

## MINUTES

February 18, 2010  
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 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2010.

Mayor Stewart gave the invocation.

Satsuma ROTC presented the flags and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call the following answered present:

Mayor	William F. Stewart, III
Council Members	Billy Jackson
	Pamela O’Gwynn
	Pratt Monk
	Tom Williams
	Bill Black

Jay Minus, City Attorney; Vicki Miller, City Clerk; James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor; Tom Briand, Building Inspector and Lt. Jana Dukes, Police Department were present. A quorum was present and Mayor Stewart opened the meeting for the transaction of business.

A pre-council meeting was held beginning at 6:00 P.M. prior to the regular meeting and Mayor Stewart discussed with Council agenda items coming before Council.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting on February 2, 2010 for approval. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

## VISITORS

*1. Key Kids-*

*Mayor Stewart presented the Key Kids with a city pin and a certificate.*

Council recessed at 7:10

Council reconvened at 7:20

*2. Peter Gounares- A candidate for U.S. Congressman in the Republican primary*

Mr. Gounares introduced himself to the residents and Council stating that he is running for the U.S. Congress. He spoke about why he is running for this position.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Old Business:

1) Decision of setting audit/budget workshop

Mayor Stewart stated that a workshop needs to be set to discuss the FY2009 audit and review the FY2010 budget to date.

Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to hold the audit/financial meeting on March 23, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

2) Update on Satsuma to Haiti relief project.

Mayor Stewart reported that the city will be holding a bucket drop at Pilot Friday, from 12:00 to 6:00 and that there will also be a Walk-a- Mile for a Child on Saturday starting at 11:00 at Baldwin Square. He stated that all funds raised will be going directly to two orphanages in Haiti through U.S. based churches.

Councilmember Williams reported that the Fire Department held a bucket drop in which about 13 volunteers participated. He stated that they were able to collect \$1564.00 to go toward the project.

3). Dr. Barry Booth of the Honor Flight South Alabama

Mayor Stewart stated that Dr. Booth will be putting on a presentation at the Gulf Coast Opry Saturday night at 7:00. He stated that Dr. Booth is responsible for starting the Honor Flight which flies WWII veterans to Washington.

4) Big Read Event sponsored by Satsuma Library

Mayor Stewart stated that the Library is participating in the nationwide Big Read Event by holding several events in March. He stated that they have chosen to have to have Tom

Sawyer Days. On March 4, there will be Mark Twain Twitter which will include several local citizens dressing up and presenting the characters of Tom Sawyer. There will also be a fun day at Steele Creek on March 6. This event will have several activities for children including face painting, scavenger hunts, and pie baking contest. He stated that both events are open to the public.

## **REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES**

### **Parks and Recreation:**

Councilmember Jackson reported that he has a request for Satsuma JROTC to have an event at Steele Creek Lodge and the fee be waived. He stated that the requested date is March 11 which is a Thursday and they will pay the \$100 clean up fee. Council approved.

Councilmember Jackson reminded everyone of the upcoming Cory Landrum Fishing Tournament to be held at Steele Creek Lodge and Park on March 20.

Councilmember Jackson informed that opening day for baseball at Lyon's park will be March 6.

Councilmember Jackson reported that the Satsuma Lady Gators are sponsoring a draw-down at Steele Creek Lodge on February 20<sup>th</sup> and tickets are \$65.00 a couple.

### **Administration and Finance:**

Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember O'Gwynn reported that she, Councilmember Williams and Mayor Stewart met with Eddie Ambrose of ETA regarding updating the software for city hall and court. She stated that the city has not had any updates in the past 6 years and that the server is approximately 15 years old. She stated that the update would eliminate the server and the system would back up automatically off site every night. She said that the cost to upgrade will cost \$7,750.00 and the monthly maintenance fee will increase from \$487.50 to \$537.50.

Mayor Stewart stated that the age of the server is a concern since a replacement would cost approximately \$12,000.

Councilmember Williams stated that the upgrade would allow the magistrate to interface with the E-Citation program that is being used by the police department and it would also allow the magistrate to deal directly with the state.

With no further comments or questions, Councilmember O'Gwynn requested to purchase the upgrade software system from ETA for a cost of \$7,750.00 and approve the increase

in the maintenance fee to \$537.50. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

**Municipal Services:**

Councilmember Monk reported that the body of the old chipper has been put on the new chipper truck and the truck is now in service.

**Public Safety:**

Councilmember Williams reported that the yearly workers loss report from Millennium Risk Insurers has been received and the city only had a total of \$1,158.92 paid out in workers compensation for FY2009. He stated that the city over the last 3 years has had a commendable report.

Councilmember Williams reported that the city is still waiting to hear back from the AMIC regarding the savings if the city changed the deductibles on the property coverage.

**Public Works:**

Councilmember Black reported that Joshua Yeend is up for a promotion from Laborer to Public Service Worker. With no comments or questions, Councilmember Black made a motion to promote Joshua Yeend to PSWI effective 2/27/10. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

**AGENDA**  
**NO ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Monk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

/s/ William F. Stewart  
Mayor William F. Stewart III

/s/ Billy Jackson  
Councilmember Billy Jackson

Absent  
Councilmember Pam O’Gwynn

/s/ Pratt Monk  
Councilmember Pratt Monk

/s/ Tom Williams  
Councilmember Tom Williams

/s/ Bill Black  
Councilmember Bill Black

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller  
City Clerk