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JASON SKELTON, PLACE 3

ALLISON CROSS, PLACE 4

BILL BLACK, PLACE 5

MINUTES OF May 22, 2018

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 22nd day of May, 2018. Those present were: Mayor Tom Williams; Councilmembers: Randy Little, Mike Butler, Jason Skelton, Allison Cross and Bill Black.

Mayor Williams discussed agenda items.

Council went into an executive session at 6:39 p.m. to discuss pending litigation per request of Bradley Sanders, who was sitting in for Jay Minus, City Attorney. Council reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

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 22nd day of May, 2018.

Invocation

Councilmember Little gave the invocation and Brody Livingston, William Cochran and Breanna Cooper, Key Students, 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 Bradley Sanders in for Jay Minus, City Attorney; Vicki Miller, City Clerk; Heather Davis, Assistant City Clerk, James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor, Tom Briand, City Inspector, Fire Chief Clyde Miller, Richard Dix, Police Lieutenant and Police Chief Stringer.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Williams presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 1, 2018. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognition:

1. Proclamation – Dr. Joe Walters- Superintendent Satsuma City School System.

Mayor Williams read and presented a proclamation to Dr. Walters on his retirement from the school system.

PROCLAMATION
HONORING DR. JOE D. WALTERS
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, the merit of any society can and will be measured by the actions of those individuals who exhibit diligence, conviction and inspiration, and leave a legacy of truly caring and setting a standard that will prevail for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Walters accepted the inaugural position of Superintendent of Satsuma City School System in 2012; taking on the daunting task of developing, organizing, implementing, and administering a new city school system; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe has announced his decision to retire after 44 years in public education, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe has unselfishly and tirelessly served the students and community of Satsuma with compassion, enthusiasm, thoughtfulness and dedication to all sectors of the population of Satsuma and surrounding areas, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe is a consummate professional and has lead the students and staff of the Satsuma City Schools; creating a strong and successful school system that the community is proud of, and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Tom Williams, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council of the City of Satsuma,, take great pleasure in recognizing the significant achievements of Dr. Joe D. Walters, and herewith express our sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Satsuma City School System. We wish him a happy, healthy and restful retirement with family and friends.

/s/ Tom Williams
Tom Williams, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller
Vicki Miller, City Clerk

2. Proclamation – Trish Morra- Citizen of the Year.

Mayor Williams read and presented Ms. Morra with a proclamation congratulating her on being selected as the 2017 Citizen of the Year.

*Office of the Mayor
Satsuma, Alabama
A Proclamation Congratulating
TRISH MORRA*

WHEREAS, each year beginning in February, the Satsuma Community Development Organization Citizen of the Year Committee conducts an annual search for the person who, in its judgment, is most deserving of acknowledgement because of making significant civic contributions to the development and quality of life through their personal volunteer efforts; and

WHEREAS, during the annual dinner on March 29, 2018, Trish Morra was named the “2017 Satsuma Citizen of the Year”; and

WHEREAS, Trish is a member of the Satsuma Community Development Organization where she has been responsible for the annual Christmas Arts and Crafts; a member of the Satsuma Women’s Club where she volunteers for many projects; the Art Guild where she gives lessons to children during the summer months and the Satsuma Public Library; and

WHEREAS, without asking for praise or recognition, Trish exemplifies what is best about Satsuma by helping the community through her kindness, generosity and humility. Her actions and attitude demonstrate the kind of commitment, cooperation and respect that are crucial in maintaining a strong community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Williams, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council of the City of Satsuma, do hereby congratulate and convey appreciation to Trish Morra for being selected the “2017 Satsuma Citizen of the Year”.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

/s/ Tom Williams
Mayor Tom Williams

ATTEST:

/s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk

3. Key Students- Robert E. Lee.

Students were presented certificates and city pins by Mayor Williams and congratulated by the City Council.

Council recessed at 7:30 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Visitors:

- Diane Napper, 5821 Vaughan Dr. West- Discussion of City property across from her property and a complaint about the drainage in her backyard.

Ms. Napper began by reading a letter to council giving a timeline of the complaint she had with her pool liner buckling and her having to replace the liner and putting in a french drain to alleviate the ground water. She stated that in 2017 she complained about the ditch behind her home and the fact that it was not draining. She stated after the complaint, the ditch was cleaned and since then she has not had any issues with her pool liner floating. She put in a claim to have the city repay her for her expenses since she presumed the ditch was the cause. She stated the City turned the claim over to the insurance company and it was denied. She stated that she does not agree with that assessment; however she is requesting that the measures be taken to keep this from happening again such as putting rocks in the ditch. Ms. Napper also requested that the ditch across the street and the vacant lot owned by the City be cleaned.

Mayor Williams stated that the City would revisit the issue and get back with her.

- Robert Fuller, 107 Fairlane Dr., came before Council to present a petition requesting a reasonable and respectful solution to the truck traffic through their neighborhood.

Mayor Williams stated the he has a meeting with Vince Calametti, Region Engineer with ALDOT, this Thursday to look at this location and discuss several possibilities. He stated the City's goal is to come up with a resolution that protects the business while also being respectful to the citizens in that area.

Several other residents came up to reiterate their frustrations with the truck traffic and the use of four-wheelers and golf carts going up and down the street.

Debbie Godwin 104 Fairlane
Clay Squires- 102 Fairlane
Gloria Ellis- 108 Fairlane
Mary Raines- 114 Fairlane

Mayor's and Council's Reports:

1. Update on Williams Avenue paving project

Mayor Williams reported that after several years, the project has slowly come to a completion. He stated the road is paved and the contractor is completing the shoulder work. Mayor Williams stated that the City will be responsible for the final invoices from the contractor due to the overage spent on acquiring right of ways, however the funds can come for the four cent account.

2. Discussion of City Engineer for the Planning Commission.

Mayor Williams stated the matter was discussed in pre-council and the city will review the existing contract and take this matter up at a later date.

3. Report on submitting an Applicant Interest Form for a 5310 grant for seniors and Individuals with disabilities.

Mayor Williams reported the City has received notification from ALDOT regarding a 5310 grant that will provide for the purchase of a new bus/van. Mayor Williams stated that at this time the City just needs to send in the interest form. Council was in agreement to send the interest form

4. Update on the Juniper Avenue to Powers Road Sidewalk project.

Mayor Williams noted that the engineers will be at the June 5th meeting to give a complete update. Mayor Williams also stated that he has received several inquiries as to why the sidewalks had to be torn up and replaced. Mayor Williams stated that all sidewalks have to be ADA compliant and at some locations the sidewalks did not meet the ADA requirements and had to be replaced. He stated the cost of this error is on the contractor.

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

Public Safety- Councilmember Butler reported that the fire department has received a letter from Governor Ivey showing support for the fire department along with a check for \$1156.58.

Administration-Councilmember Skelton stated he did not have any items to report on or discuss.

Parks- Councilmember Cross expressed thanks for allowing her to attend the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention.

Public Works- Councilmember Black reported that the side cutter was out this weekend cutting limbs on CC Trail and the I-65 Service Road.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Payment of the bills.

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of 113,562.08 with a comment that a payment was made to the architect /engineer firm. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Discussion and consideration of making an offer to Robert Murrill for a portion of the property that abuts the Holcomb ditch.

Mayor Williams stated that the matter was discussed in pre-council and there has been determined a need to purchase the property so the city

can have access to the ditch to make improvements. He stated that this is a major drainage ditch for the City and the purchase price is based on an appraisal. Councilmember Black made a motion to make an offer to purchase a portion of the Murrill property for \$38,062.38.

Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Consideration to ratify the hiring of Paige Bryan as Court Clerk

Councilmember Butler made a motion to ratify the hiring. Councilmember Cross seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Consideration of approving Paige Bryan to begin Magistrate training beginning July 6th and continuing every Friday for five (5) weeks.

Cost is \$250.00 registration fee and hotel stay one night each week approximate cost \$500 plus meal expenses.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the training.

Councilmember Cross seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Consideration of purchasing an ad in the Call News Special Wedding Edition. Cost of ½ page Black and White is \$265.00; ½ page color ad is \$350.00.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Cross made a motion to purchase the ½ page color ad. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Consideration of purchasing 50 more 96 gallon garbage carts. Cost approximately \$4500.00

Councilmember Little made a motion to purchase the garbage carts.

Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried.

7. Consideration to the resignation from Eric Isbell, SRO, police officer effective June 1, 2018.

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

8. Consideration of accepting a bid to remove three (3) pine trees on 3rd Street (behind the SHS stadium)

Councilmember Cross noted that two quotes were received. She opened the quotes and read as follows:

Reed Tree Service	\$1765.00
Hammco Tree Service	\$1480.00.

Councilmember Cross then made a motion to accept the lowest responsible bid from Hammco Tree Service. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 522- An ordinance authorizing a joint purchasing agreement with Mobile County for public work supplies.

Councilmember Little noted that this is a renewal of a previous agreement. He then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 522. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

Ordinance 522
ORDINANCE AURHOTIZING JOINT PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, §41-16-50(b), Code of Alabama (1975) authorizes the governing bodies of two or more municipalities or counties to provide, by joint agreement, for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment or other personal property for use by their respective agencies; and

WHEREAS, Mobile County, Alabama (the County) and the City of Satsuma, Alabama (the Municipality), by and through their respective governing bodies, have determined that by use of a joint purchasing agreement they may achieve economies of scale which benefit the public by decreasing the cost of materials, supplies, equipment or other personal property while increasing the efficiency of both local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to adopt an ordinance authorizing a joint purchase agreement with the County; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to adopt a companion resolution authorizing a joint purchasing agreement with the Municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

That the City of Satsuma, Alabama is authorized to enter a joint purchasing agreement with Mobile County, Alabama, for the purchase of the items shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

/s/ Thomas Williams
Thomas Williams
Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk

2. Ordinance 523- An Ordinance approving the selection of roads for inclusion in the upcoming 2018 Pay As You Go program.

Councilmember Black made a motion to suspend the rules and put Ordinance 523 up for immediate adoption. Councilmember Cross seconded the motion and on roll call the following answered:

Councilmember Little	Yes
Councilmember Butler	Yes
Councilmember Skelton	Yes
Councilmember Cross	Yes
Councilmember Black	Yes

Mayor Williams stated the motion pass unanimously.

Councilmember Black then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 523. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried.

Ordinance 523**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A LIST OF STREETS TO BE INCLUDED IN MOBILE COUNTY 2018 TRANSPORTATION PAY AS YOU GO ROAD PROGRAM**

WHEREAS The City of Satsuma ("the City") has received a letter dated April 24, 2018 from Mobile County regarding the 2018 Transportation Pay-As-You-Go Road Program. Said letter requested that the City submit a list, in order of priority, of streets that the City would like to be included in the program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Mayor and City Council unanimously voted to approve submitting the list of streets as presented in the attached "Exhibit A" to be considered in the 2018 Pay-As-You-Go Road Program. The City certifies that the roads listed in the attached Exhibit A for inclusion within the 2018 transportation Pay-As-You-Go Program are maintained by the City of Satsuma, as of the date of this Ordinance. The City requests that the streets identified in Exhibit A be paved in the order listed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Satsuma on the 22nd day of May, 2018.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of May, 2018.

/s/ Thomas Williams

Thomas Williams, Mayor

/s/ Vicki Miller

Vicki Miller, City Clerk

I, the undersigned City Clerk, of the City of Satsuma, Satsuma, Mobile County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance lawfully passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Satsuma, at a regular meeting of such Council held on the 22nd day of May, 2018 and that such Ordinance is of record in the Minute Book of the City of Satsuma.

/s/ Vicki Miller

Vicki Miller, City Clerk

3. Resolution 2018-05-01- A Resolution ratifying approving cash advance for the Mayor and Council for the 2018 Alabama League of Municipality Convention.

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-05-01.

Councilmember Cross seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTION 2018-05-01

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Satsuma, that

WHEREAS, cash advance in the amount of \$ 367.00 (based on the GSA standard) for meals and travel expense is hereby authorized to Mayor Tom Williams, Councilmembers: Mike Butler, Allison Cross and Bill Black to attend the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention in Birmingham, Alabama, May 20-23, 2017.

WHEREAS, a statement of said expenditures will be presented to the City Clerk immediately upon return, at which time all monies will be balanced.

ADOPTED on this 22nd day of 2018.

/s/ Tom Williams

Tom Williams, Mayor

/s/Vicki Miller
Vicki Miller, City Clerk

Adjournment

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Skelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Cross seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 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