

**MINUTES
OF
July 15, 2014**

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 15th day of July, 2014. Those present were: Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

Absent: Councilmember Dial

Mayor Murray was present at 6:00 P.M. but had an home emergency and left. He returned at 6:45 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams turned the discussion over the Louis Cardinal, Thornton Farish to discuss the bond issue. Mr. Cardinal informed the council that city received an "A" rating from S&P. He reported that he has received a quote from BAM, which will allow the city to purchase insurance, give the city a "AA" and save on the interest rate. He reported that he would sell the bonds the week of July 28th.

Upon his return, 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 15th day of July, 2014.

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

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

Also present were Vicki Miller, City Clerk; James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor; Tom Briand, Building 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 meeting and public hearing held on July 1, 2014 for approval. Councilmember Butler made the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

Visitors

1. Shirley Presnall- concerns about vapor shops.

Ms. Presnall stated that she is coming on behalf of the Friends for Satsuma School to express her concerns the new vapor shops being opened in other areas and about what the city could do to prevent such shops from coming into the city. She stated that the city recently passed a smoke free ordinance and would like to amend the ordinance to include e-cigarettes. Attorney Jay Minus stated that the city could not legally prevent a shop from opening; however the city may can regulate where it can open. After discussing, Mr. Minus stated that he would look into how the city could regulate.

2. Mickey Jacobs, the new Satsuma High School baseball coach came before council to introduce himself.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Report on request for Flag pole at I-65 exchange

Mayor reported that he has received a letter from the ALDOT stating that the city cannot put a flag in the area near the interstate since it is federally regulated and the federal guidelines will not allow.

Jack Presnall expressed his displeasure with this and stated that he was going to the media with the matter.

2. Request from Call News to purchase an ad in the 2014 High School Football Edition.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the purchase of the ad. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Approval for Councilmember Williams to attend the Human Development committee meeting in Montgomery on July 22. .

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the trip. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

PARKS

1. Request for exemption from payment of Steele Creek Lodge rental fee from Satsuma City School for Wednesday, August 6th for Institute Day.

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

2. Request for exemption of payment of the Satsuma Community Center rental fee from Satsuma City School for July 20th for the Football Stadium Kick Off Party.

Councilmember Williams questioned whether the community center rental policy was similar to the Steele Creek policy in that the fee could not be waived for weekend rental.

Councilmember Hamlin made a motion to approve the request contingent upon there not being a stipulation in the policy preventing waiving the fee for weekend rentals. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Update on men's wooden bat league.

Councilmember Hamblin reported that Jay Minus has reviewed the participant waiver and has stated that it does not cover the city. Mr. Minus stated that he would either do a separate release of liability for the city or amend their form to include the liability for the city.

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to approve the league using the city park pending the release paperwork for the city. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

1. Recommendation to hire two fire fighters.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to call for the list for two fire fighters. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Request from Chief McLean to send four (4) dispatchers to the Dennis Lee Foundation School for dispatchers to be held in Citronelle on July 21, 2014. Councilmember Butler reported that the cost is \$50.00 per person and the class is recommended by Mobile County District Attorney, Ashley Rich.

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

3. Request from Chief McLean to use City Hall for the community watch meeting on July 17, 2014/

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

4. Councilmember Butler reported that on July 11th, Satsuma Police Department working with Saraland Police Department made a drug arrest at the end of Old Highway 43. He stated that “Rambo” the new drug dog was very useful in locating the drugs. He stated that a 2nd drug arrest was made in the trailer park.

5. Councilmember Butler reported that a resident contact the SPD about her missing brother. Officer Richard Dix and Michael Williamson gathered the information and found that the person went missing from Mobile Infirmary and Mobile Police Department did not do a report. After gathering all the facts, a missing report was put out and the elderly gentleman was found in Florida. The resident was most thankful to the officers for taking the time to find her brother. Councilmember Butler thanked the officers for their good detective work.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Payment of the Bills.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to pay the bills and include a payment of \$55,623.72 to C&H Construction Company which was submitted late and not included in the printed bills. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Permission for Lions Club to meet at city hall on August 18th.

Councilmember Williams stated that the Lions Club normally meets at the community center; however someone would like to rent the community center for that night. He then made a motion to approve the usage of City Hall for the August meeting. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Councilmember Williams reported that there will be a work session on July 22nd at 5:00 P.M to discuss the budget.

4. Councilmember Williams reminded everyone of the Mobile County Municipal Association dinner Thursday in Prichard.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Update on the landscape grant.

Councilmember Black reported James Elmore and the Mayor met with the landscape contractor and they have agreed to replace the dead trees and re-do the flower beds.

BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Resolution 2014-07-02- A Resolution to authorize Mayor Murray to execute a Warrant Purchase Agreement between the City and Thornton Farish, Inc. with respect of the slae of the Series 2014 Warrants.

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2014-07-02 up for immediate adoption. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and on roll call the following answered:

Councilmember Hamblin	Yes
Councilmember Butler	Yes
Councilmember Williams	Yes
Councilmember Black	Yes
Mayor Murray	Yes

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-07-02. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Introduction of Ordinance 356-1- An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 356 and provide for the renewal of a franchise to Mediacom Southeast LLC to construct, operate and maintain a cable system within the City of Satsuma

Jay Minus stated that he has reviewed the franchise agreement and only finds one area of concern. He stated that Mediacom was a non-exclusive franchise and if someone does come in the city to offer comparable services, then that company will have the same terms as Mediacom. Mr. Minus stated that with the changes in technology, he would like to negotiate that portion of the agreement. He stated that council could introduce the ordinance and if there is a change it can be done before the ordinance is adopted.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to introduce Ordinance 356-1.
Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

Adjournment

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

/s/ Paul Muray
Mayor Murray

/s/ William Hamblin
Councilmember Hamblin

/s/ Mike Butler
Councilmember Butler

absent
Councilmember Dial

/s/ Tom Williams
Councilmember Williams

/s/ Bill Black
Councilmember Black

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk