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WILLIAM HAMBLIN, PLACE 1

MIKE BUTLER, PLACE 2

MATT DIAL, PLACE 3

THOMAS WILLIAMS, PLACE 4

BILL BLACK, PLACE 5

## MINUTES OF December 1, 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 1st day of December, 2015. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray and Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

Matthew Brown, the city's representative with the State Board of Education, came before council to introduce himself. He stated that he was recently appointed by Governor Bentley as our district representative and was honored to serve. He stated that if the city has any local school issues, they can contact him.

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 1st day of December, 2015.

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

On roll call the following were present: Mayor Paul Murray; Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams, and Bill Black.

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Also present were Jay Minus, City Attorney, Vicki Miller, City Clerk; James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor; Tom Briand, City 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 November 17, 2015. Councilmember Dial made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

### **Special Recognition: NONE**

### **Visitors-**

1. Chris Thompson- 299 Hannah Chase Way.

Mr. Thompson came before Council to express his concerns over the recent vehicle break-ins and even a stolen vehicle in his neighborhood. He stated that this type of crime is not good for the city and wanted to know if something is being done. Chief McLean addressed the matter by stating that he and his department do not take this matter lightly; the department is working with other area departments and they do have some suspects. Chief McLean stated that additional patrol has been put on the night shift during the holidays for residents and businesses. Chief McLean also stated that citizens have to be vigilant; they need to make sure that they remove valuables from their vehicles and lock the doors.

### **MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL'S REPORT:**

**Mayor Murray** announced that the city received a letter from Governor Bentley announcing that the city was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Alabama Land and Water Conservation Fund for a splash pad. Mayor Murray stated the splash pad is a \$100,000 project and the city will be responsible for the other \$50,000. If possible, the city will be using in-kind services for the city's match.

**Parks- .Councilmember Hamblin** commended James Elmore and the Public Works Department for the work that has been done in Wright Park.

Councilmember Hamblin reported that James Elmore has received a quote from American Tennis Court to do some repair work on the tennis court. The quote is for \$8,400 and will include repairing the cracks, resurfacing and restriping. With no further discussion, Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to approve the quote from American Tennis Courts in the amount of \$8,400.00. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

**Public Safety- Councilmember Butler** reminded everyone of the Breakfast with Santa on December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at the Satsuma Community Center. There is \$10.00 fee with all proceeds going to Penelope House.

Councilmember Butler stated that the council discussed in pre-council about scheduling a work session to meet with EDT Engineers for an update on the public safety building. He then made a motion to have a work session on December 16, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Butler reported that Chief Miller applied for and received a grant from Gulf South Pipeline in the amount of \$750.00 which will be used by the fire department to purchase equipment.

Councilmember Butler reminded everyone of the Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the route has been changed and the parade will end at Magnolia Avenue.

Councilmember Butler read a Thank You card from the James Cunningham family thanking the police department for the police escort of the funeral procession.

**Municipal Services- Councilmember Dial** reported that due to the Thanksgiving Holidays, the garbage did not run on Thursday or Friday and the trash ramp was closed to give the employees some time off for the holidays. He stated that the same will occur for Christmas and New Year's. Councilmember Dial stated that he would like for notification to be placed on the phone tree so that the citizens will be reminded of the garbage schedule.

Councilmember Dial reported that the Water Board voted to have an increment increase of 2.5% over the next four (4) years. He explained that the increase only applies to the water and sewer rates; not garbage or the \$1 month donation. Councilmember Dial stated that the water board has long term bond debt and the bonds are governed by a rate covenant. So to ensure compliance and keep from being forced to raise rates, the board voted to do an increment increase.

**Administration-Councilmember Williams** reported that Vicki Miller and Tom Briand will be working a booth at the Christmas Arts and Crafts in Baldwin Square that will be dealing with stormwater. He asked Ms. Miller to explain. Ms. Miller stated that as part of the city's ADEM Stormwater permit the city is required to have educational and public involvement in the storm water process. She stated that the booth will help to meet that requirement. Ms. Miller also stated that representatives from the National Estuary Program and the Alabama Cooperative Program have helped with some displays and handouts.

Councilmember Williams reported that Tom Briand attended the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) meeting held by the county. He stated that this is the grant that was used to provide water and sewer for the residents on Williams Avenue and

has been approved to pave Williams Avenue. Councilmember Williams asked Mr. Briand to give an update on the meeting. Mr. Briand stated that the meeting was to let the cities know of the upcoming grant. He stated that the grant can be used for low to moderate income areas, to make sidewalks ADA compliant and possibly for the senior program. He stated that he will be getting with Cara Stallman to prepare a grant to provide funding for the senior program which will reimburse salaries, vehicle maintenance and gas used for senior transportation and also apply for funds to get all of our sidewalks in compliance with ADA standards.

