts. A more complete report for the year is in your agenda packet.
- I want to thank Lisa Gunter for guiding the market through a challenging year with a few surprises, but a very successful year 1.

Trash Rates Adjustment – GFL has adjusted their rates per their contract with the city. The city will adjust its rates accordingly which should be in effect for customers' March billing at the end of March. In accordance with the contract, the adjustment was cost of living.

Thrift Circle Property Rezoning – Jeff Smith is requesting that the upper portion of his N. Poplar Street parcel be rezoned to R-1 for two single family lots. He intends on keeping the lower on E. Rutherford portion as commercial. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the rezoning on February 28.

14/176 Improvements – The City is currently soliciting bids for the sidewalk across the RR tracks and improvements to the intersection crosswalk. Bids are due on February 28 and we expect the city council to award a contract in March.



Chief of Police

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Incidents For Landrum Police Department Year end-2022

From: 01/01/2023 00:00:00

To: 01/31/2023 23:59:59

January 2023 stats

Criminal Offenses: **23**

Alarms: **8**

Investigation's: **23**

Total Citation's: **30**

Total Warning's: **40**

Wreck: **6**

Warrants served: **6**

Total Agency Call's: **276**

Grants'

Have reapplied for the SRO Grant for 2023/2024

Applied for Grant to help pay for Power DMS.

A Blood hound was donated to us By Susan Jolley who is a breeder. He is 10 weeks old and has started his training (Tracking only)

