

**MINUTES
OF
July 16, 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 16th day of July, 2013. Those present were: Councilmembers; William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

Mayor Murray was absent. Mayor Pro Tem Williams 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 16th day of July, 2013.

Councilmember Butler gave the invocation and Councilmember Black led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call the following answered present:

Council Members	William Hamblin
	Mike Butler
	Matt Dial
	Tom Williams
	Bill Black

Absent: Mayor Murray

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.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams announced that Mayor Murray was on vacation and that he would conduct the meeting. A quorum was present and Mayor Pro Tem Williams opened the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Williams presented the minutes from the meeting held on July 2, 2013 for approval. Councilmember Butler made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams announced that due to the larger than normal crowd, the order of business will be reversed and visitors will be acknowledged first. Mayor Pro Tem Williams announced that council discussed the garbage issues in pre-council and have decided to hold a workshop on August 8, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

Visitors

ON AGENDA

1. Monica Knight, Director of the Bureau of Disease Control & Environmental Health, and Stephanie Woods Crawford, Director of Food & Lodging providing information on Special Event Vending procedures and requirements as it relates to food safety.

Ms. Knight and Ms. Crawford came before council to first offer an apology for how the inspection issues were handled at the Swamp Fest. She stated that they stumbled upon the festival and it is their job to keep the public safe when food is being offered for sale. She stated that because of that experience, they have decided to create a set of guidelines and visit all municipalities to educate them on how to handle vending requirements at local festivals. Ms. Crawford passed out the general guidelines and stated that this information is also on their website. Mayor Pro Tem Williams thanked both ladies for coming and stated that the city wants to do what is needed to be in compliance.

2. Joe Bruister- 168 East Orange Avenue- Comments concerning garbage service

Mr. Bruister stated that he has seen several posts on facebook about the garbage and hope that the council can take into consideration those citizens on fixed income before increasing the garbage fee and he also strongly encourages the council to consider staying at two days a week.

3. Hannah White- Request for usage of the community Center on August 4, 2013 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and waiver of the rental fee for a Girl Scouts event.

Talane Lyle came before council and stated that Ms. White was unable to attend and she was here representing the Girl Scouts. Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that the council discussed the request in pre-council. He stated that the city has an ordinance regarding waiving the fee for the rental of Steele Creek Lodge for a weekend and the same applies to the community center. He stated that the city supports the Girls Scouts, however if the fee is waived for the Sunday, then it could set a precedent. He stated that the city would work with them on any week day. Ms. Lyle stated that she would give the information to Ms. White.

4. Donnie Calloway-5372 Hartley Road- Comments concerning garbage service.

Mr. Calloway came before council and stated that he is opposed to changing the garbage service to one day a week.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams explained that council will meet in a workshop session and discuss the garbage issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams opened the floor for any other visitors.

Larry Landrum of 5826 Chattanooga came before Council and requested to see the revenue and debt of the garbage.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that for clarification the revenues received for garbage are kept separately from the general fund revenues and only the expenses directly related to garbage are paid from that account. He stated that only salaries of the employees that work directly in garbage are transferred out of the garbage account into the payroll account.

Councilmember Dial requested permission to speak on the matter since there were questions.

Councilmember Dial stated that with regard to the revenues the budget amount of \$537,000 is being met and with a few new customers the amount could exceed the budget. He stated that in the original budget there was a \$75,000 line item for transfer to the general fund for applicable salaries and other legal expenses. He stated that as the trucks are requiring additional maintenance, this amount is being used to cover the additional costs to operate the garbage service. He stated that not only are the garbage revenues used for the actual garbage service, they are also used to support the chipper truck, the trash ramp and the leaf vacuum. He stated that just in the line items for the trash ramp the costs have exceeded the \$31,500 budget. Councilmember Dial stated that he

understands that most of the citizens have a need for two day garbage service, however the council is challenged with coming up with an economical way to resolve the issue and still keep all the services.

Mr. Landrum stated that he has two other issues he wanted to bring to council's attention. He stated that the sidewalks need attention because the grass is growing over them and the area around Steele Creek Bridge needs maintenance. He also stated that the south ramp at Steele Creek Lodge has a large pothole to the left which needs to be filled and resurfaced with asphalt.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that in Sunday's paper he noticed that there was a picture and article about the reading program sponsored by the library. He recommended contacting the children and parents of those that won the award and have them come and be recognized at the next council meeting. He also stated he would like to recognize the staff at the library.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams reported that there will be a seminar sponsored by AMIC/MWCF and the closest is in Greenville on August 28, 2013.

Parks and Recreation

1. Discussion of approving an additional \$50.00 to purchase a banner for Satsuma Volleyball.

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to pay an additional amount of \$50.00 for a new banner. He stated that at the last meeting \$200 was donated and the \$50 will bring it up to the \$250 limit. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Request from the Satsuma City School System for usage of Steele Creek Lodge on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 and exemption of the rental fee.

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

Public Safety:

Councilmember Butler reported that the fire department had a rescue on Steele Creek and after the boat returned it was noted that there was a problem with the

boat. He stated that the boat was taken to Trotters Marine and was repaired within 24 hours for a cost of \$296.00.

Councilmember Butler reported that the police department held a simulated school shooting training at Satsuma High School this past weekend. Chief McLean reported that the training went well.

Councilmember Butler reported that Chief McLean has requested use of the meeting area at City Hall on August 2, 2013 for a Community Watch meeting to be held at 6:30 PM. He then made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Butler recognized and congratulated Chief Miller for receiving a letter and certificate for completing 20 years as an EMT.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Dial expressed condolences on behalf of the mayor and council to the families of Hartzel Lily, Rachel Boyles and Joe Ray Whitehead.

Councilmember Dial stated that even though police, fire and garbage are necessary services, one of the overlooked areas is the senior services. He then read a thank you card thanking the city for the senior bus service and for the assistance of Edith Butler and Melvin Robinson for the kindness to her mother during a recent family death. Councilmember Dial also mentioned the services of the meal delivery program. He stated that these services are often overlooked, but are a vital part of the community.

1. Discussion of setting a date for a work session to discuss garbage issue and the FY2014 budget.

Councilmember Dial made a motion to hold a workshop session on August 8, 2012 at 6:30 PM. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Dial spoke again about the garbage stating that at the last meeting it is being discussed to change the garbage service to one week, increase the garbage fee by \$1.00 and eliminate the leaf vacuum. He stated that he requested numbers from James Elmore showing the difference in the tonnage between the Monday-Tuesday route and the Thursday-Friday pickup days. He stated that the difference only showed a 27% decrease. Since the word has gotten out, he has received a lot of comments from concerned citizens. He stated that he did an unofficial poll through some of his workers across the state and found that the city offers more services and the fees are less than others are paying. Councilmember Dial stated that his suggestion would be to leave the service at two days and increase the fee by \$2.00. This would generate an

additional \$5600 per month and thus would allow the city to maintain the trucks and finance a new leaf vacuum

Administration:

1- Payment of the Bills

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

2- Reminder of the Municipal Association Dinner in Citronelle on Thursday, July 18, 2013.

Councilmember Dial reminded everyone of the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

3- Reminder of the joint work session with the Satsuma City School Board on July 22 at 5:00 PM.

Councilmember Dial reminded everyone of the meeting to be held at Central Office.

4- Other Business

Councilmember Dial stated that the city has entered into a “hold harmless” agreement with Cypress Landing to pick up the garbage. He stated that an agreement was needed since the property is private property and the city was concerned with liability issues. He stated that it has also been brought to council’s attention that there is another area of concern which is the trailer park. So to be fair, the council is requesting Jay Minus draw up a hold harmless agreement for this location and have ready at the next meeting.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that the public works department has been working on the ditches at Baldwin Road, Baldwin Street, Scanlan Way and will begin working on Orange Avenue.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1- Consideration of Ordinance 227-1- An ordinance to Amend Ordinance 227-regulating the police jurisdiction to include the waterways located within the police jurisdiction.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to adopt Ordinance 227-1.
Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 227-1

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 227,
THE CITY OF SATSUMA ORDINANCE**

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama (the “City Council”), in order to promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Satsuma, desires to regulate its corporate limits, including all waterways located within it, and the police jurisdiction of the City of Satsuma;

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to expand the City of Satsuma Police jurisdiction in order to encompass the waterways that are located within the City of Satsuma;

WHEREAS, the City Council, in enacting this Ordinance, intends to incorporate and adopt law or laws of the State of Alabama now existing or hereafter enacted, and specifically, Article 9, Titles 13A, 32 and 33 of the Code of Alabama.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Ordinance 227 as adopted and approved on the 16th day of August, 1983, and as codified in Section 62-1 and 62-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Satsuma, Alabama is hereby amended and is to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 1. Any person or corporation committing an offense within the corporate limits of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, including all waterways located within it, or within the police jurisdiction thereof, which is declared by a law or laws of the State of Alabama now existing or hereafter enacted to be a misdemeanor, shall be guilty of an offense against the City of Satsuma, Alabama.

Section 2. Any person or corporation committing an offense within the corporate limits of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, including all waterways located within it, or within the police jurisdiction thereof, which is declared by a law or laws of the State of Alabama now existing or hereafter enacted to be a violation, shall be guilty of an offense against the City of Satsuma, Alabama.

Section 3. Any person or corporation committing an offense within the corporate limits of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, including all waterways located within it, or within the police jurisdiction thereof, an offense as defined by Title 13, 32 or 33 of the Code of Alabama, which offense is declared by a law or laws of the State of Alabama now existing or hereafter enacted to be a felony, misdemeanor or violation, shall be guilty of an offense against the City of Satsuma, Alabama.

Section 4. Any person found to be in violation of Sections One (1), Two (2), or Three (3) of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and/or may be imprisoned or sentenced to hard labor for the City for a period of not exceeding six (6)

months, at the discretion of the Court trying the case, unless otherwise provided by Section 5 of this ordinance. Any corporation found to be in violation of Sections One (1), Two (2), or Three (3) of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) at the discretion of the Court trying the case.

Section 5. Any person found to be in violation of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, and that violation is classified as a felony, shall, upon conviction, be punished in accordance with Section 32-5A-9 which includes imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 10 years, or by a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 6. Any ordinance heretofore adopted by the City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, which is in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. If any part, section or subdivision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

Section 8. This ordinance shall become effective on July 16, 2013.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF July, 2013.

/s/ Thomas Williams
MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS WILLIAMS

Authenticated and Attested:

/s/ 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 8:00 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