Councilmember Williams stated that the Lions Club will also have a tent at the Arts and Crafts and will be checking vision.

Councilmember Williams reminded everyone of the Annual Tree Lighting ceremony on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P. M.

**Public Works- Councilmember Black** reported that the work on the temporary bridge on Baker Road is just about completed.

Councilmember Black reported that he attended the public hearing for the upcoming Pay-As-You Go Paving project for Thomas Road. He stated that there was no opposition to the proposal presented by the engineers.

Councilmember Black thanked First Baptist Satsuma for the Thanksgiving meal that was served to the city employees.

### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**1. Payment of the bills.**

Councilmember Williams made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$38,737.92 as presented. He stated that of that amount \$12,600 is for the Amfund Bond payment. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

**2. Consideration of quote from Taylor Power Systems to repair generator at City Hall for \$2,512.30.**

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve the repairs to the generator per the quote from Taylor Power Systems. Councilmember Williams noted that there is \$5,500 budget line item for building repairs under Mayor and Council expenses. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

**3. Request to give Alex Jones a 5% salary increase for becoming a Certified Canine Officer.**

Councilmember Butler reported Officer Jones has been in training in New Orleans and has received his certification. He also stated that Rambo, the drug canine, was able to locate drugs in a room full of plants in 15 seconds; dogs are given three (3) minutes to make the find. He stated that they city is fortunate to

have a dog like Rambo. He then made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

**4. Consideration of amended contract with Satsuma City School System for School Resource Officer.**

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the amended contract between the City of Satsuma and Satsuma City School System for the School Resource Officer. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

**5. Approval for employee safety award gift cards (\$100 for full time/\$50.00 for part time).**

Councilmember Williams noted that the safety awards gift cards have been traditionally giving for the employees because of good safety records. He then made a motion to approve giving out the gift cards as stated above. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Consideration of Ordinance 417-2- An ordinance to amend Business License Ordinance 417.**

Councilmember Butler made a motion to adopt Ordinance 417-2. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-417-2**

**An ordinance to Amend Ordinance 417 by creating a new Schedule "W" for Contractors – specialty trade – wrecking and demolition.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Ordinance 417 of the City of Satsuma  
(Business License Code)  
is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:**

**ORDINANCE 417-2**

**BUSINESS LICENSE CODE OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA , ALABAMA**

**FOR THE YEAR 2008 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR**

**SCHEDULE OF LICENSES AND FEES**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF SATSUMA, ALABAMA, as follows:**

SECTION 1. Levy of tax. Page 02  
 SECTION 2. Definition of terms. Page 02  
 SECTION 3. License term; minimum license. Page 06  
 SECTION 4. License shall be location specific. Page 07  
 SECTION 5. License transfer restrictions. Page 08  
 SECTION 6. Unlawful to do business without a license. Page 09  
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 SECTION 8. Duty to file report. Page 09  
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 SECTION 11. Privacy of information. Page 12  
 SECTION 12. Failure to file assessment. Page 13  
 SECTION 13. Lien for non-payment of license tax. Page 14  
 SECTION 14. Criminal penalties. Page 14  
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 SECTION 18. Procedure for denial of new applications. Page 16  
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 SECTION 20. Refunds on overpayments. Page 17  
 SECTION 21. Delivery License. Page 19  
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**EXCERPTS OF THE CHANGE**

Schedule "W" - Contractors – Wrecking and Demolition

If gross receipts are:

More Than	but	Less than		
0	99,999	100		
100,000	199,999	170	+1.33 per M in excess of	100,000
200,000	299,999	303	+1.17 per M in excess of	200,000
300,000	399,999	420	+1.11 per M in excess of	300,000
400,000	499,999	531	+1.08 per M in excess of	400,000
500,000	599,999	639	+1.05 per M in excess of	500,000
600,000	699,999	744	+1.03 per M in excess of	600,000
700,000	799,999	847	+1.00 per M in excess of	700,000
800,000	899,999	947	+ .97 per M in excess of	800,000
900,000		1044		

If the gross receipts exceed the net required, then the actual amount does not have to be reported. The contractor(s) subject to this title may elect to pay the maximum license fee and receive exemption from the gross receipts reporting requirement.

**THIS ORDINANCE CAN BE VIEWED IN ITS ENTIRETY AT CITY HALL.**

**Adjournment**

Councilmember Dial made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

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Mayor Murray

/s/ William Hamblin  
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