



MINUTES

November 29, 2016

The Workshop Session of the Satsuma City Council

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in a workshop session at City Hall in said city at 5:00 P.M. on the 29th day of November 2016.

The following members were present: Mayor Tom Williams; Councilmembers: Randy Little, Mike Butler, Jason Skelton, Allison Cross and Bill Black.

Mayor Williams opened the work session and reported that Jeremy McMath was present to discuss the sidewalk projects:

Mr. McMath reported the following:

1, TAP Sidewalk Improvement Project (Highway 43, Bayou and 7th

Mr. McMath stated that in the middle of the project ALDOT began policing the ADA specifications on sidewalks. He stated that in the past no engineering firms were strictly following the guidelines. He stated that in the past when the sidewalk met a driveway, they contractor did not replace the driveway, they would leave the driveway as is. He stated then the federal government put out a mandate that if the sidewalks were not compliant then federal funds would be pulled. Because replacing the driveways was not in the original budget, the contractor was unable to complete the project. Seventh Street was not done.

2. 2016 TAP Sidewalk Improvement Project (Ryals, Vaughan Dr. S., Granada /Harrison to Powers

Mr. McMath presented maps of the project. He stated that the cost to complete the entire project would be \$516,746.42. The grant is for \$498,850.00. He stated that the same problem with the driveways will apply to this project. The project was already engineered before the mandate. Mr. McMath stated that Thomas Drive is listed as an alternate; however, based on the reengineered cost due to the amount of driveways and culverts, he does not think there will be enough funds to complete Thomas.

3. Application for 2017 TAP Sidewalk Improvement Grant for 7th.

Mr. McMath presented two maps; one just involved 7th and the other was 7th and Bayou. Mr. McMath stated East Bayou has a large right of way which would help with sidewalks. He stated that 7th Street will be a challenge. Mr. McMath stated that the grant application is due the first of December. He reminded the council that if awarded the grant, the city has up to 2 years to get a construction contract signed.

Mayor Williams thanked Mr. McMath for his time.

Mayor William stated that David Sumrall with Arbour Valley Development wanted to discuss the apartment project.

Mr. Sumrall along with Sam Johnson presented a brochure to council. Mr. Sumrall described his company and what they have in mind for the city. He stated that they build family apartments for low to moderate income persons or senior apartments for senior citizens. He stated that they will be applying for a Home grant through Mobile County which is the first step in the process. Mr. Sumrall stated that sometime in March 2017 they will be applying to the State for a grant that gives State Tax Credits. He stated that it is a competitive process and they do not always get the funding. He stated that as part of the HOME grant process, they are required to meet with city officials.

Mayor Williams thanked Mr. Sumrall and Mr. Johnson for their time.

2. Discussion of other items:

Mayor Williams discussed with council a policy which the city used in the past which list the criteria for merit raises. He asked the council to review and make recommendations.

Mayor Williams discussed with Council, a proposed contract with the Town of Mt. Vernon for police dispatching service and housing their inmates in our jail.

The meeting ended at 6:20 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