

**MINUTES
OF
May 14, 2013**

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 14th day of May, 2013. Those present were Mayor Murray, Councilmembers; William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Matt Dial and Bill Black.

Absent: Councilmember Tom Williams

Amy Steele requested to speak in Pre-Council to discuss getting approval from the City Council to start a fundraising initiative for improvements at Wright Park. She stated that she wanted to make sure the Mayor and Council did not have any objections before she began the meetings. Ms. Steele stated that her first priority is putting up a fence around the playground area for the safety of the small children. She stated that she would work closely with the council and city employees.

Mayor Murray discussed the agenda items to come before council.

Regular Meeting

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in the regular public session at City Hall in said city at 7:00 p.m. the 14th day of May, 2013.

Councilmember Black 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
Bill Black

Absent: Tom Williams

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.

Special Recognitions

1. Beautification award to Mitternight Boiler Works

Mayor Murray presented Mitternight Boiler Works representatives a plaque recognizing their company for beautifying the area around their business location.

2. Key Students

Before presenting the key students, Mayor Murray asked Amy Steele to come and speak to the group about her new project. Ms. Steele stated that she is working to create nonprofit organizations that will help with renovations at Wright Park. She stated that her plan is to have a fundraiser to raise funds to help make our parks more kid friendly. She stated that she is going to have the first meeting next Tuesday night at Wright Park at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Murray presented the Key Students with a city pin and certificate.

Council recessed at 7:20 P.M.

Council reconvened at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Murray presented the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 7, 2013 for approval. Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Murray stated that he received a letter from Mobile County Commissioner Ludgood regarding the paving project of Old Highway 43 from Juniper Avenue to the county line. The letter states that the project is in the design stage and that phase should be 90% complete by the end of the year. The letter states that if the project does not encounter any major delays construction could start in the fall of 2014.

Parks and Recreation

Councilmember Hamblin stated that he had nothing to discuss.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Butler reported that a committee will be traveling to Ferrara on June 5, 2013 to meet with representatives to go over the specifications for the new fire truck.

Councilmember Butler reported that the renovations at the police station are near completion. He thanked James and he crew for working on the project.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Dial stated that he was absent at the last meeting, but wanted to thank James Elmore and the public works crew for all the work done to prepare for the Relay for Life on the SHS track. He stated that by doing such a good job, it showed our city well.

Administration:*1- Payment of the Bills*

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

Councilmember Dial stated that sometime in June there needs to be a budget meeting. He also stated that a decision will need to be made by the end of June as to if the city should refinance the 2004 bond issue and with whom.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that several of the public works crew attended a CPR class and a chainsaw safety class.

Councilmember Black reported that after the last meeting and concerns from a citizen on I-65 Service Road, James Elmore has up with a plan to install a new catch basin and culvert to help divert the water in the problem area and the road grader should be out this coming Saturday.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1- Resolution 2013-05-05- A Resolution accepting the bid from Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc. for the purchase of a quick attack fire truck and approve financing through Regions Bank..

Councilmember Butler read Resolution 2013-05-05 and then made a motion to adopt. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-05-05

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Satsuma, that

WHEREAS, the City of Satsuma solicited sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) quick attach fire truck for the Satsuma Fire Rescue Department; and

WHEREAS, the bids were opened at the Council meeting held May 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received from Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc. for an amount of 194,800.00 for one (1) Quick Attack Pumper Model MP301 mounted on a Ford chassis per the specifications prepared by the fire department, and

WHEREAS, at the council meeting of May 7, 2012, Councilmember Mike Butler made a motion to accept the bid and Councilmember Tom Williams seconded the motion and it carried, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that:

1. The City has determined Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder for one new quick attack fire truck and has agreed to purchase the truck for a total sum of \$194,800.00 from the \$1 month fund.
2. The City recently sold a fire truck for \$91,288.00 and paid off the existing loan for \$26,027.00. City plans to use the remaining balance of \$65,261.00 towards the purchase of the new truck.
3. The City agrees to finance the remaining balance of \$129,539.00 for a term of three years at a financing rate not to exceed to 5% per annum.
4. The City authorizes the Mayor to execute the appropriate documents to secure a short term warrant/note from Regions Bank for the vehicle.
5. This Resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED on this 14th day of May 2013.

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

/s/ Vicki Miller
Vicki Miller, City Clerk

Visitors

Mayor Murray opened the floor for visitors.

1. Shirley Presnall-representing Friends of Satsuma Schools requesting the city consider passing an ordinance for a smoke free city.

Mrs. Presnall came before Council on behalf of the members of the Friends for Satsuma Schools to ask the city to strongly consider adopting an ordinance that will make the City of Satsuma smoke free. She stated that other surrounding cities have passed a similar ordinance. She also reported that during the Swamp Fest polls were taken and the consensus is that a majority of the people are in favor. She asked that the council commit to move forward. Mayor Murray stated that he agrees that the city should look into an

ordinance. Councilmember Dial stated that he also agrees, but the council will need to make sure it is done the right way.

Ms. Presnall gave a report on the Swamp Fest and stated that \$3750 was raised with \$3000 going to the high school and \$750 going to Robert E. Lee.

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 8:06 P.M.

Mayor Murray

Councilmember Hamblin

Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Dial

Councilmember Williams

Councilmember Black

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk