



**Work Session Minutes
Landrum City Council
Tuesday, October 10, 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 5:15 p.m.

Members present, Mayor Robert Briggs, Council Members Johnny Carruth, Billy Inman, Shannon Dotson, Tammy Cox, Joyce Whiteside and Judy Henderson.

Members absent: None

1. Continued discussion of Potential Sale of a portion of Surplus Property on N. Valley Road/ Review of Survey Bids.

The City solicited and received two bids to prepare a survey for the 2 acre portion of the N. Valley Rd. parcel into 4 lots. The bids received were as follows: Gramling Brothers Survey Inc., not to exceed \$2000 and Langford Survey, \$4000. It was discussed that before the City proceed with the potential sale and contract for the survey, that the City Administrator get a third quote from Butler & Associates Surveying.

2. Discussion of Other City Surplus Properties.

Spartanburg County recently completed its work reappraising properties in Landrum and the surrounding area. In reviewing the 18 properties owned by the City of Landrum, it appears that three of these properties are surplus to the city. These properties are as follows: S. Shamrock Avenue @ E. Blue Ridge Street (1.6 acres), hillside property near ridgetop Road surrounding the Water District plant, water pump station and property on Highway 14 west (.3 acres). The council discussed if there was a consensus or interest in selling any of the parcels. It was discussed to reach out to Spartanburg Water and /or Blue Ridge Water to inquire if either would be interested in buying the water pump shed on Highway 14.

3. Update on Proposed Public Restroom.

Included in the agenda packet was the Request for Proposal (RFP) to secure architectural services to design a new public restroom on the railroad right-of-way/ future Rail to Trail in the vicinity of The Collective along N. Trade Ave. The proposed schedule is to budget for this project in FY2024/2025 and construct the restroom next summer. (This timing is contingent upon the purchase of the Norfolk Southern property being under contract, for public purchase at that time.) Also discussed the new temporary solution in place. The property owners notified the city this week that due to insurance liability issues, the city will need to remove the porta-potty from their property within 30 days. The city will move the existing porta potty from the location on Shamrock Avenue to the city parking lot located on Lodge Street.

4. Discussion and Update on Street Paving Projects.

Work has been completed on repaving Dodd Street and N. Oak Avenue. An application for paving the two SCDOT projects has been submitted and approval is pending. In the meantime, the city has been informed by Spartanburg County Public Works Director, Ron Kirby that E. Prince Road was approved by SCDOT for reconstruction in the fall of 2024. The SCDOT will do the entire repair without City money. It is recommended that this project not proceed with city funding. The city funding can be reallocated to either additional road improvements and/or pay for the planned public restroom. They discussed the other roads that were in need of paving. The small stretch of N. Bomar Avenue between E. Rutherford and E. Prince was removed from the original bid. It was discussed that the agreement with Prince Construction be amended to add N. Bomar Avenue for the cost of \$22,500.

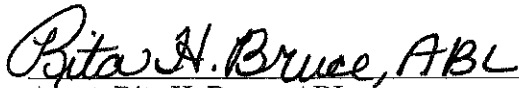
5. Continued Discussion of City/County Parks Potential Agreement.

A draft agreement was included in the council packets for the Mayor and Council to review in anticipation of discussing the city entering into an agreement with Spartanburg County for a baseball field project. The first draft is attached to these minutes.

6. Set date for City of Landrum Christmas Party.

It was decided to hold the City Christmas party on Friday, December 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. It was discussed to hold the party at a new restaurant coming just outside the city, Southern Manners, if it was open in time. The Hare & Hound was also discussed. If the new restaurant did not become a feasible location, it was decided to have the party at the Hare & Hound.

Adjourn to Regular Meeting: 6:19 p.m.

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Attest: Rita H. Bruce, ABL

City Clerk / Treasurer

Approval Date: November 14, 2023

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LANDRUM and SPARTANBURG COUNTY REGARDING PARK ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

1. The City of Landrum will:

Compensate Spartanburg County 4.00 mills each year collected from the city residents property taxes beginning in calendar year 2025;

2. Spartanburg County will:

- a. Immediately seek to acquire approximately 50 acres of land in or immediately adjacent to the City of Landrum for a new sports complex to include baseball fields and other recreation uses that support or complement the fields;
- b. Construct a new baseball complex with at least five youth baseball fields within three years of acquiring the land;
- c. Maintain the property and the fields constructed at the sports complex;
- d. Assume routine maintenance of the City of Landrum's Brookwood Park.

3. Reuse of Existing Baseball Fields

In the event that the existing baseball fields in the City of Landrum currently owned and operated by the Landrum Youth Association are no longer utilized for baseball, if and when the property is used for other public recreation, the property shall be transferred to Spartanburg County for other public open space, public park and parking purposes. In the event that any or all of the property is deemed to be surplus in the future, any proceeds from the sale of the property shall be shared on a 50/50 basis between the City of Landrum and Spartanburg County.