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COUNCIL MEMBERS

WILLIAM HAMBLIN, PLACE I

MIKE BUTLER, PLACE 2

MATT DIAL, PLACE 3

THOMAS WILLIAMS, PLACE 4

BILL BLACK, PLACE 5

MINUTES OF October 6, 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 6th day of October, 2015. Those present were: Mayor Paul Murray and Councilmembers: William Hamblin, Mike Butler, Tom Williams and Bill Black. Absent: Councilmember Matt Dial

Mayor Murray discussed the agenda items.

Council went into executive session at 6:30 P.M. to discuss economic development. Council reconvened at 6:45 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 6th day of October, 2015.

Councilmember Black gave the invocation which was followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call the following were present: Mayor Paul 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, City Inspector, and Fire Chief Clyde Miller and Police Captain Jana Dukes.

A quorum was present and Mayor Murray opened the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Murray presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on September 15, 2015. Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Murray presented the minutes from the work session held on October 5, 2015. Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognition: NONE

Visitors-

1. Tiffany Miller and Heather Rowe representing Satsuma High School came before Council to request usage of Steele Creek Lodge on December 17, 2015 for the SHS Winter Formal and waiver of the fee.

After hearing the request, Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the request with a reminder that the \$100 clean up fee cannot be waived and will be due before the event. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL'S REPORT:

Mayor Murray reported that the ribbon cutting ceremony for Gunnison Creek Canoe and Kayak landing was held on October 2nd and the launch is open from daylight to dark. He stated that the police officers will open and lock the gate. Mayor Murray expressed his appreciation to James Elmore, the Public Works Employees and Tom Briand for all their hard work on the project.

It was stated that there will be a tax seminar on October 22, 2015 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. It was explained that the tax seminar is for local business to ask questions they might have due with the change to RDS for the collection of sales, use, rental and lodging taxes.

Parks:

Councilmember Hamblin reported that he has received a request from a citizen to repair the lights and the cracks at the tennis court. Tom Briand stated that he would check it out.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Butler expressed condolences to Deonna and Sam Commins in the loss of their son, Jack who passed away unexpectedly. He stated that Deonna is a police dispatcher for the city. Councilmember Butler thanked those that took meals during the time of this loss. He stated that the family expressed their thanks for all the food, visits and prayers..

Councilmember Butler reported that there has been an increase in the medical calls and the Council discussed in Pre-Council looking at pursuing a SAFER grant which can provide additional personnel for the department and cover salaries and fringe benefits for three (3) years. He stated that he would like to apply for at least three (3) additional fire fighters.

Councilmember Butler reported that having a full time drug officer has proven beneficial to the city with the officer making three (3) felony arrests, 11 misdemeanor arrests and nine (9) warrants issued in just three (3) weeks.

Councilmember Butler reported that the fire department raised \$2,325.35 in the boot drop for MDA.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Dial was absent. Councilmember Williams asked for prayers for Councilmember Dial's mother who had surgery today and his Grandfather who fell and was in the hospital..

Administration:

Councilmember Williams reported there will be a dinner at Steele Creek Lodge on Thursday night as part of the Centennial Celebration. The cost is \$15.00 per person and will include entertainment by The Kempters.

Councilmember Williams reported on the final revenue figures for the FY2015. He stated that the city exceeded the revenue budget by \$953,130. However the expenditures are not complete and therefore the final numbers are not yet available.

Councilmember Williams made a motion for the city to have the annual Employee Safety/Volunteer Dinner on December 10, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that as part of the Mobile County Pay-As You Go program, Thomas Street is scheduled to be paved. He stated that the engineering firm handling the project is requesting a community public hearing for the residents to get informed on the project. He then made a motion to have the public hearing on November 3, 2015 at 5:45 P.M. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black reported that James Elmore and five other Public Works Employees went to the “Call Before You Dig” seminar. Councilmember Black stated that he appreciates the department’s interest in safety.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Payment of the bills.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$47,728.00 as presented. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Consideration of purchasing an ad in the SHS 2016 yearbook.

