

MINUTES

December 18, 2012
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 18th day of December, 2012.

Councilmember Black led the invocation and Councilmember Dial 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 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.

Mayor Murray presented the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 4, 2012 for approval. Councilmember Dial made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Murray presented the minutes of the workshop session held on December 12, 2012 for approval. Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognitions

- Key Students from Robert E. Lee

Mayor Murray presented city pins and certificates to key students.

Council recessed at 7:10 to let the students and parents leave.

Council reconvened at 7:20

Visitors

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

- Dr. Joe Walters, Superintendent of Satsuma City School System, came before council to thank the council for moving forward on the resource officer for the school and stated that the school appreciates the Satsuma Police Department and Chief McLean.
- Mr. Jack Presnall came before Council to express his concerns and state that he is opposed to the city continuing to use prisoners in the public works department. He asked that the council revisit the issue and find another way to get the work done without them. Mr. Presnall also stated that a wreath will be placed on the Veterans Memorial during the Christmas Holiday to show respect.
- Ms. Evelyn Butler stood and commented on the prisoner matter. She stated that she has worked with these inmates and has not had any problem. She stated that they have helped on numerous occasions with work at the Library and have always been polite. James Elmore commented that the inmates are screened before being allowed to participate in the program.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Mayor's Report:

- 1- *Appointment of Gordon Palmer and Charlie Williams to the Planning Board.*

Councilmember Butler made a motion to appoint Gordon Palmer and Charlie Williams to the Planning Commission . Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Parks and Recreation

- 1- *Consideration of request to open a Public Service Supervisor I as a promotional position. This promotion will only be open to city employees who qualify.*

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to open the position of Public Service Supervisor for the parks. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

- 2-*Consideration to approve rental policy for Satsuma Community Center.*

Councilmember Hamblin stated that this matter was tabled for further discussion.

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 Chief McLean to attend the Alabama Chief's Conference in Montgomery, Alabama, January 28-31 at a cost not to exceed \$750.00.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the travel and expenses.

Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

- 2- Consideration of School Resource Officer contract with Satsuma City School System.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve Jay Minus to send the contract to the Satsuma City School System for review and approval. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Butler stated that the fire department is short a fire fighter and the made a motion to call for a Fire Fighter I certification list. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Butler thanked Deonna Commins and Chief McLean for working on the “Elf” lock up program. He stated that the program was an idea of Dispatcher Commins for parents to bring the “Elf” to be locked up if he was bad and the children would have to bring in a toy to get the “Elf” out of jail.

Councilmember Butler thanked the fire department for once again participating in the Angel Tree program and getting the names of children in the city and purchasing the gifts with the funds raised from the Christmas Parade. Councilmember Butler also commented that if anyone was interested, they could also sponsor a senior citizen at Carrington Place. He stated they are in need of moisturizer cream. Mayor Murray asked Chief Miller if the Fire Department could use some on the parade funds to purchase some items for the seniors.

Councilmember Butler stated that the following employees were honored at the annual Christmas Safety Dinner: Fire Fighter of the year: Clayton Horton and Police Officer of the Year: Doug Walley. He also stated that Charles Walls was honored for his 36 years of service to the city as an Auxiliary Police Officer. Councilmember Butler thanked James Elmore, Terry Lynd, Evelyn Butler and Becky Murray for helping to make the dinner a success.

Municipal Services:

- 1- Consideration to open a Public Service Worker II as a promotion position. This promotion will only be open to city employees who qualify.

Councilmember Dial made a motion to open the position as stated above.
Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Dial discussed that the leaf vacuum is broken and to replace it at this time would be too expensive. He suggested that the city pull back on the service for now until the city can see if there will be any surplus in revenues.

Councilmember Dial reported that he, Edith Butler, Tom Briand and Doreen Robinson met to discuss the senior services programs and what could be done in the future to improve senior services. He stated that a newsletter would be helpful to get more seniors involved in the activities currently being offered and to gauge other interest. He stated that the city will have an additional van soon through a grant from ALDOT.

Councilmember Dial also reported that there is a surplus of 64 gallon carts for any senior citizen or any citizen with special needs.

Administration and Finance:

- 1- Payment of the bills

Councilmember Williams stated that council had an opportunity to review the bills in pre-council and with no corrections or comments; he then made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams reported that that the city was well represented at the Mobile County Bi-Centennial Time Capsule Event. Present were Mary Atchison, Ruth Schmohl Carolyn Owens, Mayor Murray and his wife Becky and himself. He stated that each city was asked to place items in the time capsule which will not be opened for 50 years.

Public Works:**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1- Introduction 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 Butler made a motion to introduce Ordinance 503.
Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

2- Motion on Resolution 2012-12-02- A Resolution to purchase a used bucket truck (Ford F600).

Mayor Murray put Resolution 2012-12-02 up for a vote.

Councilmember Black made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-12-02.
Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

3-Motion on Resolution 2012-12-03- A resolution approving the participation in the 2013 VFA Forestry grant program..

Councilmember Dial made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-12-03.
Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Murray stated that before adjourning, he had a request to share. He stated that Mrs. Walker, a senior citizen in the city, is in need of a wheelchair ramp. He stated that Tom Briand and James Elmore have volunteered to do the work. The materials are being purchased through Andrews Hardware, which has given a \$100 discount off the price of the materials. He stated that the letter is asking for donations to purchase the materials for \$132.10. Councilmember Williams stated that this is a good project for the Satsuma Lions Club. He stated that he would poll the members and that he did not think they would have a problem.

Adjournment

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