



Work Session Minutes Landrum City Council Tuesday, July 11, 2023

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.

Meeting started at 5:24 p.m.

Members present, Mayor Bob Briggs, Council Members, Johnny Carruth, Shannon Dotson, Joyce Whiteside and Tammy Cox and incoming Council Member Judy Henderson.

Members absent: Council Member Billy Inman

1. Update on Proposed Fairwinds Park.

City Administrator Rich Caplan explains that the City was required to get an independent appraisal of the property in connection with applying for and hopefully receiving South Carolina State grants. The property appraised lower than the asking amount of \$3.3 million. The seller will not negotiate. The State will not participate in grants for that property because of the lower appraisal. The project is cancelled at this time and could be readdressed in the future. There will be no referendum. Spartanburg County also will not participate because of the lower appraisal.

2. Review of Updated Municipal Code.

The Landrum Municipal Code was originally adopted on September 1, 2000. The entire code has not been revised since then. The document presented was prepared by the City Attorney and his staff. The Mayor and Council were given a draft copy of the Municipal Code to read and list all questions, concerns and adjustments needed. There was a discussion of several sections. The City Administrator suggested that each council member submit all their suggested changes, correction of typographical errors and revisions to him and he would incorporate their corrections into the draft to be reviewed again at the next council meeting in August.

3. Set date for Joint Meeting with Planning Commission.

It was discussed to possibly have a joint meeting with the Council and the Planning Commission to discuss future goals and plans for the City. This meeting will give the new Planning Commission Board Member and Council Member a chance to get some ideas and knowledge of the procedures and actions of both entities. They discussed having a joint meeting in September either 26, 27 or 28th on an evening around 5:00 p.m. Everyone will be polled and date will be decided on later.

4. Discussion of Proposed Railcar Museum Fabrication Bid/ Federal Grant Update.

City Administrator Rich Caplan explains that the bids we received for the actual museum interior design came in more costly than expected. The bid was \$630,000. The reason for the extremely high bid was the cost of certain material requested in the plans. The contractor stated that he could bring the cost down by not using some of the recommended materials. He stated that he could issue a change order and bring the bid down by \$200,000, to \$425,000. The City still has an outstanding Federal Grant available for \$286,000. The Federal Grant representative stated that the amount for the original grant could be revised to increase the amount of the grant. The federal grant is contingent on the match of grant funds by the city.

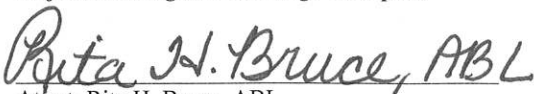
5. Update on GFL Contract.

The City's contract with GFL states that each year the rates can be raised. The City Administrator contacted GFL to see when the rates would be raised and at what percentage. The new rates would start October 1, 2023. GFL states that they rates could go up as much as 7.9%, what they claim is a cost-of-living number. The Council discussed that maybe it would be time to go out for proposals to hire a new solid waste removal company. The City Administrator will contact GFL to try and negotiate a lower rate increase.

6. Review Potential Council Chamber/Court Modification.

Court Clerk Jamie Gaddy was present to discuss with the council the need to make some changes to the Council Chambers to accommodate the growing number of persons present at City Municipal Court proceedings. There is an existing closet near the front of the room that could possibly be utilized by way of windows, similar to bank teller windows, cut into the two walls to service the citizens as they pay their fines. The Council agrees that the requested modifications will be a good idea to help with the court proceedings.

Adjourn to Regular Meeting: 6:31 p.m.



Attest: Rita H. Bruce, ABL

City Clerk / Treasurer

Approval Date: August 8, 2023