



MINUTES
LANDRUM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 12, 2023
6:30 p.m.

NOTE:

- Due to technical difficulties resulting from Council chamber renovations, the meeting was not 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 6:39 p.m. in the Landrum City Hall Council Chambers.

Members Present: Mayor Robert B. Briggs, Council Members: Johnny Carruth, Judy Henderson, Joyce Whiteside and Tammy Cox.

Members Absent: Council Members Billy Inman and Shannon Dotson.

THE INVOCATION

Given by Mayor Robert Briggs followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Mayor calls for a motion to accept and approve the minutes from the August 8, 2023 meeting. Council Member Joyce Whiteside makes the motion. Council Member Tammy Cox second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statements for August 2023 were accepted as written.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:41 p.m. the Regular Council Meeting was closed

At 6:41 p.m. the Public Hearing was opened for the Landrum Municipal Code Ordinance No. 2023-11. An ordinance repealing, replacing, recodifying and reindexing the Code of Ordinances of the City of Landrum, South Carolina; and other matters related thereto.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for public comments relating to the City Code of Ordinances. There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:43 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING OPENED

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-11, an Ordinance Repealing, Replacing, Recodifying and Reindexing the Code of Ordinances of Landrum, South Carolina; and Other Matters Related Thereto.**

Council Member Judy Henderson makes the motion to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2023-11, with the discussed changes made on page 65. Council Member Joyce Whiteside second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Upstate and Spartanburg County Economic Trends – Jeff Guilbault, Senior Planner from the Appalachian Council of Governments.**

Jeff Guilbault spoke to the Mayor and Council on the growth taking place in Spartanburg County and Greenville County. He spoke of the necessity of having codes and ordinances, such as the recently adopted Flexible Review District, to help the City regulate growth. He spoke about the projected population growth rate in the next 3 to 4

years. The projections show the upstate county areas as growing much faster than the rest of the state. He also stated that Landrum is projected to add around 137 new residences in the next 3 years, a growth rate of 5.2%.

2. Request for Carolina Foothills Chamber of commerce Funding.

The Carolina Foothills Chamber of Commerce is holding a food drive fundraiser, FEED THE FOOTHILLS. The food collected will service several area food pantries, including Operation Hope in Landrum. The amount requested to pledge is \$1000 for a town event sponsor. The council was in agreement to participate as a sponsor for the event. Mayor Robert Briggs calls for a motion to donate \$1000 as a sponsor of this event. Council Member Johnny Carruth makes the motion to donate \$1000. Council Member Tammy Cox second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

3. Consider Bids for 2023 Street Paving Projects.

The city has allocated up to \$400,000 in the general fund budget (from COVID FUNDS) for street improvement projects. The city also has approximately \$170,000 in CTC funds held by Spartanburg County earmarked for city roads. The city has prioritized four streets, two city streets and two SCDOT streets. Dodd Street from Asheville Hwy to N. Randolph Ave. Oak Ave from Prince Rd. to North Valley Road. Bomar Ave South from e. Rutherford Rd. to E. Brookwood Dr. E. Prince Rd. from E. Rutherford Rd. to Asbury Dr. The bids were due September 12, 2023 by noon. The city received 3 bids. The lowest bid was received from Prince Construction for \$380,763. Mayor Robert Briggs calls for a motion to award the bid to Prince Construction with the bid of \$380,763. Council Member Johnny Carruth makes the motion. Council Member Tammy Cox second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

4. Approval of Employee Paid Parental Leave Policy.

The City of Landrum has no adopted policy regarding employees or employee spouses associated with the birth of a child. The council was presented with a policy that mirrors the State of South Carolina Parental Leave policy. The policy was adjusted /revised to fit the needs of City employees. It was decided to add adoption of a newborn to the policy. There were a few edits that were suggested to be made in reference to vocabulary and definitions. Mayor Robert Briggs calls for a motion to adopt the presented Paid Parental Leave Policy. Council Member Judy Henderson makes the motion, noting approval with the changes made that were discussed at the Work Session meeting, involving adding adoption of newborn to the policy and revising a few definitions and some vocabulary. All voted yes. The motion carried.

5. Appointment of Community Member to the Saluda Grade Trail Advisory Committee.

There was a discussion for a person to appoint as the City of Landrum Community member representative to the Saluda Grade Trail Advisory Committee at the Work Session preceding this meeting. The Mayor introduced the name Jason Ashmore to ask him if he has interest in being the representative for the City of Landrum. Mayor Robert Briggs calls for a motion to nominate Jason Ashmore as the City of Landrum representative for the Saluda Grade Trail Advisory Committee, based on his acceptance of the nomination. Council Member Joyce Whiteside makes the motion. Council Member Tammy Cox second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

6. Appointment of Landrum City Attorney.

Mayor Robert Briggs announces that the City of Landrum serving attorney, Larry Flynn passed away about a month ago. He represented our city for many years and was a trusted advisor and friend. The City has discussed with his son, Lawrence E. Flynn, the opportunity to step in and become the City of Landrum Attorney. Lawrence Flynn concentrates on public finance and will be a great attribute to the city. He is a member of the same law firm as his father, Pope Flynn. Mayor Robert Briggs calls for a motion to appoint Lawrence E. Flynn as the City of Landrum Attorney. Council Member Tammy Cox makes the motion. Council Member Johnny Carruth second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments may be submitted in writing to the City Clerk for public record. If a comment is not submitted in writing, your name and topic of your comment will be the only reference listed in the minutes.

