

**MINUTES  
OF  
March 11, 2014**

**Work Session**

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, met in a Workshop Session at City Hall in said city at 5:00 p.m. the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray, Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Tom Williams and Bill Black. Councilmember Dial was absent

Bob Young with Frazier Lanier Company, Investment Bankers, presented a proposal on refinancing the current bond issues.

Work Session adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

**Pre-Council**

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in the Pre-Council Session at City Hall in said city at 6:00 p.m. the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray, Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Tom Williams and Bill Black. Councilmember Dial was absent

Bill Beasley spoke to council regarding his complaints with the police department.

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

Councilmember Butler gave the invocation and Councilmember Hamblin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call the following answered present: Mayor Paul Murray;  
Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Tom Williams and Bill Black.  
Councilmember Dial was absent

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 February 18, 2014 for approval. Councilmember Black made a motion to adopt the minutes. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

### **Visitors-**

#### **1. Ramona Knight –representing North Mobile Garden Society**

Ms. Knight of 616 Charles V Street came before Council to request usage of the city bus and driver for the North Mobile Garden Society to use to take a trip to the “Petal of the Past” in Jimmerson, Alabama. She stated that the group has been allowed to use in the past. They would like to use it on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Mayor Murray stated that the council would have to meet on the matter and get back with her. Councilmember Williams stated that in the past, several groups have been allowed usage of the city bus, however the bus was purchased with federal funds for specific purposes and the usage must be for a public purpose. However, he stated that since others have used the bus, he would find it hard to decline her request.

#### **2. Birdie Jones- representing the CUBB handicap Bowling League- application requesting usage of Steele Creek Lodge and waiver of fee.**

Ms. Jones came before council and explained that in the past the group has been allowed usage of Steele Creek Lodge for their annual banquet. She stated that the event is on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and they have already paid the \$100 clean up fee.

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

### **3. Doug DeWitt –letter requesting refund of Steele Creek Lodge deposit**

Mr. Dewitt of 1246 Ambassador Drive Mobile, came before Council representing the SHS Class of 1969 reunion. Mr. Dewitt stated that the group has placed on deposit on Steele Creek Lodge in January of this year. He stated that after discussing further with the group, it was decided save money and rent the community center. He stated that at that time, they requested to move the lodge deposit over the pay for the community center rental of \$400.00. However they were told that the deposit could not be returned unless the day was re-rented. Mr. DeWitt stated that because they are renting the community center, the city is not losing any money.

Mayor Murray stated that the new policy stated that if the city can rent the day that was held, then the deposit will be returned and this was in the contract that was signed. After more discussion, it was decided that the council would review the policy again and consider adding that the deposit can be transferred to the community center and applied to the rental. The item will be discussed at the work session on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

4. Jason Skelton of 5514 2<sup>nd</sup> Street came before council and questioned why the volunteers were not allowed to put a fire truck in the funeral procession for Former Mayor Charles Little. Mayor Murray stated that it was a family request due to the fire that destroyed their home.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

#### **1. Alabama League of Municipalities and Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation voting delegation for the F 2014 Convention**

Councilmember Butler made a motion to appoint Mayor Murray as the voting delegate and Tom Williams as the alternate delegate. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

#### **2. Acceptance of the FY2013 Audit from Will Betancourt**

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to accept the FY2013 audit. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION:**

Councilmember Hamblin reported that he has received a request for the high school cheerleaders to use Steele Creek Park for a dance fundraiser. He stated that the day requested is on a Friday. Council discussed and agreed that the lodge or grounds could not be used unless rented on Friday or Saturday per the policy.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:****1. Resignation of Darrell Vail**

Councilmember Butler read the resignation letter and made a motion to accept the resignation. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

**2. Request for a certification list for Animal Control Officer.**

Councilmember Butler made a motion to request a certification list from the Personnel Board for an Animal Control Officer. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

**3. Ratify the hiring of Brandon Patton as Animal Control Officer Provisional pending a certification list from Mobile County Personnel Board.**

Councilmember Butler made a motion to ratify the hiring of Brandon Patton. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

**4. Ratify the hiring of Rawmon King as Police Officer I.**

Councilmember Butler made a motion to ratify the hiring of Rawmon King as Police Officer I. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried. Councilmember Butler commented that Mr. King has served in Afghanistan and Iraq and has a master degree in Psychology. Councilmember Butler reminded everyone of the Cayman Cavalier Juvenile Mardi Gras parade on Saturday, February 22 at 11:00 A.M.

Councilmember Butler reported that a golf cart has been donated for the School Resource Officer to use on the school grounds. He stated that the cart is in good shape and may need to be painted. Decal and lights will be purchased. He then made a motion to approve spending up to \$500 to outfit the golf card with the necessary equipment. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Butler reported that Fire Chief Miller has received news from ISO that the new guidelines which will become effective July 1 will change the ratings of areas without water such as Satsuma Oaks to a 5/5X instead of a 5/9. This should make a difference in their insurance premiums. He also stated that ISO has changed their guidelines regarding certain equipment that is used to be required on the trucks and this will lesson cost and maintenance

Councilmember Butler read a letter stating that Chief McLean has completed 40 hours of executive training and received Officer Continuing Education certificate. He congratulated Chief McLean on this achievement.

Councilmember Butler explained that there have been questions concerning the fire at the Little's home. He stated that the house was hit by lightning and that the same storm knocked out communications with 911, therefore the volunteers was not notified of the fire. He stated that the fire department was unaware that there was not a backup plan. He stated that since that incident, the fire department has developed several back up plans should this same scenario happen again. Councilmember Butler did thank Keith McLean and Randy Nobles, volunteer fire fighters who came once being contact by phone and Officers Brian Mims and Troy Willcutt for their help.

### **MUNICIPAL SERVICES:**

Councilmember Hamblin expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the family of Charles Little, former Mayor of Satsuma.

### **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- Set Work Sessions**

Councilmember Williams made a motion to hold a work session on March 17, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. at city hall to discuss the city's health insurance, review of the refund policy for Steele Creek lodge and other city business. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams reported that the property owner on Williams Avenue that is donating the necessary property for the water and sewer grant has requested an official appraisal so that he can write of the donation. He stated that the cost is \$450.00.

Councilmember Williams reported that there was a memorial service for Mr. Moody on this past Sunday. He stated that Mr. Moody was one of the oldest remaining WWII Veterans in the city.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Councilmember Black reported that public works will be working on a project at Baldwin Square for the SCDO. The project involved placing plaques listing all the past mayors and council members around the fountain. He stated that the

plaques are 12" x 18" and the spot reserved are 6" X 12". He stated that there is a cost of \$671.40 for materials to complete the project.

Councilmember Black reported that public works is working to repair the pot holes caused by the ice storm.

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

### **1. Resolution 2014-03-01- A Resolution authorizing the participation in the FY2015 306A Access Improvement Grant from the State of Alabama for improvements to city-owned property on Gunnison Creek.**

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion adopt Resolution 2014-03-01. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

STATE OF ALABAMA

City of Satsuma

Resolution Number: 2014-03-01

**AUTHORIZING THE SPONSORSHIP OF AN ALABAMA COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT PROGRAM 306A PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENT GRANT FROM THE STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE LANDS DIVISION COASTAL SECTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ON GUNNISON CREEK, CITY OF SATSUMA, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, the City of Satsuma has completed a grant application for FY 2015 306A for improvements to a city-owned parcel on Gunnison Creek; and

WHEREAS, the application requests funding for to remove the existing dock structure and to install a canoe and kayak launching facility; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost will be \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, if funded, the federal funds will pay 50% of the construction costs and the City of Satsuma will be responsible for the costs associated with 50% of the construction costs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the City of Satsuma, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that by this Resolution the City of Satsuma approves the grant application which was submitted March 7, 2014 for improvements to the Gunnison Creek parcel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Satsuma will obligate \$25,000 as in-kind matching funds associated with labor and equipment.

DONE, under the Seal of the City of Satsuma this 11th day of March, 2014.

/s/ Paul Murray.\_\_\_\_\_

Paul Murray, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Vicki Miller \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki Miller, City Clerk

**2. Resolution 2014-03-02- A Resolution authorizing and approving execution of a contract with BancorpSouth Equipment Finance, A division of BancorpSouth Bank for a 2014 31 yard garbage truck.**

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-03-02. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and on roll call the following answered;

Councilmember Hamblin	yes
Councilmember Butler	yes
Councilmember Williams	yes
Councilmember Black	yes
Mayor Murray	yes.

Mayor Murray declared the motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Council convened into an executive session to discuss economic development at 7:50 P.M.

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Mayor Murray

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Councilmember Hamblin

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Councilmember Butler

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Councilmember Dial

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Councilmember Williams

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Councilmember Black

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk