

MINUTES

July 15, 2008
The Regular Meeting of the Satsuma City Council

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in the regular public session at the Public Library in said city at 7:00 p.m. the 15th day of July 2008.

Councilmember Black led the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

On roll call the following answered present:

Mayor	William Bush
Council Members	Patricia Hicks
	Mark Barlow
	Larry R. Landrum
	E.L. Phillips
	Bill Black

Vicki Miller, City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney and Tom Briand, Building Inspector, were present. A quorum was present and Mayor Bush opened the meeting for the transaction of business.

A pre-council meeting was held prior to the regular meeting to discuss issues coming before Council.

Mayor Bush presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 1, 2008 for approval. Councilmember Landrum stated that there was a correction on page two under item one... Bid A being the front end loader instead of roll-off containers... Councilmember Landrum made a motion to adopt the minutes with the correction stated above. Councilmember Barlow seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

A representative from Ms. Daphne's Cheernastics Explosive All-Stars Cheerleading Squad requested to do a doughnut sale as a fundraiser for cheerleading fees (competition and uniform costs). The group would host the doughnut sale on Thomas Drive, Vaughn Drive, and Juniper Drive. Councilmember Hicks stated that the group must keep off the Highway, the fundraiser could only be on City streets, and the adults must be present with the kids. Mayor Bush stated that he would let the Police Department know of the fundraiser, and Councilmember Hicks stated that she would get in touch with local businesses. The fundraiser would start Saturday, July 26, 2008.

Ms. Mary Atchison and Ms. Mary Pierce with the Satsuma Public Library Foundation requested the use of Steele Creek Lodge on August 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for the Political Forum the foundation would host. Councilmember Hicks stated that the lodge was available, and made a motion to waive the fees. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Brian Pettis approached the council with an issue he had with his puppy being picked up by the city's animal control officer and being transported to the pound. Mr. Pettis stated that within five hours of the dog being taken to the pound, it was euthanized. He stated that animals picked up and transported to the pound should be held at a minimum of five days, and his dog was not held for this amount of time. Mr. Pettis stated that there was a problem with the animal control officer's procedures and policies, and the animal control officer had falsified the report. Councilmember Hicks stated that the city would contact the County Pound and inquire information about the procedures for holding an animal for five days when they are taken to the pound. Councilmember Phillips stated that he would like for the City to look into creating a small pound where the City could hold the animals picked up by our control officer for five days. Mayor Bush told Mr. Pettis to present a formal complaint in writing.

Two other residents, Charlotte Skinner and Cathy Taylor stood before council to express their concerns with the actions of the County Pound.

Charlie Moye, coordinator of the Satsuma Volunteer Fire Department, approached the council to request permission for the Volunteers to participate in the muscular dystrophy boot campaign. Mr. Moye stated that the fire fighters are willing to participate, and the Muscular Dystrophy Association will provide the resources. Councilmember Hicks stated that she thought it would be a good idea, and for Mr. Moye to get with Chief Benefield for locations.

AGENDA

- 1- RESOLUTION 2008-07-02 Awarding bid for replacement of culvert on south I-65 Service Road

Councilmember Black read the resolution aloud, and made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2008-07-02. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

- 2- Resignation of Yolanda Lockwood-Jailer/Dispatcher

Councilmember Phillips read the resignation letter aloud.

Councilmember Phillips made a motion to accept resignation of Yolanda Lockwood in good standing. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

- 3- Call for list for Jailer/Dispatcher

Due to the resignation of Jailer/Dispatcher Yolanda Lockwood, Councilmember Phillips made a motion to call for the Jailer/Dispatcher list. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried.

4- Discussion of four-way stop sign at West Bayou Avenue and Sixth Street

Councilmember Phillips stated that he has received several requests for three/four way stop signs. He requested that Chief Benefield monitor certain locations, and Chief has compiled a list of streets that are in need of three/four way stop signs. Councilmember Barlow requested that Chief Benefield look at placing a three/four way stop sign at Ryals/Juniper Drive and Baker Road.

Councilmember Phillips made a motion for Jay Minus to draw up an ordinance. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

5- Final payment to G.M.R. Inc for paving International Drive

James Elmore examined the newly repaved International Drive and reported that the widening of the road at Steele Creek has been completed and the grade is correct. He stated that there should not be any water or drainage issues. Councilmember Hicks made a motion to pay G.M.R. a total of \$33,500.00 for their work to International Drive. Councilmember Barlow seconded the motion and it carried.

6- Discontinuance of garbage service for 658 Norton Drive – resident moved, house vacant.

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the discontinuance of garbage service at 658 Norton Drive. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it was carried.

7- Introduction of RESOLUTION 2008-07-01 Notice of appointing election officials
Councilmember Landrum made a motion to ratify RESOLUTION 2008-07-01.
Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and it carried.

