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FIRE CHIEF



COUNCIL MEMBERS

WILLIAM HAMBLIN, PLACE I

MIKE BUTLER, PLACE 2

MATT DIAL, PLACE 3

THOMAS WILLIAMS, PLACE 4

BILL BLACK, PLACE 5

MINUTES OF July 7, 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 7th day of July, 2015. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray and 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 7th day of July, 2015.

Councilmember Butler gave the invocation and then everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present: Mayor 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, Police Chief Chris McLean and Fire Chief Clyde Miller

A quorum was present and Mayor Murray opened the meeting.

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Approval of Minutes

Mayor Murray presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 16, 2015 for approval. Councilmember Dial made the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Murray presented the minutes from the work session held on June 8, 2015 for approval. Councilmember Williams made the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognition: None

Visitors-

1. Charles Collins- Family Worship Center-request to use Wright Park for a family community outreach event on August 8th.

Mr. Collins came before Council and stated that he would like to have a family event at Wright Park as a day of outreach to the community. He asked if he would be allowed to have an inflatable jumpy for the children. Jay Minus stated that Mr. Collins would need to sign a release of liability if he is going to use the city's electricity.

2. Dan Purvis

Mr. Purvis came before council and stated that he owns property on Hilltop and cannot sell the property due to blight in the area. Mr. Briand commented that the owners of the blight home were sent certified letters; most of the property owners have been in contact and are working to clean up the areas so that the home(s) can be burned.

3. Steve Blount

Mr. Blount who resides in Vaughan's Palisades came before council to complain about the signs on the poles and in the right of ways. Mr. Briand explained that some signs are allowed to remain for a certain number of days according to the sign ordinance. Councilmember Dial commented that it is hard to determine since a lot of the signs are not dated. Mayor Murray requested that Mr. Elmore and Mr. Briand remove signs that are violating the ordinance.

MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL'S REPORT:

Mayor:

Mayor Murray read a thank you card from Roma Little thanking the city for the signs.

Mayor Murray stated that he discussed in pre-council the need to contact the property owners of the lot on the corner of 4th and Orange Avenue about cleaning up the lot. He stated that he has received a complaint about the overgrown lot. Jay Minus stated that a letter was sent requesting that the owners clean up the lot and since they have not complied, he will get with Tom Briand and discuss issuing a stronger letter.

Mayor Murray stated that he received a complaint letter regarding fireworks; however the letter was not signed and therefore will not be acknowledged.

Parks:

Councilmember Hamblin reported that in applying for the splash pad for Wright Park through ADECA, the State send down representatives to tour the park. He stated that in the review, they found several items which need to be addressed such as maintenance issues with the bandstand and the need to have better ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility to certain areas of the park. Councilmember Hamblin stated that Council has discussed removing the bandstand and relocating the electrical and the Parks Department is already working on some of the maintenance issues.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Butler reported that the City has received a letter from ISO (Insurance Services Office) and the City has received a revised rating of 4/4x which is improved from the last rating. The lower rating could possible mean lower insurance premiums for some residents. Councilmember Butler thanked Chief Miller, the Fire Department and Satsuma Water for completing all the necessary paperwork and working hard to meet all the guidelines.

Councilmember Butler reported that Officer Troy Willcutt's wife passed away and he thanked all the off- duty officers that showed up for the procession. Mr. Willcutt commented that the procession was like that for a president.

Councilmember Butler reported that the Police Department will stop giving warnings for speeding and stop sign violations. He stated that all offenders will be getting tickets.

Councilmember Butler reported that he met with County Commissioner Merceria Ludgood and a county engineer regarding possible funding for a new public safety building. He stated that he is in the process of providing more information.

Councilmember Butler read a letter from a resident who responded to a home where the car alarm was going off. He stated that he contacted the police department and they arrived in a timely manner and found the resident had fallen. He thanked the police department for the way they handled the situation.

Municipal Services: No items to report

Administration:

Councilmember Williams commended Tom Briand on handling the litter issues on Norton Avenue and having the owner remove all the old cars

Councilmember Williams reported that due to the cooperative efforts of Red Pierce, the Satsuma Lions Club and the Public Works Department a new flag pole was installed at

Pat Hick Softball field. He reported that once he can discuss the particulars with the high school, a dedication will be set.

