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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 January 19, 2016

Pre-Council

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in the Pre-Council Session at City Hall in said city at 6:05 p.m. the 19th day of January, 2016. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray; Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

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 19th day of January 2016.

Police Chief Chris McLean gave a brief power point presentation on the stats for the Police Department for 2015.

Councilmember Butler spoke to the audience and reported that he met with Commissioner Merceria Ludgood regarding building a new public safety building and she has agreed to commit \$250,000 towards the construction cost should the city be able to get the remainder of the cost. Councilmember Butler reported that EDT presented the council with a layout and cost estimate in a work session held prior to the last meeting. He stated that the estimated cost is 2.1 million for a 14,000 sq. ft. complex to house the police and fire departments. He reported that EDT is working to get the city some information on a USDA loan with the interest rate of approximately 2.2%. With the down payment from the county, the city would have to finance 1.85 million and the notes

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for 30 years would be approximately \$7,024.00. He reported that the city will be paying off a loan on two police cars that has monthly payments of \$1300 in February and another loan will be paid off next year. He stated that with these additional funds the payment would drop to approximately \$4,724.00. Then he stated that if the citizens would increase the amount of contributions to the \$1 month fund to \$3.00/\$5.00 a month that they pay on the water bill then this could drop the payment another \$1600.00 which could decrease the payment to a little over \$3000.00 a month. He stated that the city could handle this payment. Councilmember Butler reported that in a recent report done by HomeSnacks.com Satsuma was listed as the third safest city in Alabama. This report uses FBI statistics to compile its data. He stated that they looked at cities with a population of 5000 and over.

Special Recognition:

1. KEY STUDENTS FROM ROBERT E. LEE SCHOOL

Mayor Murray presented each student with a pin and certificate. Each student was congratulated by the council.

Council recessed at 7:35

Council reconvened at 7:45

Invocation

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

Roll Call

On roll call 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, Fire Chief Clyde Miller and Police Chief Chris McLean.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Murray presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 5, 2016.

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Visitors-

1. Vince Honeycutt-questions regarding Right of Way off Juniper Avenue

Mr. Honeycutt and Kevin Kidd came before Council to ask if the Council would consider vacating the right of way that runs parallel with Juniper Avenue on the north side. Mr. Honeycutt stated that he was interested in purchasing the property but only if the right of way can be vacated. Mayor Murray stated that the matter was discussed in pre-council and he asked Jay Minus to address the matter. Mr. Minus stated that he understands this is an unused right of way and that there is a possibility the city would consider vacating if all the property owners petitioned the city. He also stated that the petitioners would have to bear the costs of approximately \$600 to \$1000 for the whole process. He advised Mr. Honeycutt and Mr. Kidd that if they wanted to pursue the matter, they would need to come to City Hall and get the necessary paperwork to start the process.

REPORTS

Mayor:

1. Discussion of letter received from Dr. Walters, Superintendent of Satsuma City Schools, regarding the resignation of Joel Tate from the Satsuma School Board.

Mayor Murray reported that the matter was discussed in pre-council and at the recommendation of the superintendent; the city will hold a workshop for potential candidates to come and learn about the position as a school board member. The workshop will be led by Dr. Walters and school board members. He stated the appointment to fill the vacated position will be short term since the member will complete Mr. Tate's term which will expire in June of 2017. After that time, the member can get reappointed for a five (5) year term.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Williams made a motion to hold a workshop on February 2, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.,

2. Mayor Murray reported that Steven Williams has accepted the offer to fill the position of director of the water board. He stated that Mr. Williams will be coming by to review the operations tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

Parks- Councilmember Hamblin commended James Elmore and the public works crew for the continued work at Wright Park.

Public Safety- Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve purchasing a new taser for the police department. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Butler reported that Marquis Parsons was hired as a new police officer.

Councilmember Butler reiterated that Satsuma was named as the 3rd safest city in Alabama by the HomeSnacks.com, a website that gathers FBI information on violent crimes, property crimes and total crimes per capita. He reported again that the city is

working with Mobile County Commissioner Ludgood to assist with funding for construction of a new public safety complex.

Municipal Services- Councilmember Dial stated that he did not have any matters to discuss.

Administration-Councilmember Williams stated that at the last meeting the SCDO presented a check to the city to purchase more Christmas lights. He stated he would like council to consider purchasing them now while they are most likely on sale. Mr. Elmore was asked to get the cost of putting electrical service on some more of the power poles.

Public Works- Councilmember Black stated that he did not have any matters to discuss.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Payment of the bills.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$94,863.85. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Request from Satsuma High School Baseball to renew the advertising sign for \$250.00.

Councilmember Dial noted that the request stated that \$250.00 was for a new sign. He then made a motion to purchase a sign for \$250.00. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Introduction of Ordinance 515- An ordinance confirming and ratifying the levy of the seven and one-half (7.5) mil ad valorem tax for the Satsuma city School System.

Councilmember Dial noted that this is not a new tax. It is just ratifying the tax that was voted on in 2011 to support the city school system. He stated that this ordinance will confirm that the tax will remain until 2034. With no comments or questions, Councilmember Dial made a motion to introduce Ordinance 515. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Resolution 2016-01-01- A Resolution authorizing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant application to Mobile County Commission requesting 50% of funds to provide transportation through the Senior Service Program to low to moderate income persons.

Councilmember Dial stated that if the grant is approved, it will reimburse the city for the expenses relating to the transportation to elderly and disabled. He then made a motion to

suspend the rules and regulations and put Resolution 2016-01-01 up for immediate adoption. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and on roll call the following answered:

Councilmember Hamblin	yes
Councilmember Butler	yes
Councilmember Dial	yes
Councilmember Williams	yes
Councilmember Black	yes
Mayor Murray	yes

Councilmember Dial made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-01-01. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

Adjournment

Councilmember Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

/s/ Paul Murray
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