

**MINUTES
OF
May 6, 2014**

Work Session

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in a work session at City Hall in said city at 5:00 p.m. the 6th day of May, 2014. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray, Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

Council met with Jon Miller to give interviews for City/School video. Jay Minus called for an executive session at 5:55 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. At 6:12 p.m. Council reconvened and went into pre-council meeting.

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 6th day of May, 2014. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray, Councilmembers: Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

Absent: William Hamblin

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 6th day of May, 2014.

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

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

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

A quorum was present and Mayor Murray opened the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Murray presented the minutes from the meeting held on April 15, 2014 for approval. Councilmember Dial made a motion to adopt the minutes. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognitions- None

Visitors-

1. Shana Ashcraft- concerns with new BBQ restaurant located near her property.

Ms. Ashcraft , 505 Hartley Road, came before council to discuss her concerns which were presented to council prior to the meeting. Ms. Ashcraft stated that she rents the home and is concerned with parking and the smoke stack. She stated that she came before the council on another occasion to discuss this and was told that she would receive a letter addressing her concerns.

Councilmember Williams stated that the city will follow all ordinances, state and local. He stated that some of the issues on the letter she presented this time are beyond the council's ability to address. Mayor Murray assured Ms. Ashcraft that before the restaurant opens, the smoke stack will meet the code. Tom Briand stated that some of the issues she has listed have already been addressed. Ms. Ashcraft asked if there would be alcohol served. Jay Minus stated that applications for alcohol go before the ABC Board and if the business complies with all their rules and guidelines, then a license can be issued. He stated that the city does not have anything to do with the alcohol licenses. Tom Briand stated that the owner has stated that he will not be serving alcohol. Ms. Ashcraft stated that one of the bedrooms is adjacent to the parking lot and she is concerned that there are no concrete barriers to stop a car. She asked about the sprinkler system. Mr. Briand stated that the building does not require a system since it is not over 15,000 sq. feet and the occupancy is not 300 or more. Ms. Ashcraft asked about fire protection since the property has had issues in the past with who responds to emergencies. Chief Miller assured her that the fire

department can use any fire hydrant and that Saraland Fire could also be called if the need arises.

2. Tommy Stonecypher-opening Stoney's BBQ Restaurant.

Mr. Stonecypher came before council a read a letter which he asked to be placed in the records. Mr. Stonecypher addressed the smoke stack issue by stating that the smoke stack is only a 5" pipe, is vented according to code and is designed to be eco-friendly. He stated that it is designed to produce less smoke than a BBQ grill. He also stated that he put the stack opposite the house. He stated that he chose this type so that the smoke would not be a nuisance. Mr. Stonecypher also stated that he has put cross ties in the parking lot to stop cars.

3. Shirley Presnall

Ms. Presnall came before council to thank them and the city personnel for their support and help with the Swamp Fest. She stated that the amount raised will be revealed at the next school board meeting.

It was noted that graduation will be on May 16th at 6:00 P.M at the football stadium. Honors' Day will be Friday May 9th at 9:00 A.M.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Discussion of contracting with RDS to perform a Business Licenses Discovery/Recovery Program at no cost to the city. Mayor noted that RDS will keep ½ of the license fee the first year and then after that the city will get 100%.

Councilmember Dial made a motion to approve contracting with RDS for Business License Discovery/Recovery. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

PARKS

1. Request for exemption of payment of Steele Creek Lodge from Satsuma Lady Gators Softball team for a banquet on May 20th (Tuesday).

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

PUBLIC SAFETY:

1. Ratify the acceptance of the resignation from Brandon Patton, Animal Control Officer effective May 8, 2014

Councilmember Butler made a motion to ratify the resignation of Brandon Patton in good standing. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Ratify the calling for an Animal Control Officer certification list from the MCPB.

Councilmember stated that due to the resignation of Brandon Patton, a list was called for and Sarah Miller was interviewed. He then made a motion to hire Sarah Miller as the Animal Control Officer. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Accept the resignation from Clayton Horton, Fire Fighter.