Wendy Donavan – spoke in reference to the Hogback Mountain Day event and the Remembrance Day (911) event.

Reports

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

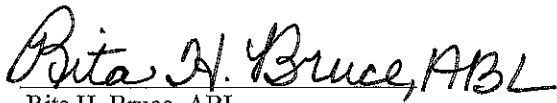
Police Department. Chief Jason Coffin presented the council with the monthly report. The report will be attached to these minutes when archived. Chief Jason Coffin also discussed the ongoing issues with the Spruce Pine Apartment complex. There have been numerous calls from residents with complaints of the ongoing problems affecting living conditions. Issues ranging from insect infestations, structural, electrical, heating and air conditioning issues and trash dumpster issues.

Regular Meeting adjourned to Executive Session 7:45 p.m.

Regarding personnel matters.

Mayor Robert Briggs calls for a motion to adjourn to an Executive Session. Council Member Tammy Cox makes the motion. Council Member Joyce Whiteside second the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

Executive Session adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



Rita H. Bruce, ABL

City Clerk / Treasurer

Approval Date: October 10, 2023

City Administrator Report

September 12, 2023, City Council Meeting

Claiborne Development Update - DHEC has given drainage approval for the drainage plan for Claiborne project, The developer has indicated his intention of proceeding within the grading in 30 to 60 days. We received the official dedication of 18.62 acres of open space on W. Jones Street from the developer.

History Museum Update – The city has been approved for an Increase in federal grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission to provide up to 50% of the additional bid amount of the final contract with the Soloman Group for the actual museum fabrication. (The Council approved this in June subject to receiving additional grant funds.) The match will be provided by a combination of the state grant and the city.

Aging Well Center Project - Raised Planter Boxes for vegetables at Aging Well Center – Ceremony on Saturday, September 16, 12:30

TAP Grants - Sidewalk SCDOT Transportation Improvement Alternatives Grants through the ACPG – Due October 13, funding spring 2024.

Saluda Grade Trail Public Meeting – At the Inman Library on 17th at 5:30 pm.

103 S. Shamrock - Plans for a new Bed & Breakfast from the buyer at 103 S. Shamrock Avenue. (formerly Pathfinder Consulting).

Thank you to Peanut, Scott, and members of the Landrum Police and Fire Departments for their assistance during Hogback Mountain Day.



Landrum

POLICE

J. COFFIN

Chief Jason Coffin

100 North Shamrock Avenue Landrum, South Carolina 29356

Phone: 864.457.7281 Fax: 864.457.2702

Incidents For Landrum Police Department August 2023

From: 08/01/2023 00:00:00

To: 08/31/2023 23:59:59

July 2023 stats

Criminal Offenses: 22
Drug Offenses: 14
Drug Equipment Offenses: 18
Alarms: 18
Investigation's: 30
Total Citation's wrote: 57
Total Warning's: 128
Wreck: 8
Agency assists: 12
Total Call's: 264

August 2023 stats

Criminal Offenses: 20
Drug Offenses: 5
Drug Equipment Offenses: 4
Alarms: 17
Investigations: 22
Total Citations: 38
Total Warnings: 48
Wrecks: 12
Agency Assist: 16
Total Calls: 312

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PO BOX 947
COLUMBIANA, AL 35051
(423) 342-4189

Advertising Invoice

CITY OF LANDRUM
100 N SHAMROCK AVENUE
LANDRUM SC 29356

Acct #: 216938
Date: 8/16/2023
Ad #: 1692992
Sales Rep: Kayla Reeves

Notes:

DESCRIPTION	START	STOP	INSERTS	AMOUNT
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Landrum
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE
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The hearing is to consider repealing, replacing, recodifying and reindexing the Code of Ordinances of Landrum, South Carolina.
Tryon Daily Bulletin: Aug. 16, 2023
HEARING

Total:	\$62.24
Tax:	\$0.00
Net:	\$62.24
Paid:	\$0.00
Total Due:	\$62.24

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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Landrum CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Kevin Powell, being duly sworn, says:
That he is General Manager of the Tryon Daily Bulletin, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Tryon, Polk County, North Carolina; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

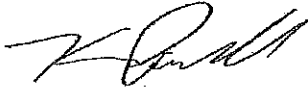
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That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

The sum charged by the Newspaper for said publication does not exceed the lowest rate paid by commercial customers for an advertisement of similar size and frequency in the same newspaper in which the public notice appeared.

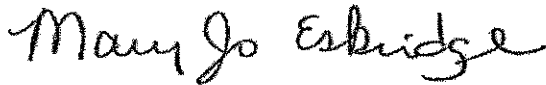
There are no agreements between the Tryon Daily Bulletin and the officer or attorney charged with the duty of placing the attached legal advertising notices whereby any advantage, gain or profit accrued to said officer or attorney.

SIGNED:

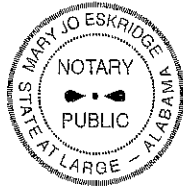


Kevin Powell, General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
16th Day of August, 2023



Mary Jo Eskridge, Notary Public
State of Alabama at Large
My commission expires 03-02-2026



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Ad # 1692992

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LANDRUM SC 29356

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