

PAUL MURRAY
MAYOR

VICKI MILLER
CITY CLERK

CHRIS MCLEAN
CHIEF OF POLICE

CLYDE MILLER
FIRE CHIEF



COUNCIL MEMBERS

WILLIAM HAMBLIN, PLACE 1

MIKE BUTLER, PLACE 2

MATT DIAL, PLACE 3

THOMAS WILLIAMS, PLACE 4

BILL BLACK, PLACE 5

MINUTES OF August 18, 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 18th day of August, 2015. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray and Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black

Jeremy McMath, Civil Southeast Engineering, updated Mayor and Council on two project:

1) ATRP Project–resurfacing of Baker Road from current end of pavement to I-65 West Service Road and the construction of a replacement bridge over Hartley Branch. Mr. McMath stated that the bids will be let on August 28th and council will be adopting a resolution tonight to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for the work.

2) TAP- Sidewalk Improvements along US 43, West Bayou and 7th Street. Mr. McMath stated that the plans are 70% complete and he will be submitting the plan in about three (3) weeks.

Mayor Murray discussed the agenda items.

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 18th day of August, 2015.

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Councilmember Butler gave the invocation which was followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present: Mayor Paul 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, City Inspector, Police Chief Chris McLean and Fire Chief Clyde Miller

A quorum was present and Mayor Murray opened the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Murray presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on August 4, 2015 for approval. Councilmember Williams made the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognition:

Councilmember Butler began by commenting on all that the police and fire departments do for the city and then presented Chief Chris McLean and Chief Clyde Miller with a Resolution of Commendation for their services to the city. Councilmember Butler stated that the city has been named the 13th safest city in Alabama by Safewise and the 6th safest suburb by NICHE and the city has received an ISO rating of 4/4x both of which have never been accomplished in the city. He commended both for their leadership. Councilmember Butler also thanked the police officers, volunteers and career fire fighters for all their help in achieving these milestones. He thanked the ladies of the Satsuma Women's Club for providing the refreshments.

Mayor Murray called for a recess at 7:20

Council reconvened at 7:40 to the regular meeting

Visitors-

1. Jason Few came before Council representing the Pharaoh's Mystic Society to request approval to host a fishing tournament at Steele Creek Lodge and Park on September 26th. He stated that there will be approximately 20 to 30 boats and the event is a family event open to all ages. He stated that they will not be using any of the buildings and at the end of the event will be serving cokes and hot dogs. Council approved.

MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL'S REPORT:

Mayor:

1. Mayor Murray announced that the RR crossing arms have been placed on Baldwin Road.
2. Mayor Murray acknowledged that the city received a "Thank You" card from the Barnes family,

3. Mayor Murray reported that the Delta Map which was posted at Steele Creek Lodge was stolen. He requested that Tom Briand review the security footage and see if he can identify the person(s) who took the map.

Parks: No items to discuss or report

Public Safety:

1. Councilmember Butler reported that Bert Taylor's grandmother passed away. He stated that Bert is a volunteer firefighter and asked for prayers for another volunteer fire fighter, Kenny Keasler, who is in the hospital.

Municipal Services: No items to report

Administration:

Councilmember Williams reminded everyone that Congressman Bradly Byrne will be in Chickasaw on Wednesday at 2:30 P.M. for a Town Hall Meeting. He also stated that Anthony Fox, Secretary of Transportation, will be at the Mobile Chamber on Thursday at 9:00 A.M. to discuss the proposed new bridge crossing Mobile Bay to Baldwin County.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that Public Works is working on trimming all the low lying limbs in the right of ways.

Councilmember Black read a thank you letter from Diane Napper thanking the Public Workers for their work.

Councilmember Black stated that himself, James Elmore and Councilmember Dial have been working on the new budget.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Payment of the bills.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$70,494.57 as presented. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Notice of Claim- Michael House/Nikki Wells/- 5201 Old Highway 43- fallen tree damage.

Councilmember Black reported that the claim is due to a tree that fell on the power lines which pulled the power box from their home. He stated that council has reviewed the matter and is in agreement to pay \$400.00. He then made a motion to pay \$400 to Michael House for damages. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Request from Vicki Miller to attend the Municipal Clerks Conference- November 18-20 in Perdido Beach.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve the request.
Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Renewal of the Pitney Bowes Agreement for the postage machine-\$42.00/month.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to renew the agreement for \$42.00 per month for a period of five (5) years. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Resignation from Erik Booker, fire fighter effective August 29, 2015.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to accept the resignation in good standing. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Discussion on proposed agreement with the Satsuma Women’s Club regarding the construction of the Union Chapel.

Councilmember Williams reported that council has agreed to discuss the agreement in the upcoming work session scheduled for August 25th. Councilmember Dial asked if there was a problem giving the organization a copy of the agreement so that they can review. Jay Minus stated not unless the council is going to make any major changes. Council agreed to give a copy to the Women’s Club for review.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2015-08-01-A Resolution to enter into an agreement with State of Alabama acting through Alabama Department of Transportation to resurface Baker Road west of I-65 and construction of a replacement bridge over Hartley Branch.

Councilmember Black made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-08-01.
Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Adjournment

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

/s/ Paul Murray
Mayor Murray

/s/ William Hamblin
Councilmember Hamblin

Councilmember Butler

/s/ Matt Dial
Councilmember Dial

/s/ Tom Williams
Councilmember Williams

/s/ Bill Black
Councilmember Black

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk