



MINUTES
LANDRUM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 11, 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 6:46 p.m. in the Landrum City Hall Council Chambers.
Members Present: Mayor Robert B. Briggs, Council Members: Johnny Carruth, Billy Inman, Shannon Dotson, Joyce Whiteside and Tammy Cox.
Members Absent: None

The Invocation was given by Council Member Billy Inman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Bob Briggs calls for a motion to accept the March 14, 2023 minutes as written. Council Member Johnny Carruth makes the motion to accept the March minutes as written. Council Member Joyce Whiteside second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

The Financial Statements

The Financial Statements for March 2023 were accepted as written.

Mayor Robert Briggs calls for a motion to add an item to the agenda. The item labeled, Swearing in of New Police Officers needs to be added. Council Member Shannon Dotson makes the motion to add the new item to the agenda. Council Member Billy Inman second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

Swearing In of New Police Officers (added)

Officer James Owens and Officer James Lacey were sworn in.

Presentation

Drake Taber recently completed a marketing survey involving the City of Landrum. Mr. Taber is a senior at Spartanburg Methodist College and completed the survey for his Senior Project. He surveyed around 95 people, 67 of those were residents and 28 were visitors. He presented them with a list of questions about the city. He hopes that the results of this survey will help the city in the future with ideas on marketing the city and their events.

NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading Ordinance No. 2023-09. An Ordinance accepting the petition for the Annexation of Property Contiguous to the City of Landrum (112 E. Ashemore Street).
Mayor Robert Briggs call for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-09 annexing 112 E. Ashemore Street. Council Member Johnny Carruth makes the motion. Council Member Tammy Cox seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

2. Approval of Boatwright Holdings, LLC. Purchase agreement for the proposed Fairwinds Park.
This will give authorization to the Mayor to sign the purchase agreement between the City of Landrum and the Boatwrights for the purchase of 119 acres on Fairwinds Road for the proposed Fairwinds Park. The agreement will become moot if the voters do not approve the purchase. Mayor Robert Briggs calls for a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the purchase agreement. Council Member Shannon Dotson makes the motion. Council Member Billy Inman second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.
3. Award Rail Car Museum interior improvements bid.
It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to execute the contract with Cinderella Partners, Inc. not to exceed \$188,370.00. The City advertised to accept bids for the interior improvements of the Railcar Museum. The City received two qualified bids on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 from Cinderella Partners, Inc. for \$199,370.23 and Harper General Contractors for \$270,218.78. Cinderella was the lowest bidder. Mayor Robert Briggs call for a motion to authorize the City Administrator to execute the contract with Cinderella Partners, Inc. Council Member Billy Inman makes the motion. Council Member Joyce Whiteside second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.
4. Appointment of proposed Fairwinds Park Citizens Committee.
Brandon Hyder, Marion Price, Daniel Prince, Tammy Cox and John Woodsby from Spartanburg County Parks and Recreation Department (when needed).
Mayor Robert Briggs calls for a motion to nominate the above persons to serve on the Fairwinds Park Citizen Advisory Committee. Council Member Shannon Dotson makes the motion. Council Member Billy Inman second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Second Reading Ordinance No. 2023 – 03 Accepting a Petition for the Annexation of Property Contiguous to the City of Landrum (780 N. Trade Avenue)
Mayor Robert Briggs call for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-03 annexing 780 N. Trade Avenue. Council Member Billy Inman makes the motion to approve the first reading. Council Member Shannon Dotson second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.
2. Second Reading Ordinance No. 2023 – 04 Accepting a Petition for the Annexation of Property Contiguous to the City of Landrum (790 N. Trade Avenue)
Mayor Robert Briggs calls for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-04 annexing 790 N. Trade Ave. Council Member Joyce Whiteside makes the motion to approve. Council Member Shannon Dotson second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.
3. Second Reading Ordinance No. 2023 – 05 Accepting a Petition for the Annexation of Property Contiguous to the City of Landrum (800 N. Trade Avenue)
Mayor Robert Briggs call for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-05 annexing 800 N. Trade Ave. Council Member Johnny Carruth makes the motion to approve. Council Member Billy Inman second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.
4. Appoint Proposed Fairwinds Park Citizen Committee – already on agenda, under “New Business” repetitive item- strike item from agenda.
5. Second Reading Ordinance No. 2023 – 06 Updating the Landrum Municipal Code to Repeal and Replace Chapter 5 Articles 1 and 2. The second reading of amending the zoning code requires a Public Hearing. This item will be continued to the next meeting in May.

