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COUNCIL MEMBERS

WILLIAM HAMBLIN, PLACE I

MIKE BUTLER, PLACE 2

MATT DIAL, PLACE 3

THOMAS WILLIAMS, PLACE 4

BILL BLACK, PLACE 5

MINUTES OF April 7, 2015

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 7th day of April, 2015. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray and Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Tom Williams, Matt Dial and Bill Black (arrived at 6:30 P.M.)

Also present was Jay Minus, City Attorney.

Jeremy McMath, Civil Engineering LLC, distributed an update on the ATRP projects. He stated that Juniper Avenue is complete and the only remaining issue is for the City to accept the road by sending a letter to ALDOT. With reference to Baker Road, he stated that the Corp of Engineers has given the city a permit to construct a temporary bridge and the bids are scheduled to be let on June 26, 2015. Mr. McMath also reminded the council of the pending sidewalk project on the west side from Baker Road to Wright Park via 7th Avenue, Plateau and Highway 43. He also informed the council that ALDOT is accepting applications for 2015 TAP project until May 1, 2015. He stated that the city would have two years to complete the project if awarded. He presented the council with a drawing for a sidewalk which would begin at Juniper Avenue and Ryals Street, run down South Vaughan to Harrison and then to Thomas ending at Old Highway 43. Mayor stated that council would discuss and let him know.

William Haynes representing Southern Light spoke to inform the council of what Southern Light is doing in the city. He stated that they install fiber optic infrastructure offering a wireless service for internet to schools and municipal buildings. He stated that they are not offering service to residential homes at this time. Jay Minus explained that

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the city was informed of Southern Light installing fiber optic in the city's right of way. They purchased a business license and got a right of way permit. Mr. Minus stated that the city could look at entering into a franchise agreement with Southern Light which would be done instead of a business license. Council agreed to review the city's options and get back with Mr. Haynes or the company's attorney.

Mayor Murray discussed agenda items for the remaining time.

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 7th day of April , 2015.

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

The following were present: Mayor Murray; Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Tom Williams, Matt Dial 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 March 17, 2015 for approval. Councilmember Williams made the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognition:

Visitors-

1. Ms. Jones with CUBB Bowling League- requesting use and waiver of the fee for Steele Creek Lodge on May 18, 2015 (Monday)

Ms. Jones came before Council to request and waiver of the fee for the lodge for a banquet for the handicap bowling league. She stated that they have done this for several years. Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve the request of waiving the fee excluding the cleanup fee. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Shirley Presnall with Friends of Satsuma School- update on the SWAMP Fest

Ms. Presnall came before the Council to give an update on the Swamp Fest. She stated that this year's event was better than last year and she appreciated all the help that was

given by the city workers. She also stated that this group will be unable to continue the event unless they can get more volunteer groups to help. Mayor Murray encouraged her to attend the SCDO meeting in August. Ms. Presnall also informed the Council that the Friends of Satsuma Schools set up two scholarships for high school seniors. Both were named for persons instrumental in starting the school systems. She stated that one will be a vocational scholarship named for Pat Hicks and the other will be named for William Stewart and will be based on academics. Both will be for \$500.00 and presented at Honor's Day.

Jack Presnall stood and thanked the Mayor and Council for all their efforts in getting a new flag at the north end of the City. He also thanked James Elmore and Public Works employees for their help in putting up the pole.

MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL'S REPORT:

Mayor:

1. Discussion of disposal of city property on Cedar Street. Property was foreclosed on for failure to pay assessment.

Mayor stated that the matter has been researched by the city attorney and Council discussed in pre-council. An interested party has approached the City to purchase the property. Jay Minus pointed out that since the time for redemption has expired, the interested party will have to make an offer to purchase. Upon receipt of the offer, the Council will have an opportunity to accept or reject the offer.

2. Discussion of canoe/kayak launch, approval of sketch plan and authorization to purchase materials.

Mayor stated that Council reviewed the sketch plan in pre-council and discussed the grant which is a 50/50 grant and the work done by city workers will be used as in-kind service and applied to the city's portion of the grant. The other 50% will be used to purchase the dock, gravel for the parking lot and wood to repair the pier. With no further discussion, Councilmember Dial made a motion to proceed with the grant based on the sketch plan presented. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Murray stated that he has received a notice from the State that the City can nominate someone for the Board of Equalization. He asked Council to consider if they know someone who might be interested. The deadline is August.

