

MINUTES

February 3, 2009
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 3rd day of February, 2009.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Jackson.

Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilmember O’Gwynn.

On roll call, the following answered present:

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

Vicki Miller, City Clerk; Jay Minus, City Attorney; Tom Briand, Building Inspector, James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor, and Chief Benefield, 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 prior to the regular meeting to discuss issues coming before Council.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 2009 for approval. Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

1. Sonya Smith-representative band boosters- permission for bucket drop February 7, and February 14.

Ms. Smith came before Council to request permission for the band to hold a bucket drop at Pilot and Baker Road. She stated that they have done this before and they keep the kids safely off the road. She explained that the band has been invited to Disney World in April and there are still kids that need help with expenses.

Councilmember Black made a motion to allow for the bucket drop at the specified locations. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried. .

2. Paul Murray, President of SCDO- Baldwin Square guidelines.

Mr. Murray came before Council on behalf of the Satsuma Community Development Organization (SCDO) to ask the City to let the SCDO be responsible for the activities that are held at Baldwin Square. He presented a list of the guidelines, which they drafted and asked that the Library handle the rental.

Jay Minus stated that he has concerns over turning a park over to a private organization.

Mayor Stewart stated that the issue was discussed in pre-council and the Council is requesting that Mr. Minus look at the legal issues.

Councilmember Williams stated that improvements to the park have been done mostly by the SCDO.

3. Mary Pierce –SCDO representative

Ms. Pierce stated that the SCDO would like the park to be a memorial park with limited activities. She stated that the SCDO has been selling memorial bricks to put sidewalks around the park. She stated that the bricks sell for \$100 for a brick with 12 letters.

4. Joe Bruister came before Council to state that he is a member of the Board of Adjustment and recently he received a letter from Tom Briand. He stated that

the letter requested that the board needs to meet since they have not meet in several months. The Board also needs to elect a chairperson. Mr. Bruister stated that there are two alternates: Jimmy Stewart and Thomas Walker. He stated that he recommends appointing Jimmy Stewart as member and stated that he would like the board to meet Thursday to appoint a chairperson.

Mayor Stewart stated that the Council needs to make the appointment to the Board of Adjustment and they will take Mr. Bruister's recommendation under advisement. He stated that the Board could meet as long as the meeting was posted.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to purchase an advertising sign from the SHS Baseball for \$125.00 to be placed at Wright Park. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to purchase advertising in the SHS Lady Gators program for \$500.00 with a special ad for the 50th anniversary of the City. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember O'Gwynn stated that there is a conflict with regulating signs in the city, because there are two different ordinances. She stated that the matter needs to be reviewed and revision needs to be discussed with the Planning Board.

Councilmember O'Gwynn stated that there needs to be another workshop to discuss finances and she then made a motion to have the workshop on February 12, 2009 at 5:30. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the families of Pat Collins, Alvin Beasley, Aubrey Butts, Hayward Pitts, Ms. Duffy Reiley, Emery Patrick and Thomas Chavers.

Councilmember Monk stated that the trash ramp will be open on Wednesdays during the month of February.

Councilmember Monk reminded everyone that the Senior Citizens meet on Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 A.M. at Steele Creek Lodge. They are having their Valentine luncheon on February 10 and a Mardi Gras breakfast on February 24.

Councilmember Williams reported that the public safety committee discussed the bids received for a new police cruiser and have decided to reject all bids and purchase off the state bid list.

Councilmember Williams reported that the Mobile County Chief's conference will be held at Steele Creek Lodge.

Councilmember Williams reported that Chief Benefield has requested permission for Lt. Dukes and Jailer/Dispatcher Jackie Long to attend an ACJIS class in Montgomery on February 5, 2009. He stated that there is no cost other than fuel. Councilmember Williams made a motion to permit Lt. Dukes and Jailer/Dispatcher Long to attend the ACJIS class to receive updates on the system. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams reported that the chief has received a request for a stop sign at Creek Circle and Hannah Chase Way. He then made a motion for Jay Minus to create an ordinance to allow a stop sign to be put at this location. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams reported that in the month of January the police department had 1509 assignments, 159 cases and assisted Saraland in a foot chase. He stated that the fire department had 47 calls with 30 rescue and 9 fire calls with an average response time of 5 minutes.

Councilmember Black reported that Chris Odom a laborer in the public works department has met his hours and Mr. Elmore is requesting that he be promoted to PSWI.

Councilmember Black made a motion to promote Chris Odom to PSWI. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black reported that he, James Elmore and other public workers employees will be attending the "Call Before you Dig" dinner.

Councilmember Black reported that Mr. Elmore is making plans to purchase new weed eaters and a mower deck. He stated that these items are usually replaced each year due to the usage.

Councilmember Black reported that Scott Todd with Civil Engineering has started the inspections of the bridges and will have the drawing for the bridge on Baker Road by the end of the week.

Councilmember Black reported that the new street signs for Vaughan Subdivision are being installed. He stated that the new 9" signs will be phased into the rest of the city over the next three years.

AGENDA

- 1- Resolution 2009-02-01- A Resolution authorizing Mayor Stewart to execute the State Sub-grantee agreement for the Community Shelter.

Mayor Stewart stated that the city has received federal funds from FEMA to construct a shelter, which will also serve as a senior citizen center.

Councilmember Monk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-02-01.
Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-02-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE STATE SUB-GRANTEE AGREEMENT FOR HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT A COMMUNITY SHELTER.

WHEREAS, The City of Satsuma (the “City”) submitted an application requesting Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds to construct a community shelter; and

WHEREAS, the City has received confirmation that the project has been approved and federal funds are obligated for a total project cost of \$1,620,657; and

WHEREAS, The City commits to provide approximately \$405,164.00 cash or in-kind resources to meet the HMGP 25% match; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City of Satsuma as follows:

1. The City authorizes the Mayor, William F. Stewart, III to execute the State Sub grantee Disaster Assistance Agreement for Hazard Mitigation Grant program CFDA #97.039, DR1605-0236, Community Shelter between the State of Alabama and the City of Satsuma.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City of Satsuma, Alabama, this 3rd day of February 2009.

/s/
**BY: William F. Stewart, Mayor,
City of Satsuma, Alabama**

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

3. - Resolution 2009-02-02- A Resolution authorizing a change order for the Pedestrian Bridge on ALDOT project # STPE-TE07-(934).

Mayor Stewart explained that in the original drawings the pedestrian bridge over Steele Creek crossed over on Highway 43. After the city received the Phase III grant, which will take the sidewalk from Juniper to Steele Creek, the bridge was moved to Old Highway 43. This created an additional amount for the bridge. The contractor was able to construct the sidewalks under contract price and had some remaining funds. The contractor has agreed to construct the bridge for the remaining amount left on the contract plus the original amount of the bridge. There will not be any additional funds required from the City.

Councilmember Black made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-02-03. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTION NO: 2009-02-03

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA, ALABAMA THAT THE CITY OF SATSUMA WHILE IN REGULAR SESSION ON FEBRUARY 3, 2009, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City of Satsuma on August 22, 2008 executed a Notice to Proceed to Peavy Construction, for construction of the sidewalk improvements under ALDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant STPTE-TE07(934) in the amount of \$294,847.00.

SECTION 2. On October 15, 2009, ALDOT approved a realignment of the sidewalk from US 43 to Old 43 in order to create safer pedestrian conditions. However, the pedestrian bridge on Old 43 would have to be increased from 50-feet to 150-feet long.

SECTION 3. Peavy Construction has agreed to construct the 150-foot bridge at a cost of \$128,500.00 resulting in an increase in the original amount of \$63,500.00 listed in the bid tabulation.

SECTION 4. However, the project has an under run of \$66,004.50 due to a change in scope authorized by ALDOT and unforeseen work conditions. Therefore, the increase in the amount to build the 150-foot bridge will not yield a net increase in the original contract amount.

SECTION 5. That the Mayor, Council and City Project Engineer have reviewed the prices, and have found them to be reasonable and fair, and have determined that a change order to construct a 150-foot bridge would best complete the project. Additionally, this change will not result in an increase of the original contract amount.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council acknowledges that the change order and approves the described change to the contract and authorizes Mayor Stewart to execute the appropriate contract documents.

Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to authorize AMFund to precede with drafting the appropriate documents and loan papers for a general obligation bond in the approximate amount of \$4,050,000 to be utilized for long term financing for the purchase of property from Virginia Station, financing on the balance of the City Hall construction and providing necessary funding for the Satsuma Water and Sewer Board’s capital improvement programs. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

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

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 8:30 P.M.

Mayor William F. Stewart III

Councilmember Billy Jackson

Councilmember Pam O’Gwynn

Councilmember Pratt Monk

Councilmember Tom Williams

Councilmember Bill Black

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk