

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 March 17, 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 17th day of March, 2015. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray and Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

Absent: Councilmember Matt Dial

Also present was Jay Minus, City Attorney.

Mayor Murray discussed the agenda items. Council went into executive session at 6:50 to discuss economic development. Council reconvened at 6:55.

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 17th day of March, 2015.

Councilmember Butler gave the invocation. Mayor Murray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present: Mayor Murray; Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Tom Williams and Bill Black.

Absent: Councilmember Matt Dial

Also present were Jay Minus, City Attorney; Vicki Miller, City Clerk; James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor; Tom Briand, Building Inspector; Fire Chief Clyde Miller and Police Chief Chris McLean.

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A quorum was present and Mayor Murray opened the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Murray presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 3, 2015 for approval. Councilmember Williams made the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognition:

1. Proclamation to Mitternacht Boiler Works- Mayor Murray read the proclamation and presented it to a representative of Mitternacht.
2. Proclamation for Earth Day- Councilmember Hamblin read a proclamation proclaiming April 18, 2015 at Earth Day Mobile Bay.
3. Key Students-Robert E. Lee- Mayor Murray presented city pins and certificates to students.

Visitors-

1. Joe Bruister- concerns with areas for boys to practice baseball

Mr., Bruister of 168 Orange Avenue came before council to complain about there not being enough fields for the boys that are playing in the city leagues to practice. He stated that in the past the teams were allowed to practice on school property, however that has changed. He asked council to speak with the school and see if the teams could be allowed to practice on school property.

2. Mary Atchison representing the Satsuma Women's Club came before council to inform the council that the women's club would like to begin a fundraising project to build a replica of the 1915 Union Church. She stated that the church will be built at Steele Creek Lodge Park and they would like council approval before they start the fundraising. Ms. Atchison stated that \$7500 has already been committed. Councilmember Williams requested that the club present the council with a drawing, approximate cost and the proposed location in the park. Council agreed that the project is a good idea.

3, Andy Gurka representing the Satsuma Girls Softball Association came before council to discuss some electrical issues on the B field. He stated that the A field was upgraded last year. He also asked the Council for a \$250.00 sponsorship and then reminded everyone that Saturday is opening day beginning at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Murray requested that James Elmore look into the electrical issues. Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to approve the \$250.00 sponsorship. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Mayor Murray stated that he did not have any business to discuss. .

Parks:

Councilmember Hamblin stated that he did not have any business to discuss.

Public Safety:

1. Councilmember Butler reported that he has received a request from Chief Miller to purchase an air conditioning/heating window unit for the dorm in the fire station. He stated that the cost is approximately \$599.00. Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.
2. Councilmember Butler reported that he has received a request from Chief McLean for Captain Jana Dukes to attend a five-week Methodology on Digital Evidence class being sponsored by the Secret Service to be held in Hoover, Alabama. He stated that there will be not be any costs to the city; all cost including room, meals and mileage are being covered by the Secret Service. With no further discussion, Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.
3. Councilmember Butler informed Council that Officer Willcutt and Rambo, drug dog, participated in a National Narcotic Detector class and Rambo passed all five different smells and was awarded a certificate in the National Narcotics Detector Dog Association. He stated that Rambo is now certified by two difference organizations.
4. Councilmember Butler stated that the fire department held the National Prom Promise event and all went well.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Dial was absent from the meeting. .

Administration:

Councilmember Williams reported that there will be a public hearing on April 21, 2015 to comments on the vacating of the right of way between Clark Circle and Vaughan Dr. East. He informed council of a cost of over \$600.00 to advertise the public hearing in the Call News for 4 weeks as required by the code.

Councilmember Williams reminded everyone of the Citizen of the Year Banquet on March 26th at Steele Creek Lodge

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that a quote was received from a dealer on the new asphalt truck; however it was not the state bid price. He stated that another dealer has the

state bid and they don't have any 2015 in stock and the new truck will have to be a 2016 model and the delivery time will be 3 to 6 months.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Payment of the bills.

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

2. Request to ratify the promotion of Shane Orso to PSWI from laborer effective 3/21/15.

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

3. Request from James Elmore to set an auction for Saturday, May 2, 2015

Councilmember Black reported that the public works has several items and vehicles that are surplus and need to be auctioned. He then made a motion to approve to set the auction for May 2, 2015 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Selection of voting delegates for the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention to be held in May 2015.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to select Mayor Murray at the delegate and Councilmember Tom Williams as the alternate. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

Adjournment

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

/s/ Paul Murray
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