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MIKE BUTLER, PLACE 2

MATT DIAL, PLACE 3

THOMAS WILLIAMS, PLACE 4

BILL BLACK, PLACE 5

## **MINUTES OF April 21, 2015**

### **Work Session**

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in Work Session at City Hall in said city at 5:00 P.M. the 21st day of April, 2015. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray and Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

Also present: City Attorney, Jay Minus

Mayor Murray stated that the purpose of the work session was to meet with Will Betancourt regarding the FY2014 audit.

Work Session adjourned at 5:40 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 21st day of April, 2015. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray and Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

Mayor Murray discussed the agenda items.

### **Public Hearing**

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in the Pre-Council Session at City Hall in said city at 6:30 p.m. the 21st day of April, 2015. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray and Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

A Public Hearing which had been duly advertised was held. Jay Minus explained that the city wishes to abandon an unopened easement which lies between the residents on Clark Circle East and Vaughan Drive West. Mr. Minus stated that the alley way was platted to the city when the city was established and the city does not have a need for the property.

Frank Green of 5755 Vaughan Drive West stood and stated that he does not want the property and he is willing to let the abutting neighbor have all the easement. Mr. Minus stated that by law Mr. Green will acquire right to the property and he can either sale or deed over to the neighbor. Mary Atchison of 5805 Vaughan Drive West stated that she does not want the property.

With no further comments or questions, the public hearing was closed at 6:40.

Council reconvened back into the Pre-Council Session.

### **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 21st day of April, 2015.

Councilmember Black gave the invocation. Mayor Murray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present: Mayor Murray; Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

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

A quorum was present and Mayor Murray opened the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Murray presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 7, 2015 for approval. Councilmember Dial made the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

## **Special Recognition:**

### **1. Key Students- Robert E. Lee School**

Mayor Murray presented each key student with a city pin and certificate.

Council recessed at 7:15

Council reconvened at 7:25

## **Visitors-**

### **1. Jill Barfoot representing the Satsuma Baseball**

Ms. Barfoot came before council to request use of Steele Creek Lodge and waiver of the fee for their end of the year banquet.

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to approve the request for usage of Steele Creek Lodge on May 4, 2015 and waiver of the fee except the cleaning fee. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

### **2. Ms. Vicki Davidson**

Ms. Davidson came before council to express her concerns about the RR crossing at Bayou Avenue. She stated that the lights malfunctioned and she was almost hit by the train. She contacted Chief McLean who gave her a contact number with the railroad. Ms. Davidson stated that she spoke with a representative who told her that it was the city's responsibility to put up crossing arms. Mayor Murray said that the city has been trying to get crossing arms at that crossing for several years and was told that the crossing was on the list. He stated that placing the responsibility for installing crossing arms falls on the railroad company. Mayor Murray stated that he would make contact again and see where the crossing is on the list.

## **MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL'S REPORT:**

### **Mayor:**

#### *1. Discussion of property across from Library for sale and possible offer to purchase*

Mayor Murray stated that Ken Lucas would like to sale the property across from the Library and that according to Mobile County Revenue, the fair market value of the property if \$5,100.00. He stated that after discussing the matter, the council deems that the city should make an offer to keep the property from being used as something that could become an eyesore. Councilmember Butler then made a motion to offer Mr. Lucas \$5,100.00 for the property. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

#### *2. Discussion and clarification of location of proposed chapel, approval of design as a replica of the historic Union Church and placement of a sign at the location.*

Councilmember Williams stated that the council approved the fund raising at the last meeting; however the council did not clarify where the chapel will be located. He stated that the Satsuma Ladies Club also wants permission to put a sign in the location stating "Future Home of Union Chapel". With no comments or questions, Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve locating the church at the north end between Steele Creek Lodge and the Satsuma Community Center, building the chapel as a replica of the Historic Union Church and permission to place a sign at the location. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

**Parks:**

Councilmember Hamblin stated that he received a compliment about the landscape on Highway 43. He thanked James Elmore and his crew for a good job in maintaining the medians.

**Public Safety:**

Councilmember Butler reported that Kelly Gatewood graduated from the police academy and that he and Chief McLean attended the ceremony. Councilmember Butler stated that after the ceremony he had an opportunity to talk with Spencer Collier, Secretary of Law Enforcement, about funding for a new public safety building.

Councilmember Butler reported that an arrest was made Saturday in the parking lot of Steele Creek Lodge. The officer spotted someone doing donuts in the parking lots and the young man will have to pay restitution to the city for the damages.

Councilmember Butler reported that the Mobile County Health Department did an inspection at the fire department and a report should be issued soon. He stated that one of the issues discussed was the ice machine being located in the bay area. Councilmember Butler stated that the fire department will wait on the final report of the inspection before correcting any issues.

**Municipal Services:**

Councilmember Dial reported that the knuckle boom truck is down for repairs. He stated that James Elmore is trying to offset the absence of the truck by putting another man on the chipper truck.

Councilmember Dial expressed condolence on behalf of the council to the families of Billy Ziebach, son of Charlie Zieback, W. C. Squires, grandfather of Clay Squires and Margaret Ann Thompson Trawick. Councilmember Dial stated that both Charlie Ziebach and Clay Squires are employees of the city.

**Administration:**

*1. Discussion of using city employee to install a new flag pole at the Pat Hicks Softball Field.*

Councilmember Williams stated that Red Pierce has obtained a flag pole that he would like placed at the softball field. He stated that the Lions Club has cleaned up the pole and the school board has approved the location. Councilmember Williams asked if council was in agreement he would like for the Public Works Department to install the pole. With no further comments or questions, Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve the Public Works Department to be able to install a flag pole at the Pat Hicks Softball Field. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams reported that the Memorial Day committee will be meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the upcoming event. He stated that Bradley Byrne is scheduled to be the guest speaker.

**Public Works:**

Councilmember Black reported that a letter was received from the Friends of Satsuma School thanking public works for their assistance for the Swamp Fest.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**1. Payment of the bills.**

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

**2. Request from Satsuma High School Baseball for exemption from payment of the Steele Creek Lodge rental fee for a May 4, 2015 (Monday) event.**

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

**3. Request from SHS Senior Class for exemption from payment of the Steele Creek Lodge rental fee for May 14, 2015 (Thursday) for Senior Breakfast.**

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

**4. Renewal of agreement with Emergency Service Marketing Corp, Inc. for the Emergency Responder Reply System for a three year subscription for \$725.00 per year.**

Councilmember Butler explained that this service needed to provide pages to the volunteers and it is less expensive to go for a three year plan. He then made a motion to approve the renewal of the contract as stated above. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

**5. Approval to spend up to \$2000.00 for installation of lights for flags at City Hall and the Community Center.**

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to approve the expenditure.  
Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

**6. Approval for Presenting Sponsorship for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of North Mobile.**

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve the \$2500.00 sponsorship.  
Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

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

**1. Resolution 2015-04-04- A Resolution authorizing Civil Southeast, LLC to make application to ALDOT for Sidewalk Improvements.**

Councilmember Dial made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-04-04.  
Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04-04**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CIVIL SOUTHEAST, LLC  
TO MAKE APPLICATION TO ALDOT FOR  
SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS**

**WHEREAS, the City of Satsuma, Alabama is interested in applying under Alabama Department of Transportation's, Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) for sidewalk improvements; and**

**WHEREAS, Civil Southeast has the staff and expertise to prepare the City of Satsuma's application;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that a TAP Application be submitted to ALDOT and that the Council commits to 20% of the Construction Cost plus the Engineering cost and authorizes the Mayor to execute all required documents.**

**Passed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2015, by the Council of the City of Satsuma.**

**/S/ Vicki Miller**  
Vicki Miller  
City Clerk

**/s/ Paul Murray**  
Paul Murray  
Mayor

Councilmember Dial made a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential economic development. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and council convened in a executive session at 7:55.

Council reconvened into the regular session at 8:30

**Adjournment**

Councilmember Dial made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

/s/ Paul Murray  
Mayor Murray

/s/ William Hambli  
Councilmember Hamblin

/s/ Mike Butler  
Councilmember Butler

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Councilmember Dial

/s/ Tom Williams  
Councilmember Williams

/s/ Bill Black  
Councilmember Black

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller  
City Clerk