

**MINUTES
OF
August 6, 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 6th day of August, 2013. Those present were: Councilmembers; Paul Murray, William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

Mayor Murray introduced Bob Skipper, an economic consultant, to the council. Mr. Skipper stated that he was approached by Cara Stallman who asked that he contact the city regarding some economic developments. Mr. Skipper stated that he worked with the City of Evergreen and Conecuh County on the economic improvements at their interstate exchange at I-65. He explained that because the city has an interstate presence, he believes that the city has the potential for development if they are willing to create a master plan, create a statutorily authorized political subdivision and prepare the area for development. Mayor Murray thanked Mr. Skipper for his time and said that this was information that needed to be discussed further with the council.

Mayor Murray discussed agenda items to come before council.

Executive Session

Attorney Jay Minus called for an executive session. Council went into executive session at 7:00 P.M. and reconvened at 7:10 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 6th day of August, 2013.

Mayor Murray gave the invocation and Councilmember Hamblin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call the following answered present:

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

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.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Murray presented the minutes from the meeting held on July 16, 2013 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 from the joint work session with the Satsuma Board of Education held on July 22, 2013 for approval. Councilmember Butler made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognition

1. Recognition of the Top Readers, Volunteers and Staff of the Satsuma Library Summer Reader Program.

Mayor Murray and Councilmember Williams recognized the top place readers: 1st Place- Tilmon Marcum, 2nd Place Alex and Jake May and 3rd Place, Shayla Reid. The volunteers: Katie Clearman, Sylvia Flott and Makayla Whisenhunt. Also present was Evelyn Butler and Rose Mary Fuller, employees of the library.

Councilmember Williams congratulated all the participants and recognized them for their hard work.

2. Presentation of plaque to Public Works Department

Mayor Murray and Councilmember Black recognized James Elmore and the Public Works Department for completing 10 years without a loss work day. Councilmember Black presented Mr. Elmore with a plaque congratulating the department on its achievement.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Mayor's Report:

1. Approval to proceed with Transportation Enhancement Landscape Grant-Approval of final drawing.

Mayor Murray stated that the final drawings have been delivered and he requested each councilmember review the drawings and sign off on them so that the project can proceed.

2. Announcement of the ATRIP funding for Baker Road Bridge and resurfacing and Juniper Avenue resurfacing.

Mayor Murray announced that the city has received notification that the city will receive funding to replace the bridge on Baker Road (west of the overpass), resurface Baker Road from the bridge to the end of the road and resurface and widen Juniper Avenue. He stated that he would be meeting with the engineer next week to discuss the next phase.

3. Right of Entry Agreement with Steele Creek Mobile Home Park for garbage service.

Jay Minus explained that he has prepared the agreement between the City and Steele Creek Mobile Home Park for garbage service. He stated that the agreement is modeled after the one with Cypress Landing. Mr. Minus stated that the agreement will alleviate the city of liability from damage done by the garbage trucks. Mr. Minus questioned if council was comfortable with the insurance requirement. Council agreed. With no further questions or comments, Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the agreement. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Discussion of agreement with ALDOT for RR crossing upgrade at Baldwin Street.

Mayor Murray reported that he has received an agreement from Alabama Department of Transportation for the city to proceed with an upgrade on the RR crossing on Baldwin Street. He stated that he spoke with Director Cooper of ALDOT and asked if the city could use the upgrade at Bayou Avenue and move the lights which are currently at Bayou to Baldwin Street. Director Cooper stated “No.” Director Cooper stated that the records show that the city has previously discussed closing Baldwin Street in exchange for crossing arms at Bayou Avenue. Mayor Murray presented this proposal to council and asked that they consider what they would like to do. If they chose to proceed with closing Baldwin Street, then ALDOT will get with Norfolk Southern and present a proposal to the crossing arms at Bayou Avenue. If the Council prefers, the upgrade can remain at Baldwin Street and the city will have to wait until Bayou Avenue comes available for an upgrade to include crossing arms. Mayor Murray stated that he will bring the matter back up at the next meeting.

Parks and Recreation:

Councilmember Hamblin stated that he would like to commend Edith Butler for her work at scheduling the events at the lodge and community center. He stated that she is doing an excellent job.

Public Safety:

1. Ratify the hiring of Alex Jones as Police Officer I.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to ratify the hiring of Alex Jones as Police Officer I. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Promotion of Richard Dix to Police Lieutenant effective August 10, 2013.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the promotion of Sgt. Richard Dix to Lieutenant. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Discussion of pay grade increase for the Magistrate I position

Councilmember Butler made a motion to increase the pay grade for the magistrate I position 10%. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Other Business

Councilmember Butler reported that 17 citizens attended the first Community Watch meeting. He stated that he thought more citizens would have attended if the word had gotten out. Councilmember Butler reported that the next meeting

will be September 6th and the topic will be information on drugs. Councilmember Butler stated that parents can bring their children.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the police department's purchase of a new computer to be installed in a police car for an amount of \$885.00. He stated that this type of computer can be removed from the car and will be able to allow the officer the ability to do reports, take photos and videos. This computer will be on a trial basis and if it works as proposed, the department will consider putting more into next year's budget. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Butler reported that Sy Lichtenfeld will be the speaker at the City's Veteran Day event. He stated that Mr. Lichtenfeld served in WWII and was a POW.

Councilmember Butler reported that he has discussed with Chief McLean the purchasing of reflective bracelets to be distributed at Halloween. He stated that bracelets would be available at the police and fire stations and also be passed out by the police and fire personnel who will be out during Halloween. He stated that he will be looking into getting some corporate sponsors to offset the cost. Councilmember Butler stated that Chief McLean and his department will be on alert for the usage of golf carts and 4-wheelers which will not be allowed due to the number of children on the streets.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Dial expressed condolences on behalf of the mayor and council to the families of Tommy Shiver and Margie White.

Councilmember Dial stated that he would hold any comments relating to garbage until the work session.

Administration:

1- Payment of the Bills

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

2- Approval for Vicki Miller to attend the Municipal Clerk's Conference in Tuscaloosa on August 27-30. Approximate cost of \$800.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve the training. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

3- Approval for Councilmember Williams to attend the Human Development Committee meeting sponsored by the Alabama League of Municipalities on August 27th in Montgomery.

Councilmember Dial congratulated Councilmember Williams on being asked to be on the committee and then made a motion to allow him to attend and stay overnight. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

4- Other Business

Councilmember Williams reported that the work session with the Satsuma Board of Education was informative. He stated that the city agreed last year to guarantee a line of credit for the school systems which was paid back in the time that was stated at the request. He stated that the board has asked again for the city to guarantee the line of credit. Councilmember Williams explained that the school does not receive most of their funding until the beginning of the year. Councilmember Williams reported that a letter was received from Regions Bank and the guarantee that was done last year is a continuing guarantee and the city will not be required to do any further paperwork.

Councilmember Williams reminded everyone of the work session on August 8th at 6:30 P.M. at city hall.

Councilmember Williams reported that the Lions Club now has signs at both entrances to the city. He thanked James Elmore for getting the signs put up.

Public Works:

1. Approval to contract with Jerdan Services to spray city ditches for an amount of approximately \$2000.00

Councilmember Black made a motion to approve the expenditure and stated that the funds will come for the 4-cent account. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

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

None

Visitors

Mayor Murray opened the floor for visitors and there were none.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

/s/ Paul Murray
Mayor Murray

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