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

4. Consideration of request to promote Officers Doug Walley, Chad Stephenson and Troy Willcutt to Corporal positions.

Councilmember Butler explained that the positions were budgeted and then made a motion to approve the promotions for the listed officers. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Approval to hire Keela Childs as Dispatcher/Jailer.

Councilmember Butler made the motion to hire Keela Childs. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Councilmember Butler reported that the loan on two police cars was paid off in April and he stated that Chief McLean has requested to purchase two new vehicles. Councilmember Butler stated that it will take approximately 3 to 4 months to get the cars. He then made a motion to order two new Ford police vehicles. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Councilmember Butler reported that a letter was sent to the property owners of the old McConaghy Building giving them a set amount of time to bring the building up to code. Since then there has not been much progress. He then made a motion to hold a public hearing on June 3, 2014 at 5:00 to hear public comments on abating the nuisance. 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 Bart Britt and Betty Andrews.

1. Discuss the financing on the new leaf vacuum.

Councilmember Dial reported that the leaf vacuum has arrived and is ready to be put on the streets. He made a motion to approve financing the equipment through Regions Bank for a monthly payment of \$872.00 for 4 years and authorize the mayor to execute the lease documents. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Councilmember Dial reported that he has received a request from Tom Briand to submit to Alabama Power an order to install three (3) new street lights at the following locations: 157 Plateau Avenue West, 166 Gator Drive and 5705 1st Street. He then made a motion to approve the request. 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. Report on the SARPC highway funding conference held in Daphne on May 2, 2014.

Councilmember Williams reported that he attended the SARPC “*South Alabama Highway Funding Conference*” on May 2, 2014 in Daphne. He stated that the conference was interesting, and he would like to discuss further at the next meeting.

Councilmember Williams reported that there will be a planning meeting for the upcoming Memorial Day events on Wednesday, May 14th at 9:00.

PUBLIC WORKS:**1. Accept the resignation from Anthony Adams, PSWI**

Councilmember Black made a motion to accept the resignation in good standing. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried

2. Councilmember Black reported that he has received a request from James Elmore for him and four (4) other employees to attend an 8 hours chain saw training class in Fairhope hosted by the Baldwin County Extension Service. He stated that the cost is \$30 per person and they will need to purchase lunch. He then made a motion to approve the request including allowing for \$50.00 for lunches. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Councilmember Black commented that despite the enormous amount of rainfall that this area received, there was no flooding or water damage to any homes. He thanked James Elmore for doing a good job in cleaning the ditches. Mayor Murray also thanked Mr. Elmore for the work done at Steele Creek and the Baldwin Square fountain. Mayor Murray also stated that public works crew is starting on the sidewalk going down Old 43 from the high school to Oak Avenue.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2014-05-01 A Resolution to re-appoint Diane Keasler to the City of Satsuma Board of Education.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-05-01. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-01

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIANE KEASLER TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE SATSUMA CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Satsuma, Alabama (the "City") has created a city board of education ("BOE") pursuant to Alabama Code § 16-22-2, et seq. (1975);

WHEREAS, the City Council has resolved to appoint five (5) residents of the City of Satsuma, who are not members of the City Council, and who were chosen upon their character and fitness, to serve as the initial members of the BOE;

WHEREAS, one of those initial members, Diane Keasler, was appointed for a three (3) year term;

WHEREAS, the three (3) year term for Diane Keasler is now expiring; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to appoint Diane Keasler to serve a full five (5) year term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, as follows:

- A. Diane Keasler is appointed to the BOE for a five (5) year term beginning in June 2014.
- B. She is to serve for the specified term of office, until his successor assumes office.

ADOPTED and APPROVED, this 6th day of May, 2014.

/s/ Paul Murray
Paul Murray, Mayor
City of Satsuma, Alabama

ATTEST:

/s/ Vicki Miller
Vicki Miller, City Clerk

Adjournment

Councilmember Dial made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

/s/ Paul Murray
Mayor Murray

absent
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