

**MINUTES
OF
December 17, 2013**

Pre-Council

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in the Pre-Council Session at Satsuma City School Central Office in said city at 6:00 p.m. the 17th day of December, 2013. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray, Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black. Absent: Mike Butler

Mayor Murray discussed agenda items with council.

Regular Meeting

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in the regular public session at Satsuma City School Central Office in said city at 7:00 p.m. the 17th day of December, 2013.

Councilmember Dial gave the invocation and Councilmember Hamblin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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 December 3, 2013 for approval. Councilmember Black made a motion to adopt the minutes. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognitions- Key Students-Robert E. Lee School

Mayor Murray presented certificates and city pins.

Council recessed at 7:21 to allow students and parents to leave if they wanted and reconvened at 7:25.

Visitors-

Larry Landrum of 5826 Chattanooga came before the council to commend the fire department on a successful Christmas parade.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Murray reported that the Vaughan Boat Launch deed has been filed and the taxes have been paid. The property now belongs to the city.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

PUBLIC SAFETY:

With Councilmember Butler out of town, Mayor asked Chief McLean to give a report on the Elf Round Up. Chief McLean stated that this is the 2nd year for this event. He stated they locked up 27 “Elf on the Shelf” and then delivered the gifts to the Ronald McDonald House. This year Santa (Councilmember Butler) and real “Elf on the Shelf” (Officer Mims) were on site for pictures. Chief McLean stated that he has received calls from other states that are interested in doing the same type project. He thanked Mayor and Council and the citizens for the support.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

1. Consideration to call for a certification list from the Mobile County Personnel Board for Equipment Operator III and appoint Stan Owens as provisional until such time as a list is ready.

Councilmember Dial made the motion and Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Dial reported that the garbage service will run on December 24 (Christmas Eve) and December 31 (New Year's Eve). He thanked the employees who are willing to work on these city holidays so that the residents are not without service.

ADMINISTRATION:

1- Payment of the Bills

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

Councilmember Williams updated the council on the meeting held with the Williams Avenue residents and property owners which was held to give an update on the water and sewer project. The engineers have stated that the road does not lie in the right of way and those who were in attendance were informed that in order to proceed with the project the city will have to acquire the property where the current road exists; the required documentation was distributed.. He stated that a meeting will be scheduled with Nayyer Mahdi, county administrator of the grant, to get further information on how to establish the correct method of calculating the purchase price of the property needed.

Councilmember Williams informed the council that he and Vicki Miller met with Josh Beck, Greenhalgh Insurance, to update information for the upcoming insurance renewal for property, casualty and workers compensation.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilmember Black reported that he has received a budget report from James Elmore showing that the expenditures for public works are below the targeted number. He stated that he appreciated Mr. Elmore keeping a watch on the expenditures.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 2013-12-02-** A Resolution approving the application to the Mobile County Commission for the Program Year 2014 of the Community Development Block Grant to pave Williams Avenue

Councilmember Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-12-02. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

WHEREAS, the Mobile County Commission is accepting applications from municipal governments who are part of the Mobile County Consortium for Program Year 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds made available through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the City of Satsuma has identified community development needs and determined that there is a critical need to pave roads in the Williams Avenue area where low to moderate income persons reside; and

WHEREAS, preliminary cost estimates indicate that the cost to pave these roads in the Williams Avenue area is approximately \$147,862.50; and

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Satsuma authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Mobile County Commission requesting \$147,862.50 in PY 20123 CDBG Funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes approval of the City’s entry into a contract with the Mobile County Commission for \$147,862.50 to conduct the aforementioned activity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the Mayor, Paul Murray, to sign grant application documents to the Mobile County Commission. Approved and adopted on the 17th day of December 2013.

/s/ Paul Murray 12/17/13
Mayor Murray Date

/s/ Vicki Miller 12/17/13
Vicki Miller, Clerk Date

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

/S/ Paul Murray _____
Mayor Murray

/s/ William Hamblin _____
Councilmember Hamblin

absent _____
Councilmember Butler

/s/ Matt Dial _____
Councilmember Dial

/s/ Tom Williams _____
Councilmember Williams

/s/ Bill Black _____
Councilmember Black

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller _____
City Clerk