6. Second Reading Ordinance No. 2023 – 02 Entering into an Intergovernmental Relating to South Carolina Local Revenue Services through the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC)

For many years the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) has offered collection programs for certain business license taxes. The City of Landrum participates in the collection program. The MASC has rebranded these programs as Local Revenue Services and has renamed the three business license programs. As a result of the Local Services rebranding, the MASC is required to update the ordinances and agreements by which municipalities may participate in the Local Revenue Services. Mayor Robert Briggs calls for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-02. Council Member Billy Inman makes the motion. Council Member Johnny Carruth second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Henderson – Spoke about her concerns over zoning issues. Her comments are attached to these minutes when archived.

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.

Marketing and Public Relations Director Tricia Taber announced the Dark Corner Classic Car show is scheduled for April 22, 2023. They are expecting around 210 cars to participate. The show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on North Trade Avenue.

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.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



Rita H. Bruce, ABL
City Clerk / Treasurer
Approval Date: May 09, 2023

- **Thank you to Spartanburg Chamber** for their effort in helping attract TIME Bicycles. The company's \$6.5 million investment will create 105 new jobs to be located on Asheville Highway. We have been told that renovations are expected to begin in April, and operations are expected to begin in the fourth quarter. The state approved job development credits and awarded a \$400,000 grant to assist with the costs of building improvements – again with the help of the staff at the Spartanburg Chamber.
- **Habitat Homes for Humanity** has requested the city to sign off on an environmental study for their property in anticipation of seeking a federal grant for their project. Officially, the city has to request the study, but it will be paid for, in full, by the Thermal Belt Habitat for Humanity.
- **14/176 Sidewalk and Crosswalk Improvements** - The city is currently seeking bids for these improvements. No bids so far.
- **Update on the SCDOT bill for N. Randolph Avenue**
With the assistance of Rep. Josiah Magnuson seems to be resolved. He contacted SCDOT on the city's behalf and was told it was not needed. Not sure if the request was from a low level employee or what, but the matter seems to be a non-issue.



Chief of Police

Jason M. Coffin

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Incidents For Landrum Police Department Oct-2022