8- Review of bids received for Sidewalks Phase II

Councilmember Hicks reported that the Sidewalks Phase II bids were received and opened by Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood today, July 15, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. There were eight bids received. Councilmember Hicks made a motion to accept bids and turn them over to the engineers for review and tabulation. Councilmember Barlow seconded the motion and it carried. Councilmember Hicks stated that once the bids are reviewed, they would then be forwarded to ALDOT for approval.

9- Fire Captain

Mayor Bush stated that he would interview for the Fire Captain Position on Wednesday, and make his recommendation back to the Council. He stated that there were only two

applicants. Councilmember Barlow stated that he would be available to assist with the interviews.

10- RESOLUTION 2008-07-03- Setting compensation for absentee elections manager

Councilmember Hicks made a motion to introduce RESOLUTION 2008-07-03.

Councilmember seconded the motion and it was carried.

11- Purchase agreement with Kenneth Lucas

Councilmember Black made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute purchase agreement with Kenneth Lucas for property on Old Hwy 43. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion, and it carried with the exception of Councilmember Barlow who abstained due to Mr. Lucas being a relative.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Hicks stated the grant has been awarded to the City of Satsuma for the Sidewalks Phase III and will be discussed in the next meeting.

Councilmember Hicks reported that the Boys Baseball team at Lion's Park would host Semifinals on July 11, 13, 14, and 15.

Councilmember Hicks stated that the Girls Softball team would travel to Panama City for All-Stars Tournaments.

Councilmember Hicks stated that she, Tom Briand, and Cara Stallman would be meeting tomorrow with FEMA officials to discuss the grant for the Safe house/Shelter to work out issues with the grant. She also stated that a decision should be made somewhere between September and December.

Councilmember Hicks stated that Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. Satsuma High School would be hosting a football game for the Mobile Sharks as a benefit for Joe Toomey.

Councilmember Barlow expressed condolences on behalf of the Council to the families of Ms. Blanche Hicks and Mr. Clayton Browning.

Councilmember Barlow reported that the fire report was received for the month of June, which showed a total of 614 fire/medical calls.

Councilmember Barlow reported that he had met with Mark Turner regarding the County Paging System, and that there will be some cost to the city. He suggested that Fire Fighter Bobby Holifield get with the volunteer fire fighters and put a plan in action.

Councilmember Barlow reported that the planning board met last Thursday night with a subdivision for approval.

Councilmember Landrum met with Wiley Moore, a representative of ALDOT, regarding the grant for the Senior Citizen Van. Mr. Moore stated that if the City of Satsuma were awarded the grant it would be funded in September. If the City is not awarded this year, the application will automatically go to next year without any further paperwork.

Councilmember Phillips that he had nothing to discuss under old business.

Councilmember Black reported that the Public Works Department is continuing to perform routine work.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Hicks reported that one of the air conditioner units had gone out at Steele Creek Lodge, and she has received two proposals for a new five-ton heat pump unit. One proposal was from Labit's in the amount of \$4400.00. The other proposal from Air Adjustments in the amount of \$5495.00. After discussing the matter, Councilmember Hicks made a motion to purchase the heat pump from Labit's in the amount of \$4400.00. Councilmember Barlow seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Barlow reported that the balance sheet showing a grand total balance of \$1,195,374.15 was distributed. Councilmember Barlow also stated that a financial report was received and it shows an increase in power and fuel.

Councilmember Landrum reported that he would be attending a Transportation Improvement meeting on July 23, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the GM&O building. He also stated that he would be attending the MPO meeting in August 2008.

Councilmember Phillips stated Sergeant Guy made a drug bust of marijuana and \$4000.00 in cash.

Councilmember Phillips thanked all of those who donated towards the bulletproof vest for Titan, the drug dog.

Councilmember Black that he had attended the Library Board SCDO meetings, and he appreciated all of the volunteer help.

Mayor Bush reported that the fire fighter list had expired, and he requested that we recall the list for pickup tomorrow and report at next meeting.

Mayor Bush introduced the Municipal Candidates for the City of Satsuma Election 2008. He then requested that everyone follow the guidelines for political signs.

Councilmember Barlow made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Barlow also stated that the City Clerk had requested the movement of \$46, 000.00 to general fund, \$35, 000.00 came from assessments for legal fees, and \$21,000.00 from corrections for magistrate salary. Council approved the movement of funds.

Joe Bruister, a resident, asked if he could speak before the meeting was closed. Mr. Bruister stated that there is always talk about football, baseball, and softball but never about basketball. Mr. Bruister stated that his son is the new head basketball coach at Satsuma High School. Councilmember Hicks stated that there needed to be a feeder programs for basketball, and possibly get some type of summer program started next year.

Jack Presnall reported that there would be a Motorcycle Ride to raise funds for the Veterans Memorial on Saturday, July 26, 2008. Mr. Presnall also stated that he is nearing the goal.

Councilmember Barlow stated that South Alabama would be hosting a training session for Planning Board and Board of Adjustment members to attend on August 1st and 2nd at \$80.00 a session.

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Barlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Black seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Mayor Bush

Councilmember Hicks

Councilmember Barlow

Councilmember Landrum

Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Black

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk