



**MINUTES  
OF  
April 16, 2013**

**Workshop**

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in the Workshop session at City Hall in said city at 5:00 p.m. the 16th day of April, 2013. Those present were Mayor Murray, Councilmembers; Mike Butler, Tom Williams and Bill Black. Also present were Jay Minus, City Attorney and Vicki Miller, City Clerk. Mayor Murray introduced representatives from GeCon, a disaster relief company. The representative discussed how GeCon could help the city apply for funds available because of the BP Deep Water Horizon incident. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

**Pre-Council**

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in the Pre-council session at City Hall in said city at 6:00 p.m. the 16th day of April, 2013. Those present were Mayor Murray, Councilmembers; William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Tom Williams and Bill Black. Mayor Murray discussed issues coming before Council.

Council convened in an executive session to discuss an employee issue at 6:56 P.M.  
Council reconvened at 7:05 P.M.

**Regular Meeting**

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in the regular public session at City Hall in said city at 7:10 p.m. the 16th day of April, 2013.

Mayor Murray gave 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
	Tom Williams
	Bill Black

Absent: Matt Dial

Also present were Jay Minus, City Attorney; 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.

Mayor Murray presented the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 2, 2013 for approval. Councilmember Butler 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 April 11, 2013 for approval. Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

### **Special Recognitions**

**None**

## **REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES**

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

*1- Motion to accept the FY2012 Audit.*

Councilmember Williams stated that the council has met twice with Mr. Betancourt and the made a motion to accept the FY2012 audit as presented by Will Betancourt. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

*2- Consideration of the contract with Grant Management/Cara Stallman*

Councilmember Williams reported that the council met with Ms. Stallman on April 11, 2013 where she gave a presentation to the council for grant writing services. He stated that Ms. Stallman has worked with the city in the past and is very familiar with the city. He stated that Jay has reviewed the contract which states that the city will pay Grant Management \$2500 per quarter for services. With no further comments or questions, Councilmember Williams made a motion

to approve the contract with Grant Management with payment of \$2500 per quarter. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

### **Parks and Recreation**

*1- Consideration of request to exempt the Satsuma Lady Gators from payment of Steele Creek Lodge fee for an end of the year banquet on Tuesday, May 14, 2013*

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to approve the request as stated above with the understanding that the cleanup fee of \$100 will still be due.  
Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

### **Public Safety:**

*1- Approval to proceed with bidding of a new fire truck.*

Councilmember Butler made a motion to proceed with the bid process to get a new fire truck. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Butler read a letter from a group of citizens who attended a recent Fire Arms training class. The letter commended Chief McLean, Sgt. Dix and Officer Champion for their professionalism and knowledge.

### **Municipal Services:**

*1. Consideration of Right of Entry & Release and Indemnity agreement between the City of Satsuma and the Cypress Landing Homeowners Association for garbage pick up.*

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to approve the agreement.  
Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried. Jay Minus stated that he would present the agreement to the association.

### **Administration:**

*1- Payment of the Bills*

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

Councilmember Williams reminded everyone of the Municipal Dinner Thursday which will be hosted by the Town of Dauphin Island.

Councilmember Williams reported that the city has received certification from the Department of Labor as a Drug Free Work Place. He stated that the city will receive a discount on the Workers Compensation insurance by having this certification.

Councilmember Williams reminded everyone of the North Mobile Relay for Life to be held on the Satsuma High School track on April 27, 2013 from noon to midnight. Councilmember Williams stated that the Young Anglers tournament will also be held that day at Steele Creek Lodge and Park.

**Public Works:**

*1- Consideration of spending \$2338.00 for a monitoring system for the pumping station at Pine Avenue.*

Councilmember Black stated that James Elmore has requested the approval to purchase a monitoring system that will alert him about the flow at the pumping station at Pine Avenue. He stated that the funds can come from 4 cent since the water flow affects the road. With no further comments or questions, Councilmember Black made a motion to purchase the system at a cost of \$2338.00. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black reported that several employees from the public works department attended the annual “Call before You Dig” program and dinner.

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

**1- Consideration of Ordinance 272-1- An ordinance repealing Ordinance 272 regulating carport and yard sales.**

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 272-1. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 272-1**

AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND ORDINANCE 272 REGULATING CARPORT AND YARD SALES.

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

Ordinance No. 272 adopted April 16, 1991, is hereby repealed in its entirety. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon the adoption and publication as required by law.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED 16th DAY OF APRIL, 2013.**

/s/ Paul Murray  
Mayor Paul Murray

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

Visitors

**Mayor Murray opened the floor for visitors.**

1. Jack Presnall of 540 Maria Drive came before Council and stated that 6 weeks ago he came and complained about the tanker trucks that were traveling down Oak Avenue and dumping at the sewer treatment plant. He stated that he understands that the trucks have been rerouted and this is not a viable solution. Mr. Presnall stated he wants to know if this company has a contract and if so who approved it without the mayor and council knowing. Mayor Murray stated the he would set up a meeting with Mr. Presnall and Bud McCrory, Satsuma Water and Sewer Director. Mr. Presnall stated that he did not want to meet privately with Mr. McCrory because he wants this information to be discussed in an open meeting. Mayor Murray stated that he would get back with him on the matter.

2. Clarence Mabien of 1522 Knight Drive came before Council to inquire about the paving of Old Highway 43. He stated that after heavy rains, the school bus will not come down the road and the children have to wait at Juniper Avenue for the bus. Mayor Murray stated that the road is on the Pay-As-You-Go Mobile County projects. Tom Briand stated that at a meeting he attended, it was said that the drawings should be complete by July and the project will be bid out in the fall with a start date of sometime in the spring of 2014.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Williams 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

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Councilmember Black

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller  
City Clerk