

**MINUTES  
OF  
January 21, 2014**

**Work Session**

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in the Workshop Session at City Hall in said city at 5:00 p.m. the 21st day of January, 2014 to discuss the Williams Avenue grant project and other city business. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray, Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

Councilmember Williams discussed the status of the Williams Avenue project. He informed the council that after a meeting with the county engineer and grant director, it was determined that if the city has to purchase the property for the city would have to hire an appraiser and a right of way specialist and then pay for the property. However it has been determined that there is a 20' deeded ROW which runs parallel to the unpaved section of Williams Avenue which can be used and the project can continue without the additional expense which was not in the grant or the city's budget.

Council went into executive session at 5:51 to discuss the good name and character of an employee.

Council reconvened at 6:15 and then went into pre-council.

### **Pre-Council**

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in the Pre-Council Session at City Hall in said city at 6:15 p.m. the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray, Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

Mike Mixon, Ace Electric, came before the council to discuss some electrical issues at Wright Park. He stated that there is a transformer problem which is not allowing power to the baseball and softball fields. He stated that until the matter is addressed there will not be any lights. He continued by stating that years ago, the city made an agreement with Alabama Power that the transformers would be maintained by the city. He stated that the initial estimated cost could run \$6000.00.

Mayor Murray discussed agenda items with council.

### **Regular Meeting**

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in the regular public session at City Hall in said city at 7:00 p.m. the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014.

Councilmember Black gave the invocation and Councilmember Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray; Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

Also present were Vicki Miller, City Clerk; Tom Briand, Building Inspector; James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor; Chief Chris McLean, Police Department; and Chief Clyde Miller, Fire Department.

A quorum was present and Mayor Murray opened the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Murray presented the minutes from the meeting held on January 7, 2014 for approval. Councilmember Butler made a motion to adopt the minutes. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

### **Special Recognitions-**

1. Proclamation proclaiming January 2014 as School Board Member Recognition Month.

Mayor Murray read and presented the proclamation to Linda Robbins, Jimmy Upton and James Woosley.

## **2. Key Students**

Mayor Murray presented certificates and city pins to Key Students from Robert E. Lee School. Each student was congratulated by the City Council.

## **Visitors-**

### **1. Paul Shuler- Relay for Life sponsorship**

Mr. Shuler was not present.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Murray stated that he had no items for discussion.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION:**

Councilmember Hamblin reported that in pre-council, it was brought to the council's attention of a problem with the electrical at Wright Park. After discussing, council has agreed that the matter is in need of immediate attention due to safety issues. He then made a motion to approve spending up to \$6000 for the necessary repairs to correct the electrical issues. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

### **1. Creation of an animal control position for the city.**

Councilmember Butler stated that Mr. Vail has agreed to accept the duties of the animal control officer and has received and signed a letter outlining his duties and expectation for the position. Councilmember Butler then made a motion to create the position of Animal Control Officer. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

### **2. Ratify and accept the resignation of David M. Fitzpatrick as police officer and approval to hire as a Satsuma Fire Fighter.**

Councilmember Butler made a motion to accept the resignation in good standing and allow Mr. Fitzpatrick to be hired as a firefighter. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve Lisa Cooper to attend the Magistrate school in May of 2014 which will be held in Mobile. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Butler reported that he has been informed by Cootie Reeves which handles the elections in the city that the Board of Registrars has agreed to consolidate both polling locations into one. One suggested location was the

Satsuma School Annex. Ms. Reeves has requested that council consider the use of Steele Creek Lodge because of the handicap accessible spaces and the covered drive through. Council discussed. Councilmember Butler then made a motion to allow the usage of Steele Creek Lodge as a voting precinct and a waiver of the rental fee. He stated that the city would request that a \$100 clean-up fee be paid by the county. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

### **MUNICIPAL SERVICES:**

Councilmember Dial expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the families of Josie King, Mr. Grantham and Mr. Buddy Gilbert.

Councilmember Dial reported that one of the garbage trucks was involved in a minor accident at the Shell Station. The garbage cart pick-up arm dropped when the driver was entering the station and brushed up against a truck hitting the front of the truck which happens to belong to a city worker. He stated that an estimate of the cost to repair is \$2200.74. Councilmember Dial made a motion for the city to pay for the repairs and not make a claim with the insurance company due to the fact that the city has a \$1000 deductible and the claim could affect the insurance cost. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Dial reported that since Mr. Shuler was unable to make the meeting, he would proceed with his request. He stated that Mr. Shuler was coming before council to ask for the city to again be a presenting sponsor for the annual North Mobile Relay for Life at a cost of \$2500.00. He stated that the full sponsorship is \$5000; however the amount is split between us and the City of Saraland. Councilmember Dial reminded everyone that the Relay for Life will be held again in Satsuma on April 26<sup>th</sup>. With no further discussion, Councilmember Dial made a motion to approve the Presenting Sponsorship for the Relay for Life-North Mobile for \$2500.00. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

### **ADMINISTRATION:**

#### **1- Payment of the Bills**

Councilmember Williams made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

#### **2- Approval for Vicki Miller to attend the Certified Municipal Clerks training in Tuscaloosa, AL-February 18-21. Cost is \$275.00 registration fee and \$100 for meals.**

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

**3- Acceptance of resignation letter from Melissa MacDonald, Office Assistant I.**

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve the resignation in good standing. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to call for an Assistant City Clerk certification list. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams reported that after discussions with City Council regarding the Williams Avenue Water and Sewer project, it has been determined that since the unpaved portion of Williams Avenue is not in the right of way and the city is not in a position to purchase any property for right of way, the only way to continue with the grant and provide the services to those on that end of the road is to use and existing 20' ROW. He then made a motion to approve using the existing right of way for the utilities instead of running along the unpaved road. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Councilmember Black reported that he had no items for discussion.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Dial made a motion to adjourn this meeting, Councilmember Black seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:50.

/w/ Paul Murray  
Mayor Murray

/s/ William Hamblin  
Councilmember Hamblin

/s/ Mike Butler  
Councilmember Butler

/s/ Matt Dial  
Councilmember Dial

/s/ Tom Williams  
Councilmember Williams

/s/ Bill Black  
Councilmember Black

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller  
City Clerk