

## **MINUTES**

February 17, 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 17th day of February, 2009.

The invocation was given by Councilmember O’Gwynn.

Flags were presented by the Satsuma High School ROTC and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Major Holt.

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 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 prior to the regular meeting to discuss issues coming before Council.

Mayor recognized the Key Kids from Robert E. Lee and presented each with certificates and pins.

Mayor Stewart stated that Council would recess for five minutes to allow the children to leave.

Council recessed at 7:13.

Council reconvened at 7:18.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2009 for approval. Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

## VISITORS

1. Susan Holman-representing Satsuma High School Football.

Ms. Holman came before Council to request use of Steele Creek Lodge for the football banquet on March 9, 2009 and the fee waived.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to allow the use of Steele Creek Lodge and waiver of the fee. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Danyell Stewart- 536 N. Oak Drive.

Ms. Stewart came before Council and stated that she had purchased land on N. Oak and plans to build a home. She stated that she is having a problem with her mail not getting delivered. When she inquired at the post office, that stated that the road was impassable. She stated that she is also concerned about emergency vehicles getting to her home. Ms. Stewart stated that she had spoken with Tom Briand and James Elmore. Mr. Elmore explained to Council that the road is not dedicated as an accepted street. And the City does not do any maintenance on the drive. He stated that the drive was built in the right of way, but was not opened as a city street.

Mayor Stewart stated that he has discussed the issue with Tom and James and is familiar with the drive. He asked Ms. Stewart since the delivery of her mail was her main concern could she not create a turnaround. Mayor Stewart stated that when

the City accepts a road, then it is accepting full responsibility for the maintenance and the city has not budgeted for maintenance on this drive.

Jay Minus explained to Ms. Stewart that even though this is a city right of way, it has been dedicated and the city cannot accept gravel roads any longer. He stated that when a developer develops a subdivision, it is the developers responsibility to build the road to meet the city's requirements and she has purchased property which was not in the original development.

Mayor Stewart stated that the city leader understand her concerns, however they will have to get with the city attorney to get more clarification on any solutions.

Jay Minus advised Ms. Stewart that she will need to start the process with the Planning Board.

### **REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES**

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve a contract with Kelley Exterminating for ant control in all city parks for \$275.00 per quarter. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson reported that the committee is still reviewing the drug policy for the parks.

Councilmember Jackson reminded everyone of the Bass Federation fishing tournament at Steele Creek on February 28.

Councilmember Jackson stated that the Chickasaw Bassmasters organizations has requested use of Steele Creek Lodge on May 1 and 2 for the Young Anglers fishing tournament and the fee be waived. Mayor Stewart commented that this tournament usually brings in over 150 boats and is an great experience for parents and their children.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to allow the Chickasaw Bassmasters use of Steele Creek Park and the fee be waived. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson reported that the public works department is pressure washing the athletic building and will begin painting the end of the week.

Councilmember O'Gwynn reported that the Planning Board held a workshop on Monday night and discussed the city getting a comprehensive plan and looking at getting a grant to aid with the expense.

Councilmember Monk announced that the trash ramp will be open every Wednesday for the rest of the year..

Councilmember Williams reported that the fire department has refrigerator magnets which urge everyone to call 911 instead of the police department.

Councilmember Williams reminded everyone of the dedication of Willie Crook Avenue on February 28 at 10:00.

Councilmember Williams reported that Lisa Cooper is requesting to attend certification classes in Mobile on May 14 & 15 at a costs of \$145.00. He then made a motion to approve the expenditure. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams requested approval to attend a Municipal Advocacy 101 Class sponsored by Alabama League of Municipalities on February 24 and reimbursement of travel expenses. Councilmember Monk made a motion to approve the travel expense. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black reported that the first 6 signs have been put up in Vaughans.

Councilmember Black reported that public works has been working on Baker Road clearing brush and trees.

Councilmember Black reported that Civil Engineering has completed the bridge load ratings and has forwarded the reports to ALDOT.

Councilmember Black reported that Mr. Elmore has been working with ALDOT to get the fencing replaced at the Pilot Truck Stop and to re-strip the entrance to the truck stop.

Councilmember Black reported that Mr. Elmore has been getting the discarded sign post from the county and reusing them saving the city the cost of the post.

Councilmember Black stated that he has discussed with Mr. Elmore the city purchasing a roller so that the public works department can do its own paving on pot holes and cuts in the asphalt. He stated that he will be getting some prices for on a roller.

Councilmember Black reported that he has had several complaint about trees in the right of way and he will be getting estimates for their removal.

Councilmember Williams suggested that when replacing street sign that James Elmore change the color of the signs for private roads to blue so that everyone will know that they are private roads.

**AGENDA**

1- Ordinance 444- An ordinance repealing sign Ordinance 225

Mayor Stewart explained that Ordinance 225 was an old sign ordinance was is in contradiction to the sign ordinance in the zoning ordinance. He stated that the it is confusing have two different ordinances.

Councilmember Monk made a motion to suspend the rules and put up Ordinance 444 for immediate adoption. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion and on roll call the following answered:

Councilmember Jackson	Yes
Councilmember O’Gwynn	Yes
Councilmember Monk	Yes
Councilmember Williams	Yes
Councilmember Black	Yes
Mayor Stewart	Yes

Mayor Stewart stated that the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to adopt Ordinance 444. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 444**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 225, “AN ORDINANCE TO CONTROL THE POSTING OF SIGNS, BILLS, BULLETINS, POSTERS, CARDS, BANNERS, PICTURES, ADVERTISEMENTS, POLITICAL LITERATURE AND OTHER PRINTED MATTER OR WRITTEN MATTER IN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA AND ITS POLICE JURISDICTION”**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** It is hereby established and declared by the City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama that Ordinance number 225, titled “An ordinance to control the posting of signs, bills, bulletins, posters, cards, banners, pictures, advertisements, political literature and other printed matter or written matter in the city limits of the City of Satsuma and its police jurisdiction” is in conflict with the City of Satsuma Zoning Ordinance, §6.6, as amended; therefore, said Ordinance number 225 is hereby stricken and repealed in full.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.**

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**William Stewart, Mayor**

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

2- Ordinance 445- An ordinance providing for a stop sign at Hannah Chase Way and Creek Circle.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to suspend the rules and put up Ordinance 445 for immediate adoption. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and on roll call the following answered:

Councilmember Jackson	Yes
Councilmember O’Gwynn	Yes
Councilmember Monk	Yes
Councilmember Williams	Yes
Councilmember Black	Yes
Mayor Stewart	Yes

Mayor Stewart stated that the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to adopt Ordinance 445. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 445**

**An Ordinance to amend Ordinance #249 by adding Section 172**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 172: Vehicular traffic using Creek Circle in the City of Satsuma, Alabama, will come to a stop before entering or crossing the intersection of said Hannah Chase Way The said Hannah Chase Way is hereby declared to be the through street and Creek Circle is declared to be the stop street for traffic at such intersection.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED THIS 17th Day of February, 2009.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

3. – Appointment of Planning Board member and Board of Adjustment member

Mayor Stewart stated that he has taken careful consideration in the appointment of a new board member to replaced Linda Robbins, who resigned. He stated that his recommendation is Palmer Gatlin and he asked Council to consider Mr. Gatlin as the appointment also to the Board of Adjustment.

Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to appoint Palmer Gatlin to thee Board of Adjustment. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

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

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

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Mayor William F. Stewart III

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Councilmember Billy Jackson

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Councilmember Pam O’Gwynn

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Councilmember Pratt Monk

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Councilmember Bill Black

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