Councilmember Williams reported that a tree fell on Baker Road and was causing a public hazard over the weekend. He stated that due to the emergency status, a contractor was called out to have the tree removed.

Councilmember Williams reported that a work session will be held on July 28th at 5:30 P.M. at city hall to discuss the upcoming fiscal year's budget and other city business.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that a tree on the city's right of way fell during a recent thunderstorm and the public works was called out to handle. The tree damaged a resident's fence and tore down some power lines.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Payment of the bills.

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

2. Request to purchase ad in SHS Volleyball.

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to renew the advertising banner for \$100.00. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Request to purchase ad for 2015 High School Football Special Edition of the Call News.

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to purchase a ¼ page ad for \$259.00.
Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Request from Satsuma City School System for exemption of payment for Steele Creek Lodge on August 5, 2015 (Wednesday) for Institute Day.

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

5. Accept the resignation from Thomas Walker, Board of Adjustment member and approve the appointment of Betty McClain to the board. She is presently serving as an alternate.

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to accept the resignation from Thomas Walker and approve the appointment of Betty McClain. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Acceptance of bids to remove tree on Old Highway 43

Councilmember Black reported that one tree fell and was removed and the other tree in the same area needs removing. He stated Mr. Elmore has requested bids to remove the tree. The following bids were received:

Tree King	\$1,680.00
Hammco	\$2,160.00
Lunn's Outdoor	\$1,600.00

Councilmember Black made a motion to accept the bid from Lunn's Outdoor. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

- 7. Authorization to give the Women's Club of Satsuma the \$7,500 that was received from Alabama Power for the construction of the Union Chapel.** Councilmember Williams stated that the city received a \$7,500 donation from Alabama Power for the construction of the new Union Chapel. He stated that the Women's Club of Satsuma has come before council in previous meetings saying that they would like to take on the fundraising for this project. At the time of the donation the Women's Club had not received their non-profit (501 (3)(c) and the check was given to the city. He stated they are requesting that the donation be given to them since it was given for the purpose of constructing the chapel. Councilmember Williams stated that after discussing this matter with the Jay Minus, it is Mr. Minus' recommendation that since the donation was given to the City, the city needs an agreement with the Women's Club addressing the basic requirements of how the project will be completed. Jay Minus stated that there are two ways the project can be handled 1) the Women's Club can raise the funds and then turn over the funds to the city to complete the building. The City then has to follow all required bid laws; 2) the Women's Club can raise the funds and then be in charge of overseeing the construction. Upon completion, turn the building over to the city who will be take on all the maintenance and use of the building
The matter was tabled until the agreement could be drawn up by the City Attorney.
- 8. Request to approve an online EMT course for Justin Beck, firefighter and Carrie Hutto, volunteer firefighter at a total cost of \$516.00. Skills will be administered by Jeremy White, Training Officer.** Councilmember Butler commented that the course usually cost \$2000 per person. He then made a motion to approve the training. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Ordinance 515- An Ordinance to exempt certain "covered items" from municipal sales and use tax during the first full weekend of August and each year thereafter.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to adopt Ordinance 515. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and it carried

2. Resolution 2015-07-01- A Resolution adopting procurement and standard of conduct policy.

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-07-01.
Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Resolution 2015-07-02- A Resolution to accept the settlement from BP.

Jay Minus called for an executive session prior to council voting on this resolution.
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 went into executive session at 7:55
Council reconvened at 8:10

Jay Minus stated that several years ago the city filed a BP economic loss claim due to the oil spill. He stated that the claim has been settled. The City has received a recommendation from the neutrals, which were appointed to oversee the claims. The City has to make a decision whether to accept the recommended settlement by July 15, 2015. Mr. Minus stated that **the amount of the settlement** cannot be disclosed until the City votes to accept it and that the Court orders ask us not to disclose until BP accepts the neutrals' recommendation. With no further discussion, Councilmember Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-07-02. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

Adjournment

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Dial seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Mayor Murray

Councilmember Hamblin

Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Dial

Councilmember Williams

Councilmember Black

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk