



**Work Session Minutes
Landrum City Council
Tuesday, August 8, 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 Robert Briggs, Council Members Johnny Carruth, Billy Inman, Shannon Dotson, Tammy Cox and incoming Council Member Judy Henderson.

Members absent: Council Member Joyce Whiteside

1. Review of Updated Municipal Code.

After the Council Members reviewed the draft modified code, they discussed the discrepancies they found. City Administrator Rich Caplan accepts all their written notes and makes notes of their recommendations for changes, edits and corrections that need to be edited or added to the final draft copy of the Municipal Code. The first reading will be at the Council Meeting after this meeting and there will be a Public Hearing at the meeting scheduled for September 12, 2023 for the second reading.

2. Update of GFL Contract.

City Administrator Rich Caplan announced that he had further discussions and negotiations with GFL regarding the upcoming contract renewal with GFL. As a result of a declining national cost-of-living changes in recent months, the city requested and reached an agreement with GFL that the annual rate be adjusted by 3.5% rather than the earlier amount of 7.9% adjustment GFL had previously requested. The rate increase adjustment will be effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

3. Discussion of New Interim Public Restroom Alternatives.

Many of the downtown business owners have repeatedly expressed their views and concerns pertaining to a public restroom. The city has been looking at available empty buildings. The price associated with purchasing these buildings is extremely high and not a current reasonable option at this time. The possibility of finding interim public restroom alternatives was discussed. It was proposed that the City rent an upgraded portable potty station as a temporary solution. It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council to obtain the portable potty station as the solution for now. The next steps will be to select the permanent location and set a target date for the beginning of the plans to erect a permanent public restroom. The end of the current fiscal year June 20, 2024 was the date discussed as the target date to have the plan in motion.

4. Request from Starmakers for Anniversary Party at the Market Pavilion on Saturday, October 14, 2023.

Public Relations Director, Tricia Taber announced to the Mayor and Council that Starmakers Dance Company from Inman wanted to rent the Market Pavilion on Saturday, October 14, 2023, for their anniversary party. They requested to rent the Market Pavilion for the entire day. She reported that there were several other organizations, businesses and individuals who have shown interest in renting the Market Pavilion. Some have already put down their deposit and been added to the rental schedule. The issue that Tricia is experiencing with the request for rentals, is that the majority of requests are for the weekend, Saturday, and most renters would like to rent for the entire day on Saturday, which poses an issue because of the usage of the Market Pavilion by the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings. This restricts the city's ability to make the rental venue available to the majority of people requesting Saturday rentals. It was suggested that the Farmers Market hold the Farmers Market on that day, October 14 on Trade Ave. The council suggests that the Farmers Market committee be asked, along with Farmers Market Manager Lisa Gunter, if the vendors could possibly sell on Trade Ave. that day. Council Member Shannon Dotson suggests that Lisa Gunter and Joann James poll the Farmers Market vendors to get their preference for that day.

5. Discussion of Public Comment item on Council Agenda and City Facebook Page.

The City is considering changing their Facebook page to an "informational use only" and advertising of local events page. When implementing this type of page, the comment section of the posts will be omitted and unavailable for comments. The MASC legal department, Lawyer Eric Shytle was contacted and informed us that it is legal to completely disable comments.

Mayor Robert Briggs announces that County Council Member Bob Walker had a few items to announce to the council. Bob Walker announced that the State of South Carolina just completed a redistricting of the state. The City of Landrum will be split into two districts. A citizen can go to the website scvotes.gov to find out which district they have been put into. Half the citizens will continue to vote at the Landrum United Methodist Church and the other half will be at the new location for voting at Landrum Middle School. The new precincts will take effect for the upcoming election in November 2023. He also stated that the County Council voted to approve a Resolution to continue the extra 1% sales tax. This tax will be used to repair the County roads.

Adjourn to Regular Meeting: 6:20 p.m.



Attest: Rita H. Bruce, ABL

City Clerk / Treasurer

Approval Date: September 12, 2023