Councilmember Hamblin made a motion to purchase a ½ page ad for \$175.00 in the 2016 yearbook. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried

3. Ratify the resignation of Shane Orso, PSWI.

Councilmember Black made a motion to accept the resignation from Shane Orso in good standing. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Consideration of request to send Police Officer Alex Jones to Canine Certification Training in Robertsedale, Alabama and payment of \$750.00 to Rick Pickern for the cost of the class.

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

5. Consideration of quote from M&M Consultants, Inc. to purchase a new server, support equipment and labor to install the equipment in the amount of \$10,854.12 for the police department.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the quote noting that the equipment was a budgeted item in capital for FY2016. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Consideration of agreement with Engineering Design Technologies, Inc. to assist the City in developing a preliminary layout drawing for the new Public Safety Building

Councilmember Butler reported that Council met in a workshop session with representatives of Engineering Design Technologies and they presented a plan to help the city work on plans for a Public Safety Building. He then made a motion to approve the agreement in an amount of \$3,000.00 which includes developing a basic floor plan layout. Councilmember Butler noted that the drawing and cost estimate is the first step in securing funds and having something to present to the County to see if they can help with the project. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

7. Consideration of proposal from FirePrograms for a web solution station and risk manager program and monthly support in the amount of \$1,740.00

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the proposal and spend the funds from capital. Councilmember Hamblin seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2015-10-01- A Resolution to purchase one (1) John Deere 310L loader backhoe.

Councilmember Black made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-10-01.
Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

CITY OF SATSUMA

RESOLUTION NO: 2015-10-01

A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2016 JOHN DEERE 310L LOADER BACKHOE

Section 1. WHEREAS, the City has a need for a backhoe for the Public Works Department due to the repair cost of the existing backhoe; and

Section 2. WHEREAS, the city has agreed to enter into a contract with HGACBuy to purchase the backhoe through a Cooperative Purchasing Program which has been approved through the State of Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts to be in compliance with the Alabama Competitive Bid Law; and

Section 3. WHEREAS, a proposal for the vehicle has been received in the amount of \$99,611.00 for the John Deere 310L Loader Backhoe from Beard Equipment Company; and

Section 4. WHEREAS, the council has reviewed and discussed the proposal and recommends issuing a purchase order to Beard Equipment Company; and

Section 5. WHEREAS, the city has agreed to this purchase with the understanding that once delivered the backhoe will be financed for a period of seven (7) years. .

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City agrees to issue a purchase order to Beard Equipment Company.
2. The City acknowledges that the financing will be determined at a later date but before the date of delivery of the backhoe.
3. This Resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 6th day of October, 2015.

/s/ Paul Murray

Paul J. Murray, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Vicki Miller

Vicki Miller, City Clerk

Before the meeting adjourned, Jack Presnall asked if he could speak. Mr. Presnall expressed his displeasure at the number of times over the last two years that Council has met behind closed doors to discuss economic development and not a single thing regarding economic development has happened. Jay Minus stated that the City is working diligently to get some things developed. Mr. Presnall stated that the city has paid over \$25,000 to a consultant and now he cannot be reached. He said the City needs to get back some of that money since he has broken his contract. Mayor Murray commented that the city has been unable to contact the consultant due to some family issues he has been having and the city has addressed the issue of requesting repayment of some of the funds paid to him with the city attorney. Mr. Presnall also expressed concerns over whether the city is giving local businesses an opportunity to do business with the city specifically giving J&K Tractor an opportunity to quote on the backhoe. Mr. Elmore stated that he spoke with Mr. Franks at J & K and gave him the specs on the equipment. Mr. Franks said he could not get a piece of equipment that matched the specs. Mayor Murray stated that he also has visited Mr. Franks and Mr. Franks is happy with the city.

Adjournment

Councilmember Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

/s/ Paul Murray

Mayor Murray

/s/ William Hamblin

Councilmember Hamblin

Councilmember Butler

absent

Councilmember Dial

/s/ Tom Williams

Councilmember Williams

/s/ Bill Black

Councilmember Black

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller

City Clerk