

MINUTES

December 4, 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 4th day of December, 2012.

On roll call the following answered present:

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

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

Mayor Murray presented the minutes of the organizational meeting held on November 20, 2012 for approval. Councilmember Dial made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Visitors

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

No one came forward to speak.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Mayor's Report:

1- Appointment of Pratt Monk to the Satsuma Water and Sewer Board.

Jay Minus stated that he had asked for this appointment to be delayed so that he could research and make sure that a former councilmember could be appointed without a waiting period. He stated that he has determined that there are not any issues with the appointment.

Councilmember Dial made a motion to appoint Pratt Monk to the Water and Sewer Board to fill an open position. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Parks and Recreation

1- Request from Satsuma Lady Gators for purchase of advertising sign at Pat Hicks Softball Field and/or purchase an ad in program book.

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to purchase a sign for the field at a cost of \$200.00 and a ½ page ad for \$50.00. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Safety:

1- Discussion of leasing a new copier for police and fire departments

Councilmember Butler reported that copier that is jointly used by the police and fire department is broken and the service tech has stated that parts are no longer available. With no further discussion he then made a motion to proceed with purchasing a color copier with scanning capabilities. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Butler reported that at the last meeting council approved the purchase of two new patrol cars. He stated that the cars have been ordered and should arrive in about 10 weeks.

Councilmember Butler reported that the cameras for the jail have been purchased and installed.

Councilmember Butler gave the fire and police reports for the month of November:

Fire: 3 fire calls and 47 EMS with an average response time of 3.5 minutes. This makes a total of 593 calls year to date.

Police: had 426 calls with 80 citations.

Councilmember Butler commented that he spoke with Representative Randy Davis about the railroad crossing at Bayou Avenue and Representative Davis said that the crossing is on the list to receive crossing arms. However, the city project is low on the list.

Municipal Services:

1- Action on the request for sponsorship of the North Mobile Relay for Life.

Councilmember Dial reported that at the last meeting, representatives of the North Mobile Relay for life came before Council to ask if the city would split the major sponsorship with the City of Saraland. He stated this year the event will be held either on the football field on the track.

With no further comments, Councilmember Dial made a motion to approve spending \$2500 for a sponsorship of the North Mobile Relay for Life. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried. Councilmember Dial commented that he would also like to commit the city to providing garbage services and public safety resources as requested.

Administration and Finance:

1- Payment of the bills

Councilmember Williams stated that council had 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 Black seconded the motion and it carried.

2- Agreement with Shred-It to provide shredding service once a month

Councilmember Williams reported that the administration department has received a quote for a shredding service from Shred-It for a once a month service for an amount of \$48.00 a month. He stated that the company and its employees are bonded. With no further discussion on the matter, Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve the agreement with Shred-It. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams reported that a preliminary financial report for the month of November shows that the revenues have exceeded those from the same month last years. He stated that the final report should be ready in a few days.

Councilmember Williams reported that the council received a letter from the Gulf Coast Opry inviting them to their Christmas party on December 22, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. He stated also in the past councilmembers participated in their toy drive by purchasing bicycles or making a monetary donation.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that there has been a request to do some road striping on Baker Road across the viaduct. He stated that the city has a striping machine and will be doing the work in the next few days.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1- Motion on Ordinance 417-01- An amendment to the Business License Ordinance to amend the issuance fee for 2013 business licenses.

Mayor Murray put Ordinance 417-01 up for a vote.

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 417-01. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

ORDINANCE 417-01

An Amendment to the Business License Code of the Satsuma, Alabama.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA, ALABAMA, as follows:

As provided in Act 2006-586, the issuance fee for business license can be adjusted from \$10.00 to \$12.00. Based on this Section 5 (c) shall be amended to read as follows:

- (a) *Issue Fee.* For each license issued there shall be an issue fee collected of twelve dollars (\$12.00) and said issue fee shall be collected in the same manner as the license tax.

This issuance fee adjustment shall be effective for January 1, 2013 for the 2013 Business licenses.

ADOPTED this 4th day of December, 2012.

/s/ Paul Murray

MAYOR

Authenticated and Attested:

/s/ Vicki Miller
CITY CLERK

2- Motion on Ordinance 425-01- An Ordinance repealing Ordinance 417 in its entirety.

Mayor Murray put Ordinance 425-01 up for a vote.

Kim Cain stood and asked council what this ordinance was about.

Jay Minus explained that in 2008 the city council voted to adopt a new business license ordinance that changed the way the business license were calculated from flat rate to a fee based on gross receipts. After the passage, there was a backlash from some of the business owners and council amended the ordinance to create a step up process to allow

the business owners time to ease the owners into the new rates. Mr. Minus stated that the gradual fee increase is no longer needed and this ordinance will repeal the amendment leaving the ordinal business license as it was originally passed.

Mrs. Cain stated that the business license ordinance is unfair because they have to pay for a business license wherever they do business and then have to pay Satsuma for the same revenue. She stated that is double taxation. John Cain spoke and stated that the city is not seeing what RSI puts back into the city by purchasing all their fuel in the city and the automobile tax that is paid. He questioned why they should pay the city a license based off work done elsewhere. He said they are being penalized. Jay Minus stated that the council can address a different schedule for rates, look at the option of a cap or change the ordinance to state that gross revenue calculation for the city would not include revenue that was paid to another city. Mayor Murray commented that the council should discuss this and then address the matter. Councilmember Dial recommended looking at other cities that are similar in size and look at their procedures. Mrs. Cain commented that the City of Mobile offers contractors an option of paying on the gross or paying for a maximum contractor’s business license.

Jay Minus stated that this amendment being put up for adoption tonight, does not make any changes to the original business license adopted in 2008. It repeals the amendment that was adopted giving the business owners an option of using a step up calculation to ease into the amount that should be paid on their gross receipts.

Councilmember Dial made a motion to adopt Ordinance 425-01. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

3-Motion on Resolution 2012-11-08- A resolution amending the FY2013 budget to reflect a change in the senior services expenses.

Councilmember Dial commented that this is a change to the employee budgetary line item, moving funds from the Dogwood Festival to the salary.

Councilmember Dial made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-11-08. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

**RESOLUTION 2012-11-08
A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY2013 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2013 was approved on the 2nd day of October, 2012, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to amend said approved budget to more accurately reflect the city’s actual revenue and expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Satsuma that the following amendments to the approved budget of FY2013 be made:

Expenses- Citizen Services

Line Item	From	To
Dogwood Festival	7,500.00	0.00
Salaries-Part Time Senior Employees	5,000.00	\$12,500.00

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

1. The City agrees to amend the budget as stated above.
2. This Resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 4th of December, 2012.

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

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

4-Resolution 2012-12-01- A resolution to enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama for funding for the operation and administration of public transportation for Senior Citizens.

Jay Minus explained that this resolution is for council to agree to enter into an agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation for a grant that will reimburse the city for the salary of the drive, gas, and maintenance used to transport senior citizens to and from appointments. Mr. Minus stated that the city had a pre-existing agreement with the Alabama Department of Senior Services; however the state has done away with that department and has turned over the administration of this grant to ALDOT.

With no further comments or questions, Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-12-01. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

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 8:15 P.M.

Mayor Murray

Councilmember Hamblin

Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Dial

Councilmember Williams

Councilmember Black

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk