

MINUTES

May 12, 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 12th day of May, 2009.

The invocation was given by Councilmember O’Gwynn

Pledge of Allegiance led by Jackson

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 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 Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2009 for approval. Councilmember Monk made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

1. *Bryan Hutchins- Discussion of flooding on 3rd Street
Not present*

2. *Jessie Gates- 506 Regina Drive.*

Mr. Gates came before Council to complain about a neighbor who will not clean up his yard. He stated that the condition of the neighbor's property is devaluing his property.

Mayor Stewart commented that the city is working on an initiative to do something with blemished properties. Tom Briand stated that he has sent a letter to the property owner giving him a directive to clean up the property or the resident will have to come to court.

3. *Mr. Young representing the Satsuma Veterans Memorial*

Mr. Young came before Council to give an update on the memorial. He stated that all is complete except they are waiting on the contractor, who installed the monument, to complete some repair work. When the monument was being lowered into place, the monument dropped and caused the end to break off. The contractor is covering the broken marble with an addition marble plate. The work should be completed by Friday. Mr. Young stated that the lights are the only item remaining and they will be installed before the ceremony.

Mayor Stewart stated that the dedication is set for Memorial Day, May 25 at 10:00 a.m. and everyone is invited. He also stated that there is a fly-over scheduled.

Mr. Young stated that he has contacted every branch of the military and hopefully a representative from each one will be present.

4. *Richard Lundy of 5496 7th Street*

Mr. Lundy came before Council to request a streetlight on his property. Mr. Lundy also thanked the Council for the drainage work being done in that area.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Discussion of request from Nathan Rogers to purchase back foreclosed property.

Mayor Stewart stated that the Council has not had enough discussion on this matter and requested that the matter be tabled.

2. Budget Revision-Hazard Mitigation Drainage Project

Mayor Stewart stated that after getting in the appraisal on the retention pond property, there is an adjustment on the budget for the drainage project. Cara Stallman, grant writer, has increased the value of the land, which will aid with the city's in-kind cost. She also decreased the construction price since the bid came in below the amount budgeted for construction costs. The value of the grant did not change.

Councilmember Black made a motion to revise the budget. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Councilmember Jackson requested permission to attend the SHS Lady Gators state playoff, which is being held in Birmingham on Thursday, May 14.

Councilmember Monk made a motion to approve the travel expenses of Councilmember Jackson to attend the SHS Lady Gators state play-off. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson reported that Mr. Bud Stacy of the Mobile Amateur Radio Network will be holding their annual emergency testing exercise in Wright Park on June 27 and 28. Councilmember Jackson stated that Mr. Stacey was present. Mr. Stacey stated that this is an opportunity not only to perform the emergency testing but also to let the public see the radio operators while they communicate with other operators around the world.

Councilmember Jackson reported that the SYA football league is preparing for the upcoming season by having some fundraisers. He stated that there is a fishing tournament being held on Saturday, June 6 at Dead Lake Marina and the fourth annual golf tournament to be held on May 30. Councilmember Jackson stated that if anyone needs any further information to contact Delane Tindle.

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

Councilmember O’Gwynn thanked Mayor Stewart and the Council Members for attending the Relay for Life in Chickasaw. She stated that the City of Satsuma would be hosting the event the next two years. She also stated that over \$35,000 was raised for The American Cancer Society.

Councilmember Monk reported that the rules and regulations for the Senior Citizen bus are almost complete and there is a driver for the bus. Services should begin in the next couple of weeks. He stated that if anyone needs any further information to contact City Hall.

Councilmember Williams thanked Councilmember O’Gwynn and her husband George for providing and cooking the food for all the city participants at the Relay for Life.

Councilmember Williams commended the police department for their professional handling of the recent homicide, which occurred in the city.

Councilmember Williams reported that he appreciated the opportunity to attend the league convention. He stated that it was an educational and networking opportunity.

Councilmember Williams requested that the council approve the firefighter provisional appointment of Thomas McDuffie. He reported that the personnel board does not have a certification list and the city can appoint a provisional until a list is ready.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to appoint Thomas McDuffie as a provisional appointment of firefighter I for six months. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve sending Chase Moye, Firefighter, to apparatus school in Tuscaloosa from June 15-19 at an approximate cost of \$890.00. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams reported that AMIC is holding Skid Car Training in our area September 29-October 9 at a cost of \$35.00 for each participant. He stated that he has spoken with a representative and the class is currently full, however they have stated that they may be able to allow for four more participants. He requested approval to proceed with the process.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to send four officers to Skid Car Training September 29-October 9 at a cost of \$35.00 each. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams reported that he would like to set up a special called meeting with Ronnie Adair, deputy director of the Mobile County EMA. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the city's emergency plans for the upcoming hurricane season. Council agreed for Mr. Williams to set up a date when Mr. Adair is available.

Councilmember Black reported that the repair work on the Baker Road Bridge started Monday and the contractor should be through by Thursday or Friday.

Councilmember Black reported that James Elmore has put in a temporary pump on 3rd Street to keep the water under control until a permanent pump can be installed.

Councilmember Black reported that last year the city contracted with Jerdan Services to spray the ditches. He then made a motion to hire Jerdan Services to spray 23 ditches at a cost of \$8,000, which will be expensed out of the Seven Cent Account. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Stewart stated that special certifications and handling permits are required to do this type of work and that is why the city is contracting the project.

AGENDA

1. – Introduction of Ordinance 447-An Ordinance amending Section 8 Residential Construction of Ordinance 440.

Mayor Stewart stated that in the past the city has covered ditches in front of private property as long as the homeowner purchased the pipe. He stated that this amendment will prohibit the city from covering ditches and if a property owner wants to pipe and fill a ditch located in a city right of way, a licensed engineer shall provide drainage calculations and drawings to the City of Satsuma. However, the city will still aid with driveway up to 20'.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to introduce Ordinance 447. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

2. - Introduction of Ordinance 448- An Ordinance amending Article 4, Section C (1)(b) of Ordinance No. 413.

Mayor Stewart stated that the NFIP has requested that certain verbiage regarding the filling in for new construction be added to the ordinance.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to introduce Ordinance 448. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

3- Introduction of Ordinance 449- An Ordinance renewing the franchise agreement with Mobile Gas.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to introduce Ordinance 449. 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 7:45 P.M.

Mayor William F. Stewart III

Councilmember Billy Jackson

Councilmember Pam O’Gwynn

Councilmember Pratt Monk

Councilmember Bill Black

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk