

## **MINUTES**

January 15, 2013  
The Regular Meeting of the Satsuma City Council

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 15th day of January, 2013.

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

On roll call the following answered present:

Mayor	Paul J. Murray
Council Members	William Hamblin
	Mike Butler
	Matt Dial
	Tom Williams
	Bill Black

Also present were Jay Minus, Phelps & Dunbar; 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.

A pre-council meeting was held at 6:00 P.M. prior to the regular meeting to discuss issues coming before Council. All members were present. Councilmember Black arrived at 6:40 for the meeting.

Mayor Murray presented the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 8, 2013 for approval. Councilmember Butler made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

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## **Special Recognitions**

- Mayor Murray read a proclamation recognizing the Satsuma Board of Education members and declaring the month of January as School Board Recognition Month.
- Key Students- Mayor and Council recognized the key students from Robert E. Lee Elementary. Each student was presented a certificate and city pin. Councilmember Dial commented on what it takes to become a key student and thanked the parents for their dedication to their children.

Council recessed at 7:15 P.M.

Council reconvened at 7:25 P.M.

## **Visitors**

**Mayor Murray opened the floor for other visitors which were not on the agenda.**

- Nancy Ellison came before Council to complain about the traffic on Hartley Road not stopping for the school bus. She stated that her daughter was almost hit when a car did not stop. Ms. Ellison stated that she spoke with Chief McLean and she appreciated his quick response. Mayor Murray stated that he would get with Chief McLean and look at increasing the coverage. Chief McLean spoke and stated that once he received the report he has made a special effort to provide more police presence.

## **REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES**

### **Mayor's Report:**

*1- Request for Matt Dial and Mike Butler to attend the Legislative Advocacy Day on February 19, 2013 in Montgomery, Alabama.*

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

### **Parks and Recreation**

*1- Request from SHS girls softball to be exempt from rental payment of Steele Creek Lodge for February 15, 2013.*

Councilmember Butler explained that according to city ordinance 460, the council cannot waive the fee on a Friday or Saturday night. However, because a scheduling error was made, council has agreed to a one time reduction in the fee. He noted that the cleanup fee would still apply. Councilmember Butler then made a motion to reduce the Steele Creek Lodge rental fee for the SHS girls' softball fundraiser. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

2- Approval of replacing the water well at Lions Park

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to approve replacing the well at Lions Park at a cost not to exceed \$3000.00. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

3- Approval of repairing the lights on the ball fields at Wright Park

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to have the lights repaired on the baseball field for a cost not to exceed \$4000.00. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

**Public Safety:**

1- Approval of putting up “School Bus Stop Ahead”

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve purchasing 10-15 signs at an approximate cost of \$30-\$35 each to be placed strategically around the city

Councilmember Butler reported that the vehicle for the school resource officer will be ready shortly. He commented that the paint job was donated by Cockrell’s Paint and Body Shop.

**Municipal Services:**

Councilmember Dial expressed condolences to Edith Butler in the death of her mother.

**Administration:**

1- Payment of the Bills

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

Councilmember Williams reminded everyone of the Mobile County Municipal Dinner on Thursday sponsored by the City of Saraland.

Councilmember Williams reported that the city has received the renewal notice for the city’s property, liability, automobile and worker compensation insurance from Greenhalgh Insurance Agency. He stated that the insurance carrier will remain with AMIC (Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation). Councilmember Williams reported that the worker compensation premium has double from last year due to a claim and settlement that was made. He reported that the renewal premium for the property, liability and vehicle premium is \$76,416.00 and the workers compensation premium is \$77,970.00, Councilmember Williams stated that council has met on this and agreed to remain with AMIC. With no further comments or questions, Councilmember Williams

made a motion to renew the city’s insurance as presented. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

**Public Works:**

Councilmember Black stated that he had no business to discuss.

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

NONE

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

/s/ 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