



**Work Session Minutes
Landrum City Council
Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

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 Robert Farmer, Billy Inman, Warren Ashmore, Tammy Cox and Judy Henderson.

Members absent: Shannon Dotson

1. Swearing in of Re-elected Council Member Shannon Dotson and newly elected Council Members Warren Ashmore and Robert Farmer.

City Clerk Rita Bruce swore in newly elected Council Members Warren Ashmore and Robert Farmer. Re-elected Council Member Shannon Dotson was absent and will be sworn in at a later date.

2. Report on Main Street South Carolina Visit and Follow-up.

The city joined the Main Street South Carolina Program. Main Street SC is a comprehensive revitalization program that promotes the historic and economic redevelopment of traditional business districts throughout the state. Main Street SC is a program of the Municipal Association of SC and is endorsed by the National Main Street Center. The city joined the friend level of the program. Two representatives from the program came to the city and performed a walk through the area, along with other city staff members, to get a feel for the community. They gave a list of items to do next to become active and participate in the program. The first action needed is to designate a director for the program, preferably a city staff member. City Administrator Rich Caplan requests to designate Public Relations Director Tricia Taber. The second action needed is to designate an advisory committee, which is comprised of mainly business owners and a couple of city council members. He suggests that the LABA be involved with this committee. A strategic planning workshop with the director, committee members and a consultant from the Main Street program will be arranged within the next couple of months. The City Administrator suggests that the LABA and the city team up to inform the area business community the opportunities of joining the Main Street SC program.

3. SRO Grant Update for 2024.

The city is currently enrolled in a SRO grant through the South Carolina Department of Public safety. This grant covers 3 out of 4 of the city's SRO. The 4th SRO is covered by Spartanburg County Scholl District 1. Police Chief Jason Coffin explains to the Mayor and Council that he is currently starting the process of applying for the SRO for the next school year. After a meeting with the representative from SCDPS he was informed that the State was initiating raises for all state sponsored SRO's. The state suggested that the raises could go up to 10%. The caveat is that the raise would need to go to all SRO, even the ones not reimbursed through the SCDPS grants. The representative also stated if that was an issue, then a municipality might want to choose a different amount , maybe lower the percentage to 5% or 6%.

4. Update on Proposed Youth Council.

Council Member Judy Henderson comprises a written proposed timeline in developing and implementing the Landrum Youth Council. The timeline will be attached to these minutes when archived as a future reference. The initial council would be open to 10 students the first year and add 10 students more the second year, for a total of 20 students to comprise the student council. The outline for the implementation of the Youth Council proposed by Council Member Henderson was discussed and the council was in agreement that the guidelines presented would be followed.

5. Continued Discussion of Public Restrooms.

Council Member Shannon Dotson was going to follow up with a building company in Inman that constructs outdoor storage buildings, on the possibility of retrofitting and constructing one of their buildings to fit our bathroom idea request. It was also discussed about empty buildings in the downtown area. Those buildings were found to be too expensive and have exorbitant asking prices. Other forms of portable restrooms were also discussed.

6. Continued Discussion of Appointment of Property Maintenance Board of Appeals.

A discussion was held to come up with names to appoint to serve on the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals. The following names were decided on; Mike Dill, Joyce Whiteside and David Timmons.

Adjourn to Regular Meeting: 6:09 p.m.



Attest: Rita H. Bruce, ABL

City Clerk / Treasurer

Approval Date: February 13, 2024

Youth Council Proposed Timeline

- 1) Mid January
 - a) Schedule appointment and meet with Superintendent Mark Smith
 - i) Explain goals of Landrum Youth Council
 - ii) Determine sources of government studies within class curriculum
 - iii) Obtain potential teacher sponsor recommendations

- 2) End January
 - a) Schedule appointment and meet with Landrum High School Principal
 - i) Outline specifics of the Youth Council
 - ii) Obtain recommendations for teacher leadership

- 3) February
 - a) Prepare Youth Council Informational Packet
 - b) Distribute packet to potential teacher sponsors
 - c) Meet with prospective teachers to determine interest
 - d) Finalize teacher sponsorship
 - e) Determine avenues for announcing Youth Council to students with application information

- 4) March
 - a) Publicize program throughout the school
 - b) Meetings with teacher sponsors as needed
 - c) Develop calendar requirements for Youth Council participants for school year 2024-2025, with mandatory meeting and City Council dates
 - d) Develop a suggested summer task worksheet for Youth Council Members to begin listing ideas for their community projects

Youth Council Proposed Timeline

5) April

- a) Finalize student application for Youth Council Membership
- b) Distribute application to rising junior students
- c) Determine Application Review Committee
 - i) Determine criteria rating system for reviewing applications

6) May

- a) Receive applications from students by May 8th
- b) Application Review Committee reviews applications and selects 10 students for initial Youth Council
- c) Announce members of the Youth Council

7) August

- a) First meeting of the Landrum Youth Council