

TOM WILLIAMS
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FIRE CHIEF



COUNCIL MEMBERS

RANDY LITTLE, PLACE 1

MIKE BUTLER, PLACE 2

JASON SKELTON, PLACE 3

ALLISON CROSS, PLACE 4

BILL BLACK, PLACE 5

MINUTES OF March 7, 2017

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 March, 2017. Those present were: Mayor Tom Williams; Councilmembers: Randy Little, Mike Butler, Jason Skelton, Allison Cross, and Bill Black.

Mayor Tom Williams 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 March, 2017.

Invocation

Councilmember Cross gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

On roll call the following answered present: Mayor Tom Williams
Councilmembers: Randy Little, Mike Butler, Jason Skelton, Allison Cross 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 Captain Jana Dukes.

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Approval of Minutes

Mayor Williams presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 21, 2017. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Williams presented the minutes from the Special Called Meeting on March 1, 2017. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognition: NONE**Visitors:**

1. Brandy George representing the North Mobile Relay for Life.

Ms. George came before the Council to state that she is the event chairperson for the North Mobile Relay for Life. She asked the council to consider being a sponsor of the event as they have done in the past. She gave a brief presentation on what is done with the funds raised by such events. Ms. George also stated due to some unforeseen circumstances, the event has been moved to September 30, 2017 instead of the April date. It will still be held at Satsuma High School football field. Mayor Williams stated that in the past Satsuma has co-sponsored with the City of Saraland for the Presenting Sponsorship. He asked Ms. George if Saraland has committed. She stated that she did not know if they will be sponsoring. Mayor Williams stated that since the event has been rescheduled, the city would not commit at this time. He stated the council would like to know if Saraland will agree to co-sponsor.

Mayor 's and Council's Reports:

Mayor Williams announced that the National Wildlife Turkey Federation will hold its annual event at Steele Creek Lodge on March 10th. He stated anyone interested is welcome to purchase tickets and attend.

Mayor Williams reported that the city has received notice that the City's Restore Act Project for water and sewer on the west side of Interstate 65 has been approved to move from the portal to the evaluation stage. He stated that it is in the first bucket for consideration. Mayor Williams stated that the review process will take approximately six (6) months and that the city may know the results by this time next year.

Mayor Williams announced that Congressman Bradley Byrne will be holding a town hall meeting at City Hall on April 17, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

Municipal Services- Councilmember Little stated that he did not have any items to discuss or report.

Public Safety- Councilmember Butler asked if something could be done about the pot holes in the parking lot of the police and fire station. Mayor Williams asked James Elmore to look into the matter and get back with what can be done.

Administration-Councilmember Skelton reminded everyone of the Employee wellness/benefit fair to be held on March 9th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Councilmember Skelton reported that he will be attending an ISO Public Protection and Fire Suppression class on March 31st. He stated that he is going as part of his job but it does coincide with what he does for the Satsuma Fire Department.

Parks- Councilmember Cross gave an update on the Splash Pad project stating that the council agreed at a special called meeting to fund the splash pad out of the capital account and not use the grant funds. Mayor Williams stated that the bid requirements have been met and the city will now contract the project out. Mayor Williams noted that the city has received several proposals and will decide how to best proceed with the project.

Councilmember Cross reported that the Swamp Fest was very successful.

Councilmember Cross reminded everyone that as a fundraiser, the Satsuma Women's Club, is sponsoring a play at Satsuma Baptist Church on Thursday, March 9th and Friday, March 10th. Tickets are \$15.00 noting that the proceeds will go toward the Union Chapel.

Public Works- Councilmember Black stated that he did not have any items to discuss or report.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Payment of the bills.

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$100,567.23 .noting that \$38,000 is a payment to Arrington Curb and Excavation for the sidewalk. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Consideration of quotes received to remove dead tree located at 5200 Old Highway 43.

Councilmember Black noted that there is another tree on this property that is dead and Mr. Elmore was notified which makes the city liable. Councilmember Cross then opened the two quotes received:

Hammco	\$350.00
Tree King	\$480.00

Stump grinding is not included in the bid, since the tree is connected to another tree.

With no further comments or questions, Councilmember Cross made a motion to award the job to Hammco as the lowest quote obtained.

Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried. t

Councilmember Black abstained.

3. Reschedule council meeting set for May 16, 2017 due to Satsuma High School graduation.

Councilmember Skelton commented that Council has discussed the matter and is in agreement to move the meeting to another day. He then made a motion to move the meeting to May 23, 2017. Councilmember Cross seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Acceptance of resignation from Douglas Walley, Police Officer

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

5. Consideration of vehicle policy

Councilmember Skelton noted that the amendment to the policy which was discussed in pre-council states that a city employee is not allowed to use their personal vehicle for city business unless pre-approved by the mayor. He then made a motion to adopt the amended version of the vehicle policy. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Approval for Mayor to proceed with letter requesting to re-appropriate the grant funds from the Splash Pad to fencing, equipment building, pavilion with additional bath rooms and parking.

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve the re-appropriation of the grant funds and permission for Mayor Williams to submit a letter.

Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

7. Discussion of Proactive Training Class- two classes to be held in our area, one in Thomasville on July 10-14, the other in Orange Beach November 14-22. The cost is \$40 per participant.

Councilmember Butler noted that this is a good program for police officers. He then made a motion to approve sending police officers to either school

that will fit their schedule. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried.

8. Request for exemption of payment- Steele Creek Lodge- Satsuma ROTC annual dinner to be held on Thursday, March 23, 2017.

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve the request with the understanding that the \$100 clean up fee will need to be paid before the event. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

Adjournment

Councilmember Black made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

/s/ Tom Williams
Mayor Williams

/s/ Randy Little
Councilmember Little

/s/ Mike Butler
Councilmember Butler

/s/ Jason Skelton
Councilmember Skelton

/s/ Allison Cross
Councilmember Cross

/s/ Bill Black
Councilmember Black

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk