

MINUTES

January 8, 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 8th day of January, 2013.

Councilmember Williams led the invocation and Councilmember Hamblin 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

Absent: Jay Minus, City Attorney

Also present were Robert Matthews, 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 6:10 for the meeting.

Mayor Murray presented the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 18, 2012 for approval. Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

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Special Recognitions

NONE

Visitors

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

- Norman Pierce of 216 Woodland Avenue came before Council to ask about the status of filling in the ditch in front of his home which was created when Woodland Avenue was paved. Tom Briand stated that he had contacted the county engineer, who is responsible for the project, and they are not willing to do anything. They stated that they have not released the project and Mr. Briand stated that the city wait until the project is released before making any changes. Mayor Murray told Mr. Pierce that as soon as the project was approved, the city would take care of the issue.
- Mr. Jack Presnall came before Council to present the Mayor and Council with an appreciation plaque from the Marine Corp League. He stated that the city helped the league by allowing the use of the van to transport those attending the Marine Corp National League Convention back and forth from the airport which was held in the City of Mobile. Mr. Presnall also thanked Chief McLean for allowing an officer to help with the escort of the “The Vietnam Traveling Wall Memorial”.
- Ms. Shirley Presnall came before Council to inform them of an upcoming event sponsored by the FFSS (Friends For Satsuma Schools). She stated that the event will be called the “Satsuma Swamp Cook Off” and will be held on March 9th on the high school track. She stated that there will also be a 5K “Gator Hustle” run. She asked that the city place the event on their calendar and challenged the city to have a booth. Ms. Presnall informed the council that the group is working toward getting their 501C designation with the help of Mike Box. Mayor Murray asked Attorney Matthews if the city could use the phone tree service to communicate this event with the citizens. Mr. Matthews stated that he would discuss the matter with Jay Minus.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Mayor’s Report:

1- Discussion of Satsuma City School Board member selection process.

Mayor Murray stated that due to the death of school board member Patricia Hicks, the council is in need of establishing a process to replace her and other members of the school board as their terms expire. He stated that he met with Dr. Walters, Superintendent of the Satsuma City School System, and his suggestion is that the council come up with an application process. He stated that based on the consensus of the council as discussed in pre-council, the following will be the tentative schedule. Applications will be accepted until February 19, 2013 at 5:00 P.M. The Council will review the applications and interviews will take place on February 26th beginning at 3:00

P.M. and continue on the 27th if needed. The Council will then make a decision and possibly make an announcement at the March 5th council meeting.

Mayor Murray stated that the council needs to meet and discuss the ALDOT Transportation Enhancement grant. He stated that he has spoken with Vince Calmetti of ALDOT and they are willing to work with the city on the project.

Parks and Recreation

Councilmember Hamblin stated that he had no business to discuss.

Public Safety:

Before beginning his items for discussion, Councilmember Butler asked for a moment of silence to remember the children and teachers of Sandy Hook Elementary.

1- Approval for Winston Mitchell, Jailer/Dispatcher, to attend the upcoming 80-hour APOSTC Jail Management Course scheduled from March 19-21 and 25-28 at SWAPA in Bay Minette for a cost of \$200.00

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the travel and expenses. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

2- Approval for Mayor Murray to execute a contract with Satsuma City School System for a School Resource Officer

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve Mayor Murray to execute the contract for the School Resource Officer. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

3- Ratify the hiring of Steven Guidry as Police Officer I.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to ratify the hiring of Steven Guidry. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

4- Approval to hire Mike Fitzpatrick as Fire Fighter I

Councilmember Butler made a motion to hire Mike Fitzpatrick as Fire Fighter I. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

5- Approval of contract with FireMech, Inc. for semi-annual preventative maintenance on the pumps on the fire trucks.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to continue the contract with FireMech at a cost of \$750.00 semi-annually. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Dial commended the Sanitation and Public Works departments for all their hard work during the holidays.

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.

Councilmember Williams reported that at the last meeting a concern was brought before council for a senior citizen residing at 204 Pine Avenue needing a handicap ramp. He stated that the Lions Club has agreed to pay for the materials (or reimburse the city) which was supplied at a discount price from Andrews Hardware. The ramp was completed with the help of Tom Briand, James Elmore, who took vacation to help, Darrell Downey and himself.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to hold a workshop session on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 5:00 P.M. to discuss the renewal of the city insurance, including property and vehicle and the ALDOT Transportation Enhancement project.
Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black stated that he had no business to discuss.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS*1- Adoption of Ordinance 503- An Ordinance to accept the annexation request from William Roy and Jacqueline Hill.*

Mayor Murray put Ordinance 503 up for a vote.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to adopt Ordinance 503.
Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 503**AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING REAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO PETITION FOR ANNEXATION FILED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF OWNERS:**

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of October, 2012, William Roy and Jacqueline Hill, being the owners of the real property described below, did file with the City Clerk a petition asking that said real property be annexed to and become a part of the City of Satsuma; and

WHEREAS, said petition contained the signature of the owners, legal description and a map of said property showing its relationships with the corporate limits of the City Satsuma; and

WHEREAS, the governing body did determine that it is in the public interest that said property be annexed to the City of Satsuma and it did further determine that all legal requirements for annexing said real property have been met pursuant to Sections 11-42-20 through 11-42-24, Code of Alabama, 1975.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, finds and declares as the legislative body of the City of Satsuma that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City, and the citizens of the affected area, to bring the territory described in Section 2 of this ordinance into the City of Satsuma.

Section 2. The boundary lines of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, be, and the same are hereby altered or rearranged so as to include all of the territory heretofore encompassed by the corporate limits of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, and in addition thereto the following described territory, to-wit:

**See Exhibit “A” attached hereto
Key # 122646 and Parcel # R02190515000027 according to Mobile County Revenue Commission**

Section 3. This ordinance shall be published as provided by law, and a certified copy of same, together with a certified copy of the petition of the property owners, shall be filed with the Probate Judge of Mobile County, Alabama.

Section 4. The territory described in this ordinance shall become a part of the corporate limits of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, upon publication of this ordinance as set forth in Section 3, above.

ADOPTED THIS THE 8th DAY OF JANUARY, 2013.

/s/ Paul J. Murray
Paul J. Murray, Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ Vicki Miller
Vicki Miller, City Clerk

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Black seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 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
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