

PAUL MURRAY
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COUNCIL MEMBERS

WILLIAM HAMBLIN, PLACE 1

MIKE BUTLER, PLACE 2

MATT DIAL, PLACE 3

THOMAS WILLIAMS, PLACE 4

BILL BLACK, PLACE 5

MINUTES OF January 5, 2016

Work Session

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in Work Session at City Hall in said city at 4:30 p.m. the 5th day of January, 2016. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray; Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Matt Dial, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

Jennifer Thorington-Hines and Lawrence Wilson, representatives from Engineering, Design Technologies, presented to Council a layout of the proposed public safety building and discussed the design. Georr Koski, a representative from Bleakly Advisory Group, gave a power point presentation on how the group could help the city with economic development.

The Work Session ended at 5:30 P.M.

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 5th 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 5th day of January 2016.

Councilmember Dial 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.

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 December 15, 2015. Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognition:

Mayor Murray read a proclamation declaring January as “School Board National Recognition Month” and presented the proclamation to Satsuma City School Board members; Linda Robbins, Jimmy Upton and James Woosley and Dr. Joe Walters, Superintendent of Satsuma City Schools.

Visitors-

1. Wes Burton- President Baseball booster club, requesting permission to have a draw down at Steele Creek Lodge

Mr. Burton came before Council to request permission to have a draw down fund raiser at Steel Creek Lodge. He stated that the proceeds would benefit not only the school’s baseball team but also football and softball team sports. He stated that alcohol will be served but that they it will not be sold to the attendees. Mr. Burton noted that no children would be attending the event. The event will be on a Saturday in May. With no further discussions, Councilmember Dial made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Brent Rawson- discussion of having an adventure race (combining kayaking and a 5K run).

Mr. Rawson, student pastor at First Baptist Church of Satsuma, came before the Council representing the student ministry. Mr. Rawson presented a fund raising idea to the council to have a biathlon event with a combination 4k kayak race that leads into a 5K run. He stated that the fund raising event would not only help the student mission ministry, but the city would benefit since the event should draw visitors to the city. Mr. Rawson stated the he would like to have the event in April at Steele Creek Lodge. He stated that he would not need the lodge just the grounds and the event should be over by noon. Council gave approval for Mr. Rawson to proceed with the event and to let city hall know of the specific date.

3. Linda Tindle- request to speak on behalf of the Satsuma Community Development Organization (SCDO)

Ms. Tindle came before council and stated that she had several items to discuss.

1. She thanked the council for the Christmas lights and presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 from the SCDO to purchase more lights to be placed on Highway 43.
2. She asked if the city could run electricity at the north end of the city so that the trees planted along Highway 43 could be decorated for Christmas
3. She stated that the SCDO donated \$3500.00 to Satsuma Library for new wood floors.
4. She stated that recently the city did some repairs on the gazebo and the SCDO was presented with a bill for \$1040.19. She stated that this building belongs to the city and the city should pay for the repairs. Councilmember Williams made a motion to pay the bill. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.
5. She stated that the SCDO has appropriated \$5000.00 to purchase a fountain to go in front of city hall. Ms. Tindle stated that the only thing the SCDO wanted was a plaque stating that the fountain was donated by the SCDO,

MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL'S REPORT:

Mayor:

1. Discussion of guidelines for operations in Lions Park and Wright Park for the youth associations.

Mayor Murray stated the matter was discussed in pre-council and Councilmember Hamblin and Councilmember Dial will be working on getting some guidelines as to what is expected from the youth associations.

2. Discussion of cleaning and maintenance of the lodge.

Mayor Murray stated that he has received some calls regarding the lodge not being clean when the renters arrived for their event. He stated that someone needs to check after each event to make sure the lodge is clean and no repairs needed.

Parks- Councilmember Hamblin commended James Elmore and the public works crew for the work that has been completed at Wright Park especially the renovations done to the press box.

Public Safety- Councilmember Butler reported that in order for the police department to get access to the new cameras at the lodge they will need to purchase a new computer and monitor. He stated that Chief McLean has gotten a quote for a new computer and monitor for a cost of \$1,195.72. He then made a motion to approve the purchase. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Butler reported that council met with a design team in a work session prior to the meeting and was given a presentation on the design of a new public safety building. He reported that the proposed building is 14,000 square feet and the construction cost is approximately 2.1 million. Councilmember Butler stated that he will be taking this plan to Mobile County Commissioner Merceria Ludgood to see if she has any discretionary funds to help with this project.

Councilmember Butler gave an update on the recent arrest of an alleged drug dealer who was distributing drugs in the city. He stated that \$1500 in cocaine and a 2010 Dodge Charger were confiscated. The city will have to wait for the matter to go through the legal system before the city will receive any funds from the confiscation.

Municipal Services- Councilmember Dial commended the sanitation workers for a job well done during the holidays.

Administration-Councilmember Williams reported that he has been invited to be a member of the Alabama League of Municipalities Executive Committee and will be attending the meeting on January 21st.

Councilmember Williams reported that he read an article in the Call News from Dr. Bernard Eichold which pointed out the hazards of operating four wheelers and golf carts on public streets. Mr. Williams stated that the operation of these vehicles on public streets is illegal and they are not covered by insurance.

Public Works- Councilmember Black reminded everyone that the rain has caused the ditches to be full of water and the public workers are unable to weed eat or clean out.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Payment of the bills.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of #31,395.44. Councilmember Hamblin seconded he motion and it carried.

2. Acceptance of resignation from Firefighter Glynn Hurst and approval to use vacation time from January 2 through January 29, 2016.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the resignation in good standing and approve the usage of vacation during the specified time. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Acceptance of resignation from Brian Woods, Supernumerary Firefighter effective 1/5/16.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to accept the resignation in good standing. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried

4. Request to call for a firefighter list from the Personnel Board

Councilmember Butler made a motion to call for a list for firefighter to replace Glynn Hurst. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Request from Call News to purchase ad for the Special Spotlight Edition to be issued in March 2016.

Councilmember Williams made the motion to purchase a ¼ page ad and feature Steele Creek Lodge. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.,

6. Request for Vicki Miller, City Clerk, to attend the Municipal Clerk's Conference from February 9-12 in Tuscaloosa.

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

7. Request from Satsuma High School Softball program to purchase a renewal ad for \$125.00.

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to approve the purchasing of a renewal ad for \$125.00. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

8. Request from Councilmember Williams to be reimbursed for mileage to attend the Alabama League of Municipalities Executive Committee Meeting on January 21, 2016.

Councilmember Dial made a motion to approve the reimbursement for mileage for this trip. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

Adjournment

Councilmember Dial made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 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