From: 02/01/2023 00:00:00

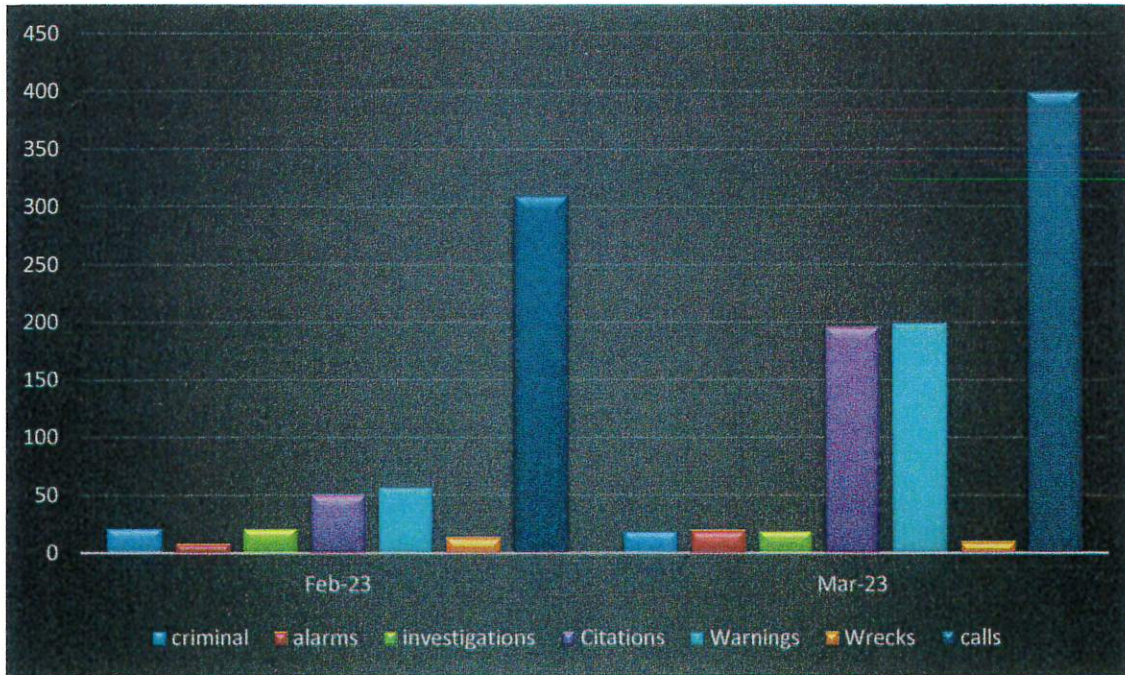
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February 2023 stats

Criminal Offenses: 21
Alarms: 8
Investigation's: 21
Total Citation's wrote: 51
Total Warning's: 57
Wreck: 14
Total Call's: 310

March 2023 stats

Criminal Offenses: 19
Alarms: 20
Investigation's: 19
Total Citation's wrote: 196
Total Warning's: 199
Wreck: 10
Total Call's: 400



City Council Comments 4.11.2023

Thank you so much for the opportunity to speak. My name is Judy Henderson and I live in the Landrum city limits.

I am very confused about the zoning and the revisions. ^{After listening to the work session last night it's really a mess.} It seems we are getting zoning updates in unorganized ways, so it is hard to understand exactly what is current, what is updated, what needs to be updated. I would really like to get to a point where there would be a complete document on the website so the people of Landrum will know what zoning laws and ordinances are officially legal. ^{The comprehensive plan is out of date, many of the items in it will never be completed.}

There are still inconsistencies. In listening to the work session last night, when the Dodd project came up there was a mention that the rezoning request was R-1 to R-3. I verified several times with the City Administration at the time that the correct zoning for this property, which I now own, is R-2. I had even talked to the developer telling him the correct zoning was R-2 and he could have built 32 houses with no change in zoning, but that wasn't acceptable.

I believe the Council is here to represent the citizens of Landrum. Regarding R-1, there was a Facebook Survey, where over 80% of the people responding wanting R-1 to be 20,000 square feet. I believe this would be the will of the people.

There needs to be clarification on the process. What is the role of the Planning Commission, what is the role of the Council? What ordinance needs one reading, what needs two readings.

It seems specific clarification is needed to ensure the responsible growth in Landrum.

I would appreciate a complete and official zoning code on the website and I would like to see a website that has a search, so it would be easier for the average citizen to go to a specific zoning that may be applicable for a current issue under consideration.

^{I am disappointed that the Museum Ground has not been asked to be involved in decisions.} I will continue to speak up for responsible development. I do not think there has been enough forethought regarding what may happen to Landrum with hurried development.

I have been researching about urban sprawl coming to rural areas and some of the consequences are disturbing. Negative impacts are air pollution, water pollution, reduction in open space, the loss or disruption of environmentally sensitive areas, such as disruption of critical natural habitats, increased flood risks and overall reductions in quality of life.

I am still concerned about toxicity of Spivey Creek and the impact on Spartanburg County Water. As I tried to mention in March, the East Palestine toxic creek could affect water all the way to Georgia.

Whether you want to consider it or not, we also have 209 citizens who are against development and signed a petition.