Parks:

Councilmember Hamblin reported that Alabama Municipal Insurance Company has done their review of the parks for insurance purposes and found that the parks are in good order. He commended James Elmore and Parks personnel for their work in the parks.

Public Safety:

1. Councilmember Butler reported that Chief Miller has received the yearly check from Mobile County in the amount for \$14,414.00. He commended Chief Miller for working with the volunteers to keep the members active to where the city can qualify for these funds. Councilmember Butler stated that due to financial restraints and no overtime allowed, there are many occasions when the fire department only has one paid fire fighter on duty. He stated that the city depends on the volunteers to cover the personnel shortage.
2. Councilmember Butler reported that all the fire trucks were pump tested and all passed.
3. Councilmember Butler reported that Satsuma Police Department made two (2) drug arrests in Satsuma, both were Spice related. Councilmember Butler stated that there is an increase in the usage and distribution of felony drugs such as Spice. He stated that at the recommendation of Chief McLean, he would like to create a Narcotics position that will work in conjunction with other jurisdictions to assist with the control of this and other drugs in the city. He then made a motion to put Troy Willcutt in a full time Narcotics Officer position. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.
4. Councilmember Butler reported that School Resource Officer Michael Smith has accepted a job with Saraland School System and will be resigning before the next school year. Chief McLean is recommending putting Eric Isbell in that position. Officer Isbell will spend time training before Officer Smith leaves. Also with Officer Willcutt becoming the Narcotics Officer, Officer Alex Jones will become Rambo's handler.
5. Councilmember Butler reported that there were several car break-ins on Timberland Road and two suspects were arrested. Officer Walley was instrumental in tracking down the suspects. Councilmember Butler reminded everyone to lock their vehicles.
6. Councilmember Butler commended Tom Briand for working with Alabama Power to get power to the buildings at the shooting range at no cost to the city.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Dial reported that the city is responsible for contracting with a debris removal contractor in the likelihood of a disaster such as a hurricane. He stated that this is a FEMA requirement in order for the city to get reimbursed for debris removal. For several years, the city has renewed its contract with IDS; however it is time that the city rebid this service. He then made a motion to let out the bid for disaster debris removal with bids due in by May 19th. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Dial reported that there was a tire issue with the garbage truck which caused loss of the tire and damage to the hub. He stated that Pitts and Sons were contracted to haul the truck back to the city. After inspection and investigating the

matter, Mr. Elmore discovered that the tire issue was due to an error with the tire company that serviced the truck. The company has agreed to pay for the damages and cost of transporting the truck. Mr. Elmore has now devised a method of marking the lug nuts so that the drivers can inspect by sight to assure that the lug nuts are replaced correctly.

Councilmember Dial discussed the matter of residents putting leaves on top of storm drains. He advised that this will clog up the drains and affect the city's storm water drainage.

Administration:

Councilmember Williams reported that he, Tom Briand and Vicki Miller reviewed the values of city property as required by the insurance company. He stated that the city has an aggregate policy of over six (6) million. He stated that during the review, it was noted that the concession stand at Wright Park did not have any content coverage and there are some items that belong to the associations stored on city property which are not covered. After speaking with the insurance representative, coverage, equal to the Lions Park, was placed on the contents. However, the items that belong to the associations are not covered since they do not belong to the city. Councilmember Williams suggested that the city send a letter informing the associations that any property belonging to them, needs to be insured by the associations.

Councilmember Williams reported that he and Tom Briand will be meeting with Commissioner Ludgood on April 9th at 1:30 P.M. to discuss a North Mobile County Canoe/Kayak trail.

Councilmember Williams reminded everyone of the public hearing on the vacating of the right of way between Clark Circle and Vaughan Drive East. Councilmember Williams stated that the right of way is completed surrounding by private property and the city has no use for it.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that the rain has been causing some pot holes and the public works department is working to fix.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Payment of the bills.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$130,094.00. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Reappointment of Roma Little to the Library Board.

- Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to approve the reappointment.
Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.
- 3. Acceptance of resignation from Codey Faircloth, fire fighter.**
Councilmember Butler made a motion to accept the resignation in good standing.
Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.
- 4. Request to hire Erik Booker off the fire fighter certification list.**
Councilmember Butler made a motion to hire Erik Booker as fire fighter.
Councilmember Butler explained that Mr. Booker is already a paramedic with Mobile County and he will only need fire fighter training. Chief Miller has contacted the City of Mobile and Mr. Booker can do his training at a cost of \$500.00. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.
- 5. Request form Call News to purchase ad in the Special Graduation Issue.**
Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to purchase ½ page ad for \$459.00.
Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.
- 6. Request from the Satsuma Women’s Club to begin a fund raising project to build a chapel at Steele Creek Lodge.**
Councilmember Hamblin stated that a representative of the ladies group came to the last meeting to express the group’s interest in raising funds to build a chapel to be located at Steele Creek Lodge. He stated that the council discussed but did not authorize the fundraising. He then made a motion to approve the fundraising for a chapel. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.
- 7. Approval of the promotion of Randy Stewart to Public Service Worker II and Clay Squires to Public Service Worker I.**
Councilmember Black made a motion to approve the promotion to Randy Stewart to Public Service Worker II and Clay Squires to Public Service Worker I. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2015-04-01- A Resolution to surplus property.

Councilmember Black made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-04-01. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

CITY OF SATSUMA RESOLUTION 2015-04-01

WHEREAS, the City of Satsuma, Alabama has a certain item of personal property which is surplus and no longer needed for public or municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-43-56 of the Alabama Code of 1975 authorizes the municipal governing body to dispose of unneeded personal property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SATSUMA, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the following personal property owned by the City of Satsuma, Alabama is surplus and it not needed for public or municipal purposes:

- 1993 Nissan Pickup # IN6SD11S9P441408
- 1994 Chevrolet Truck # 2GTEC19K5R1539237
- 1999 Chevrolet C/K3500 Army Surplus # 1GCHK34F6XF077654 (Pending Approval from DRMO)
- 1999 Chevrolet C/K 3500 Army Surplus #1GCHK34F4XF076874(Pending Approval from DRMO)
- Surplus Procraft Bass Boat with trailer (no motor) (Pending Approval from DRMO) #W9193H13259006
- Surplus Club Cart FE282321150030 (Pending Approval from DRMO)#FE282321150030
- Bobcat Track Hoe Vin#51291147
- Brister Chuckwagon Model CW413 #BDMUTYH3L7A05041A(Pending Approval from DRMO)
- Mariner Outboard Motor #FB481912710001 (Pending Approval from DRMO)
- Miscellaneous equipment
- Miscellaneous exercise equipment
- Metal Safe
- Set of Tires
- Metal roofing sections

SECTION 2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to dispose of the equipment owned by the City of Satsuma, Alabama described in Section 1 by auctioning off to the highest bidder.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on April 7, 2015.

/s/ Paul Murray
Mayor Paul J. Murray

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk

2. Resolution 2015-04-02- A Resolution to issue a purchase order for a new Ford 550 diesel truck with a dump body

Councilmember Black made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-04-02. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

CITY OF SATSUMA

RESOLUTION NO: 2015-04-02

A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2016 FORD 550 DIESEL CREW CAB WITH DUMP BODY

Section 1. WHEREAS, the City has a need for a new dump truck for the public works department for asphalt work on city roads; and

Section 2. WHEREAS, the City has agreed to enter to purchase the vehicle off the Alabama State Bid list from Ben Atkinson Motors (State Contract # 4012910); and

Section 3. WHEREAS, a proposal for the diesel truck including a dump body is \$52,318.00

Section 4. WHEREAS, the council has reviewed and discussed the proposal and recommends issuing a purchase order to Ben Atkinson Motors for \$52,318.00; and

Section 5. WHEREAS, the City has agreed to this purchase with the understanding that once delivered the truck will be financed for a period of five (5) years at an interest rate to be determined at the time of delivery with funds from the four (4) cent fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City agrees to issue a purchase order to Ben Atkinson Motors in the amount of \$52,318.00.
2. The City acknowledges that the financing terms will be determined at a later date but before the date of delivery of the new truck.
3. This Resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 7th day of April, 2015.

/s/ Paul Murray

Paul J. Murray, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Vicki Miller

Vicki Miller, City Clerk

3. Resolution 2015-04-03- A Resolution providing for the use of public property to a private entity that will provide a public service

Councilmember Butler explained that the city is working with a veterinarian that will set up on city property to provide a needed service to the citizens. Councilmember Butler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-04-03. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

Resolution 2015-04-03

A Resolution providing for the use of Public Property to a Private Entity that will provide a Public Service

WHEREAS, the City Council has a duty to manage the needs of the citizens of Satsuma; and

WHEREAS, usage of public property must serve a municipal purpose as determined by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City has a responsibility to control the animals population in the city to insure that their presence does not interfere with the rights of citizens,

