

## **MINUTES**

January 8, 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 City Hall in said city at 7:00 p.m. the 8th day of January, 2008.

Councilmember Black led the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

On roll call the following answered present:

Mayor	William L. 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 was 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 December 18, 2007 for approval. Councilmember Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

## VISITORS

Thashia Waggoner representing Providence Occupational Health came before Council to request a business license for an occupational and urgent care center at 5571 Highway 43. Ms. Waggoner explained that they will offer emergency care and occupational health services for industries. Council welcomed them and approved the license.

Melissa Baskin came before Council to express her concerns about the middle school situation for the 2008 school year due to Saraland starting their own school system. Adams Middle School will not be available to Satsuma students. She referred to the Mobile Press article which stated that the children will be transported to other schools out of this area. Ms. Baskin stated that she does not want her child bused to a school which is not nearby. Councilmember Hicks said that the School Board has not given the City any information as to their plans. She stated that she spoke with the new superintendent's secretary and she said that a decision should be made by February 1. Councilmember Hicks recommended that the PTO and parents unite and get on the School Board agenda. She stated that she would also go along. Mayor Bush also stated that he would go along when a meeting was set. Councilmember Phillips stated that he is strongly opposed to the busing our kids.

Mitch Price, President of the Robert E. Lee PTO, came before Council and said that the PTO will work closely with Council to address this issue.

## OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Hicks reported that the PA system and doors were installed at Steele Creek. She said that the parks are doing routine work getting ready for Spring sports.

Councilmember Barlow expressed condolences on behalf of the Council to the families of Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Corley, Mrs. Scott and Juanice York.

Councilmember Barlow reported that James Elmore has given everyone a packet on the fuel system proposal.

Councilmember Landrum stated that he would like to schedule the workshop for January 22 to discuss upcoming elections issues including the Mayor/Council salaries.

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

Councilmember Black stated that the public works department is doing routine work.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Hick made a motion to allow the City Clerk to attend the Clerk's conference in Tuscaloosa, February 6-8 and use of the credit card. Councilmember Barlow seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Hicks made a motion to promote Terry Lynd to Crew Chief of the Parks and Recreation effective the next pay period. Councilmember Barlow seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Barlow reported that the balance sheet was distributed.

Councilmember Barlow reported that he has received a resignation letter from Captain Carey Parker effective January 25. He then made a motion to accept the resignation in good standing and pay him his unused vacation. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried. Councilmember Barlow stated that Mr. Parker has offered to work for the city as a part-time firefighter and would still like to volunteer.

Councilmember Barlow then made a motion to call for a certification list for firefighter. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Barlow reported that Council had a joint public hearing with the Planning Board prior to the Council meeting to hear public comments on an amendment to the sign ordinance. He stated that the amendment applies to the property on the East side of I-65 and Baldwin Road and will change the distance between signs from 1000 feet to 500 feet. He also stated that the letters went out stating 700 feet, however Council decided to follow the State guidelines and change the distance to 500 feet.

With no further comments, Councilmember Barlow made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE 421, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 303 CHANGING THE DISTANCE OF OFF PREMISE ADVERTISING SIGNS." Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Barlow reported that the Planning Board has sent a letter of recommendation to re-zone the property at the corner of Old Highway 43 and Juniper for Scherrie Brewer from R1- to B-1. He stated that the property is cut in half with a portion already being B-1 and the other half R-1. He reported there was no opposition at the public hearing held by the Planning Board.

With no further comments, Councilmember Hicks made a motion to set the public hearing for February 12, 2008 at 6:45. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried. Councilmember Barlow abstained due to Mrs. Brewer being a relative.

Councilmember Phillips made a motion to approve David Benefield to attend the Chief's conference, February 12-15 and use of the credit card. Councilmember Barlow seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to reappoint Jeff Hardegree to the Water and Sewer Board. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black reported that Council has received a request from Satsuma Christian School for a parade permit for January 25 and the fee be waived. He stated that the parade will start on Old Highway 43, go to Plateau, then to 4<sup>th</sup> and then back to the school. He then made the motion to grant the permit and waive the fee. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

Jay Minus requested that Council go into executive session for approximately 5 minutes to discuss a pending lawsuit. Council approved and went into executive session at 7:30. Council reconvened at 7:35.

Mayor Bush called for an approval of the bills. Councilmember Landrum stated that he pulled the A&M portable bill to confirm what months the bill cover. He stated that a request was made to remove the port-a-let from the sewage plant and he wants to make sure they are not charging incorrectly. . He then made a motion to pay the bills with the exclusion of the A&M invoice. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and it carried.

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Hicks made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:40.

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Mayor Bush

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Councilmember Hicks

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Councilmember Barlow

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Councilmember Landrum

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Councilmember Black

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

