

## MINUTES

April 21, 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 21st day of April, 2009.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Jackson.

Presentation of Flag and Pledge of Allegiance led by Satsuma High School Color Guard.

On roll call, the following answered present:

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

Absent: Tom Williams

Vicki Miller, City Clerk; Jay Minus, City Attorney; Tom Briand, Building Inspector, James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor, and David 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 April 7, 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. *Key Kids-Robert E. Lee School*

Mayor Stewart presented the key kids with a certificate and city pin

After the presentation, Council recessed at 7:05

Council reconvened at 7:20.

2. *Vince Honeycutt representing the Gilbert Creek Homeowners Association.*

Mr. Honeycutt came before Council to request several items pertaining to Gilbert Creek Estates:

- a. Streetlight at Hannah Chase Way between Lots 39 & 40. Council requested that Tom Briand look into the matter and report to Council at the next meeting.
- b. Replacing missing street sign at Hannah Chase Way and Chelsea Court. Council requested that James Elmore replace the missing sign.
- c. Maintenance of the retention pond. Mr. Honeycutt questioned who was responsible for the maintenance. Jay Minus stated that the homeowners association is responsible for the upkeep. Mr. Honeycutt asked what would happen if the homeowners did not handle the maintenance. Mr. Minus stated that it would devalue their property. Mr. Honeycutt stated that he also thought there is a problem with the drain at the pond and requested that the city check into the matter. Mayor Stewart asked James Elmore to handle the matter.
- d. Right of Ways in the subdivision. Mr. Honeycutt stated that the right of ways on undeveloped lots, which have not been purchased, are becoming overgrown. Mr. Elmore stated that they have cut the ROWs, but they are only able to get to it about every three (3) weeks. Mayor Stewart suggested that they get someone in the subdivision to cut the ROWs if they grow up before the city can schedule the maintenance.

3. *Debbie Harbin-representing the North Mobile Garden Society.*

Ms. Harbin came before Council and stated that the garden society will be hosting a garden tour on May 9 and is requesting permission to put directional signs at Baker and Highway 43 and at the entrance to Vaughan Palisades. She stated that the signs would be put up on Friday and taken down after the tour on Saturday. Council approved.

4. *Joyce Martin- discussion of debris removal.*

Ms. Martin came before Council to complain about the trash not being picked up in a timely manner. She stated that the contractor is not doing the job. She commented that the City should take the service away from the contractor and give the duties to the public works department. She stated that she has never had a problem with what the city is responsible for doing. She even commended Mr. Elmore for a job well done.

Mayor Stewart stated that the City is looking into negotiating with the garbage contractor to allow the city to take over the trash pickup. Mayor Stewart also stated that he appreciates Councilmember Monk for requesting that the trash ramp be open on Wednesdays to allow citizens the convenience of discarding their own trash.

***VISITORS NOT ON THE AGENDA***

5. *Mr. Dale Carpenter representing the Northbound Bass masters Club.*

Mr. Carpenter thanked the Mayor and Councilmember Jackson for working with him to host a fishing tournament at Steele Creek in 2010. Mr. Carpenter stated that the tournament is in honor of Cory Landrum who was killed in 2008 and will be named the Cory Landrum Next Generation tournament. He stated that the entry fees will go back to the participants and scholarships will be given based on corporate donations. Mr. Carpenter stated that they already have several corporate sponsors and are anticipating a large turn out. He asked that Council agree to March 20, 2010 as the day for the tournament and use of the lodge on March 15 for a meeting. Council approved.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES**

Councilmember Jackson reported that the Satsuma Sharks will be having a preseason game on May 23 and June 6 will be the City of Satsuma night. Councilmember Jackson also reminded everyone of the Young Anglers Tournament on May 2.

Councilmember O'Gwynn reported the City has a four-cent CD for \$211,076.79, which will be up for renewal on May 1, 2009. Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion that the City renews the CD for 6 months for the highest insured rate. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember O’Gwynn stated that since the City has the new bus for senior citizens, the City needs to request a Senior Aide position from the Mobile County Personnel Board. She then made a motion to announce the position of Senior Aide I with the MCPB. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion.

Councilmember O’Gwynn reported that the City has been requested to authorize voting delegates for the May convention. She then made a motion to authorize Mayor Stewart as the voting delegate. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to authorize Tom Williams as first alternate. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to authorize Pam O’Gwynn as the second alternate. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember O’Gwynn stated that the franchise with Mobile Gas is up for renewal. Mayor Stewart requested that Jay Minus discuss with Council. Mr. Minus stated that he has been contacted by Mobile Gas regarding the franchise agreement and he is working with Mobile Gas to prepare the paperwork. Mr. Minus stated that previously the agreement was for 15 years and Council has the option to change the length of the agreement. And look into increasing the fee, which is currently at 3%.

After discussing the matter, Mayor Stewart suggested to Council that authority be given to Mr. Minus to negotiate the best deal. Councilmember Monk made a motion to authorize Jay Minus to negotiate the franchise agreement with Mobile Gas. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember O’Gwynn reported that the Call News has asked the City to purchase an ad in the 2009 graduation issue. She stated that last year the city purchased a ½ page ad. Council discussed and Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to purchase ½-page ad in the special 2009 graduation issue of the Call News. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember O’Gwynn reported that the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee will meet April 23 for their second meeting.

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

Councilmember Monk reported that the municipal services committee is working on creating rules and regulations for the Senior Citizen bus.

Councilmember Monk reported that in Mr. Williams' absence, he would like to make a motion to accept the resignation of Jason Agerton, firefighter, in good standing. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the families of Lucille Haynes and Lisa Bronson.

Councilmember Black reported that the city sent out Request for Proposals to get proposals for repairs to the bridge pilings under the Baker Road Bridge. He stated that two proposals were received:

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| 1) Remedial Services Inc | \$ 6 992.62  |
| 2) Joe's Construction    | \$12,500.00. |

Councilmember Black made a motion to turn the proposals over for review and accept the lowest bid if everything being equal and authorize the Mayor to award. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black reported that James Bankston, a laborer with the Public Works Department, has met the qualifications for promotion to PSWI. He then made a motion to promote James Bankston to PSWI. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black reported that the pumps on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street have been removed and have been sent to Process Pumps to see if they are feasible to repair.

Councilmember Black reported that Lunn's Tree Service has completed all the tree work that was approved at the last meeting.

Councilmember Black reported that a pre-construction meeting was held with Hayes Construction, who was awarded the bid on the drainage, the engineers and the city. Construction should begin next week.

Councilmember Black reported that James Elmore has requested approval for a contractor to come and spray the ditches. Councilmember Black explained that this type of work has been done in the past and it cuts down on the weed eating. Council agreed to discuss this further.

**AGENDA**

1. – Resolution 2009-04-02- A Resolution for the City to enter into a preliminary engineering agreement with the State of Alabama for resurfacing of Baker Road from I-65 to US 43 and the Mayor to execute the same. .

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to suspend the rules and put up Resolution 2009-04-02 up 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 Black	yes
Mayor Stewart	yes

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2009-04-02

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama as follows:

1. That the City enters into an Agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation for:  
  
Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Project STMM14-7599 ( ), Project Reference Number 100053526, resurface Baker Road from I-65 to SR-13 (US-43) in the City of Satsuma; which Agreement is before this Council.
2. That the Agreement be executed in the name of the City, by its Mayor, for and on its behalf;
3. That the Agreement be attested by the City Clerk and the seal of the City affixed thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the Agreement by all parties, that a copy of such Agreement be kept on file by the City Clerk.

Passed, adopted and approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2009.

ATTESTED:

Wicki R. Hill  
City Clerk

[Signature]  
Mayor

I, the undersigned qualified and acting clerk of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City named therein, at a regular meeting of such Council held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2009, and that such resolution is on file in the City Clerk's office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2009.

Wicki R. Hill  
City Clerk

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-04-02.  
Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

2. – Resolution 2009-04-03- A Resolution for the City to enter into a construction agreement with the State of Alabama for resurfacing of Baker Road from I-65 to US 43 and the Mayor to execute the same.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to suspend the rules and put up Resolution 2009-04-03 up 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 Black	yes
Mayor Stewart	yes

Mayor Stewart declared the motion passed unanimously

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2009-04-03

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama as follows:

1. That the City enters into an Agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation for  
  
Construction Agreement for Project S1MMB-7595 ( ) Project Reference Number 10051527, resurface Baker Road from I-65 to SR-15 (US-43) in the City of Satsuma which Agreement is before this council.
2. That the Agreement be executed in the name of the City, by its Mayor, for and on its behalf;
3. That the Agreement be attested by the City Clerk and the seal of the City affixed thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the Agreement by all parties, that a copy of such Agreement be kept on file by the City Clerk.

Passed, adopted, and approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2009.

ATTESTED:

Wickie Miller  
City Clerk

W. Stewart  
Mayor

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Wickie Miller  
City Clerk

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-04-03.  
Councilmember O’Gwynn 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 8:10 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