

**MINUTES
OF
December 3, 2013**

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 3rd day of December, 2013. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray, Councilmembers: Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black. Absent: William Hamblin

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 City Hall in said city at 7:00 p.m. the 3rd day of December, 2013.

Councilmember Williams gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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 November 5, 2013 for approval. Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to adopt the minutes. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognitions- None

Visitors- None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Consideration of contract with Bobby Skipper.

Councilmember Dial stated that Mr. Skipper is a consultant for economic development and the council has discussed entering into a contract with Mr. Skipper in pre-council. Jay Minus stated that he has reviewed the contract and it is legally sound however there is no measure of performance. He suggested that the council have him submit his invoices to the city bi-weekly so that they can review the progress. With no further discussion, Councilmember Dial made a motion to approve the contract with the provision to be invoiced bi-weekly. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Consideration of request from Satsuma High School Baseball for sign renewal for \$125.00

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

3. Consideration of request from Satsuma High School Lady Gators Softball for sign renewal for \$100 and purchase of ad in their program.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION:

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Councilmember Butler reminded everyone of the Christmas Parade on December 7th at 11:00 AM. He also reminded everyone that the police department will again be sponsoring the Elf Lock Up on December 14th. He stated that Santa and his elf will be present for pictures. He explained that the parents take their children's Christmas Elf to the police station for lock up. The children then come on Saturday to bail out their elf by donating toys that are

given to a needy family. He stated that last year the event was started by Deonna Commins, a jailer/dispatcher and the event was very successful.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

Councilmember Dial reported that the new wheelchair accessible van for Senior Services was picked up by Tom Briand and Melvin Robinson and once the drivers are trained it will be placed in service.

Councilmember Dial reported that he has received a request from James Elmore to put a porch on the building that is used at the trash ramp. He stated the current steps are a safety hazard and the porch will allow those working to stay out of the direct sun and still be able to see those coming in to dump. He stated that the project should only cost between \$1200-\$1500 for materials. The employees will do the labor. Councilmember Dial reported that the sale of the scrap metal which is unbudgeted revenue source will offset the cost.

Councilmember Dial read a card from Shirley and Jack Presnall thanking Edith Butler for her work on the Veterans Day event.

Councilmember Dial made a motion to hold a financial workshop session on January 8, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

ADMINISTRATION:

1- Payment of the Bills

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

Councilmember Williams reported that the city hosted the Mobile County Municipal Dinner on Thursday, November 21, 2013 and over 130 representatives from other jurisdictions came and all were impressed with the improvements at Steele Creek. He commended Edith Butler for getting the door prizes.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Acceptance of Woodland Avenue Pay-As-You-Go road paving project.

Councilmember Black reported that the project is completed and has been inspected by James Elmore and Tom Briand. He then made a motion to accept the road for maintenance. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black reported made a motion to approve a 5% merit increase for James Elmore. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 2013-12-01**- A Resolution agreeing to accept the property known as Vaughan's Palisades Boat Launch from Vaughan's Palisades Landowners' Association.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-12-01. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTION NO: 2013-12-01

A RESOLUTION AGREEING TO ACCEPT THE PROPERTY FROM VAUGHAN'S PALISADES LANDOWNER'S ASSOCIATIONS, INC.

WHEREAS, the City of Satsuma has agreed to accept the property located in the City of Satsuma from Vaughan's Palisades Landowners' Associations, Inc. as presented in the Statutory Warranty Deed dated December 3, 2013 more particularly described as follows:

Lot 28 of VAUGHAN'S PALISADES, as per map or plat thereof recorded in Map Book 23, Page 35, of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate Court of Mobile County, Alabama, also described as: Key No. 00134660: BEG AT NW COR LOT 28 VAUGHANS PALISADES MBK 23 P 35 E 601.20 FT(D) 530 FT(S) TO W/S GUNNISON CREEK S ALG W/S CREEK 320 FT(S) W 347 FT(S) TO NE LINE LOT 29 N ALG NE LINE 240 FT(S) TO CUL DE SAC VAUGHAN DR N NLY AROUND CEL DE SAC 119.46 FT TO W/L LOT 28 N ALG W/L 148.61 FT TO POB BEING PT LOT 28 VAUGHANS PALISADES SUB, TOGETHER WITH, Key No. 00135099: PART LOT 28 GRANT SEC 39 2S 1W DESC AS FOLLOWS BEG AT NE COR LOT 29 VAUGHANS PALISADES MBK 23 P 35 & W/S COVE OF GUNNISON CREEK NWLY ALG N/L LOT 29 OF SUB 88 FT (S) E 347 FT(S) TO W/S GUNNISON CREEK S/LY ALG CREEK 750 FT(S) TO ENTRANCE TO COVE NWLY ALG E & N/S OF COVE 759 FT(S) TO POB.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

Prior reservations or conveyances of oil, gas and other minerals in, on and under the property, together with all rights in connection therewith, it being the intent of Grantor to convey to Grantee any interests not previously conveyed or reserved by predecessors in title.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Satsuma, Alabama, has determined a need for the above-described property and deemed it advisable to accept the deed

executed by Donald a. Myers, President of Vaughan's Palisades Landowner's Association, Inc.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council for the City of Satsuma, Alabama agrees to accept the said property and payment of the taxes in the amount of \$1194.60. The Clerk is hereby authorized to record said deed and pay said taxes.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 3rd DAY OF December 2013.

/s/ Paul Murray
Paul Murray, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk

Mayor Murray reminded everyone of the annual tree lighting ceremony on December 10th at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Murray

Councilmember Hamblin

Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Dial

Councilmember Williams

Councilmember Black

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk