

**MINUTES
OF
AUGUST 19, 2014**

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 19th day of August, 2014. Those present were: Mayor Murray and Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

At 6:00 Council went into executive session to discuss the good name and character of any employee. Council reconvened into the pre-council meeting at 6:10.

Mayor Murray discussed the agenda items.

Public Hearing

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in a Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. to hear public comments on the city applying for an Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for a splash pad. Mayor Murray turned the floor over to Councilmember Dial. Councilmember Dial explained that the city has an opportunity to apply for a grant through ADECA to construct a splash pad. He stated that the grant is 50/50 and the city can do in-kind as part of its' 50% contribution. Councilmember Dial stated that the splash pad will be for the community and will be accessible for all children even those with physical disabilities.

Mayor Murray asked for any comments and a citizen stated that she was opposed to the splash pad because she believed there are other projects that they city should use her tax dollars.

With no other comments or questions, Mayor Murray closed the public hearing at 7:00 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 7:00 p.m. the 19th day of August, 2014.

Councilmember Dial gave the invocation and Mayor Murray led 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 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 August 5, 2014 for approval. Councilmember Dial made the 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 held on August 12, 2014 with Satsuma City School for approval. Councilmember Dial made the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried

Visitors

1. Nick Jessie- request for use of Wright Park Softball field for a benefit

Mr. Jessie came before council to request permission to use the softball field at Wright Park on September 19th for a charity benefit for his nephew. He explained that his nephew, who will be turning two year old, has a special type of cancer. He is working to raise funds so that the family can take him to Disney World. Mr. Jessie stated that he has spoken with Chad Brown, President of the Girls Softball League, and he has stated that the field is available. Councilmember Hamblin

stated that he would speak with Chad Brown to confirm that there will not be a conflict and if not, then the council does not have a problem with the request.

2. Wayne Biggs- Candidate for State House of Representative 98th District.

Mr. Biggs came before council to state that he is a candidate in the upcoming November election for State House of Representative District 98. He stated that a portion of the city lies in that district and ask for the support of the council.

MAYOR’S AND COUNCIL’S REPORT:

1. Request to cut down two trees in a 20” ROW behind Vaughn Drive South.

Mayor Murray reported that the city has received a request from Frank Green to remove two dead trees in the right of way. Mayor stated that Mr. Green is concerned that the trees will fall on his home. James Elmore has received three sealed proposals for the removal. The proposals were opened and the following bids were submitted:

Reed Tree Service	\$1639.00
Hammco Tree Service	\$1190.00
Lunn’s Outdoor Care	\$1550.00

Councilmember Dial made a motion to accept the lowest proposal from Hammco Tree Service. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

Parks

Councilmember Hamblin reported that he and Councilmember Dial met with the President of the Satsuma Boys Baseball and discussed some of the improvement needs at Lions Park and what the league was planning to handle and what projects they would like assistance from the city to complete.

Public Safety:

1. Councilmember Butler thanked Emmett Burnett from the Call News for offering to do an article on the Officer Rawmon King, who has just graduated from the Police Academy.

2. Councilmember Butler reported that at a previous meeting, Council agreed to purchase a truck for the Animal Control Officer. He stated that the chief wanted to wait until the next budget year; however the current truck is in bad shape and only gets 4 miles to the gallon. Councilmember Butler stated that the city can get a 2015 off the state bid list for \$19,300. He stated that the current vehicle will be patched until the new truck arrives.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to purchase the truck of the State Bid List. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried

3. Councilmember Butler reported that he and Councilmember Williams met with Bill Sisson, President and CEO and Troy Wayman, Vice President of Economic Development of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, to discuss the potential of businesses locating in the city. Mr. Sisson said that any property the city could get control of could be put into a database which is used by businesses to locate potential properties for development. Mr. Sisson told Councilmember Butler that the chamber will be helping businesses, that are looking to locate in the area due to Airbus.

4. Councilmember Butler reported that 911 will be activated its own 911 service. The service gives the firemen immediate contact through their phones. This will allow the department to eliminate the need for pagers and save the city approximately \$3600 a year.

5. Councilmember Butler reported that the fire department will be ordering Breast Cancer Awareness shirts to wear during the month of October. The cost will be approximately \$300 and will come out of the uniform budget.

6. Councilmember Butler reported that Chief McLean has requested to purchase six (6) vest cameras for the police officers. He stated that by wearing the cameras, every police encounter will be recorded. The cost of the camera is \$899.00 each; however the camera can be leased for \$25.00 each per month for three years. After three years, the department has an option to turn in the camera and get replacements and new software updates.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Butler made a motion to lease six (6) cameras for a three (3) year period at a cost of \$25.00 each. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Municipal Services:

1. Councilmember Dial reported that he, Palmer Gatlin and Betty McClain member of the Board of Adjustments attended a Fair Housing Session and this should complete all the training that was required by the consent order.

2. Councilmember Dial reported at the June 3 meeting and public hearing, Mr. McConaghy was given until August 1st to come in compliance with the building on Highway 43. Councilmember Dial reported that Tom Briand has inspected the building and it now meets all the requirements and the building is no longer in violation.

Administration:

1. Councilmember Williams reported that last Tuesday, August 12th, Councilmember Butler became a Certified Municipal Officer (CMO) through the Alabama League of Municipalities CMO program. Councilmember Williams also congratulated Wayne Biggs, who was still present, for also completing the training and receiving his designation.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black did not have any items to report on.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Payment of the bills.

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

2. Discussion to set budget work shop

Councilmember Williams made a motion to set a public hearing on Wednesday, August 27th at 5:30 p.m. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Recommendation from James Elmore to give Zachary Lynd a 5% merit raise.

Councilmember Black made a motion to approve a 5% merit increase for Zachary Lynd. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Discussion of hiring Cara Stallman, Grant Management, to assist with the pre-application and application for the LWCF project for a city splash pad.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the hiring of Cara Stallman to assist with the ADECA grant. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Recommendation from the Satsuma Board of Adjustment to reappoint Palmer Gatlin for a three year term beginning August 2014.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to reappoint Palmer Gatlin to the Board of Adjustment. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Recommendation for the Satsuma Board of Adjustment to reappoint James Stewart as an alternate for a three year term beginning August 2014.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to reappoint James Stewart as an alternate to the Board of Adjustment. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Resolution 2014-08-03 –A Resolution to approve the application to Alabama Department of Economic Affairs for a splash pad at Wright Park.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-08-03 contingent upon a majority approval on the petitions that are to be completed by August 29th. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTION 2014-08-03

A RESOLUTION FOR ADECA GRANT ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Satsuma proposes to construct recreational resources at Wright Park to provide for the health and well being of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Satsuma intends to make application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for grant assistance to construct a Splash Pad at Wright Park from the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and

WHEREAS, said programs are limited to funding a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the project costs estimated at One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) which will be used to construct an addition to the facilities consisting of a 2000 square feet splash pad, four (4) 10x14 pavilions, lighting and fencing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the event a grant is awarded, the City of Satsuma understands that it will sign assurances to comply with all applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 19th day of August, 2014

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**/s/ Vicki Miller
Vicki Miller, City Clerk**

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

2. Consideration of Resolution 2014-08-04- A Resolution to approve the agreement with the State of Alabama acting through Alabama Department of Transportation for the widening and resurfacing of Juniper Avenue.

Councilmember Black made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-08-04. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014-08-04

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama as follows:

- 1. That the City enters into an agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation for:

The widening and resurfacing on Juniper Avenue from US-43 (SR-13) to Aaron Drive. Length-.0.863 miles
 Project# ACAA61184-ATRP (006), ATRIP #49-05-16

- 2. That the agreement be executed in the name of the City, by its Mayor, for and on its behalf.
- 3. That the agreement be attested by the City Clerk and the seal of the City affixed thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept on file by the City Clerk.

Passed, adopted and approved this 19th day of August, 2014

**ATTESTED: /s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk**

**/s/ Paul Murray
Mayor, City of Satsuma**

I, the undersigned qualified and acting clerk of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City named therein, at a regular meeting of such Council held on the 19th day of August 2014, and that resolution is on file in the City Clerk’s office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF , I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City on this 19thday of August, 2014.

**/s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk**

Adjournment

Councilmember Dial made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

/s/ Paul Murray
Mayor Murray

absent
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**