

MINUTES

August 5, 2008

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 5th day of August, 2008.

Councilmember Black led the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

On roll call the following answered present:

Mayor	Billy Bush
Council Members	Patricia Hicks
	Mark Barlow
	Larry R. Landrum
	E.L. Phillips
	Bill Black

Vicki Miller, City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney and Tom Briand, Building Inspector, were present. A quorum was present and Mayor Bush 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 Bush presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2008 for approval. Councilmember Barlow requested a change on page 2, paragraph 3 adding " Council agreed complaint from Mr. Pettis was legitimate and it is not the city's policy to pick up pets and have them put down ". With that change, Councilmember Barlow made a motion to adopt the minutes. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Bush presented the minutes from the Special Called Meeting of July 29, 2008. Councilmember Barlow made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and it carried.

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VISITORS

Debbie Harbin of 5620 7th Street came before Council to request a home based business license called Upper Case Living. She explained that the business is having home parties for individuals. Councilmember Barlow stated that in order to issue a home based business license, the owner has to get a post office box and the business has to be incidental to the neighborhood. Council approved the business license.

Kim Cain came before Council and questioned the procedure of the City putting down pipe in ditches in front of residences. She stated that recently she purchased a piece of property on Baker Road and was told that if she purchased the pipe, the City would install. She asked if this was the procedure. Councilmember Landrum replied that the procedure is for residents purchase the pipe and the city installs. She then questioned why the city paid for the pipe put down on Juniper Avenue in front of the Gerhardt's residence. James Elmore, Public Works Superintendent, explained that the city was having a drainage issue in that area and it was necessary to put a box in the curve and put in a section of pipe. Mr. Gerhardt had asked if he could add onto the pipe in front of his home. Mr. Gerhardt paid for the pipe and the City laborers installed the pipe as per the procedure.

Ruth Schmohl came before Council and expressed concerns about the signs and the derelict buildings. She stated that she has read the sign ordinance and has seen signs that exceed the ordinance. She presented the Council with pictures of signs and buildings that she thought were violating the ordinance. She requested that Council consider and evaluate the situation and do what is best for the community.

Mr. Few of 5244 Old Highway 43 came before Council to request permission to put a metal building behind his home. He stated that he has 6 acres. Councilmember Barlow told Mr. Few that he would need to go to the Planning Board. He told Mr. Few to call the Clerk to get on the agenda.

Mr. Joe McMillan of 5818 Chattanooga to complain about the stop signs being placed throughout the city. He stated that with gas prices as they are, that stopping so much is not economical. Councilmember Phillips replied that the City has to look at what is safe for the citizens.

Cherry Hutchison of the Call New came before Council to ask if the City would purchase as ad in the 2008 Football Preview. She stated that the City has done so in the past. Council discussed the matter. Councilmember Hicks made a motion to purchase ½-page ad for \$459.00 in the 2008 Football issue. Councilmember Barlow seconded the motion and it carried.

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AGENDA

1. Open roll-off/Front end loader container bids

Councilmember Landrum reported that two (2) bids were received. The bids were as follows:

Waste Management-	Front End Loader- \$5616.00 per year
	Roll-Off Container- \$220.00 per haul
Allied Waste-	Front End Loader- \$10,296.00 per year
	Roll Off Containers- \$225.00 per haul.

Councilmember Landrum then made a motion to accept the bids and turn over to the committee for tabulation. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Introduction of Ordinance 430- A 4-way stop sign at Bayou Avenue East at Park Avenue.

Councilmember Phillips made a motion to introduce Ordinance 430. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Introduction of Ordinance 431- A 4-way stop sign at Bayou Avenue Westt at Sixth Street.

Councilmember Phillips made a motion to introduce Ordinance 431. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Introduction of Ordinance 432- A 3-way stop sign at Joginell East at Avondale.

Councilmember Phillips made a motion to introduce Ordinance 432. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Introduction of Ordinance 433- A 3-way stop sign at Ryals Street at Twinbranch Drive South

Councilmember Phillips made a motion to introduce Ordinance 433. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Introduction of Ordinance 434- A 3-way stop sign at Magnolia Avenue At First Street.

Councilmember Phillips made a motion to introduce Ordinance 434. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried.

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7. Introduction of Ordinance 435- A 3-way stop sign at Daniel Drive at Elvira.
Councilmember Phillips made a motion to introduce Ordinance 435. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried.

8. Action on discontinuance of garbage for 105 Fairlane Drive

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to discontinue the garbage at 105 Fairlane Drive due to the homeowner moving and home vacant and for sale. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

9. Action on discontinuance of garbage for 6204 Laurelwood Drive.

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to discontinue the garbage at 6204 Laurelwood Drive due to homeowner moving to another address. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

10. Action on discontinuance of garbage for 6192 Dolphin Drive.

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to discontinue the garbage at 6192 Dolphin Drive due to the homeowner moving and the home being vacant. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

11. Action on discontinuance of garbage for 5325 Hummingbird Drive West.

Council discussed the request and decided to table the matter until further information could be obtained.

12. Action on RESOLUTION 2008-07-01- Appointing the election officials for the 2008 Municipal Election.

Councilmember Hicks made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-07-01. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

13. Action on RESOLUTION 2008-07-03- Setting the compensation for the absentee election manager.

Councilmember Hicks made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-07-03. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

14. Action on the appointment of a Firefighter I.

Councilmember Barlow stated that he thought the decision was to table all hiring at this time tonight. Councilmember Barlow stated that there are a couple of good candidates,

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on the fire fighter certification list, that have been discussed Mayor Bush stated that he did make his recommendation on the hiring of a fire fighter and Councilmember Barlow acknowledged that he did receive the email. Mayor Bush stated that he understood the statement that at pre-council about Council's decision to hold off hiring at this time. However, he still did not understand why we call for a list, set up appointments, interview and take time to make recommendation, just to have the Council table the issue because of an election. Councilmember Barlow stated there was a lengthy discussion in pre-council on the hiring and that it was unfair to spring a 4.3M bond issue just three weeks before an election. Mayor Bush stated that the hiring does not have anything to do with the bond issue. Mayor Bush stated he would like a better explanation as to what the election has to do with the City business of hiring people that we have vacancies. Councilmember Barlow stated that major issues such as hiring and promotions should be made with the new group that will elected soon by the citizens. Councilmember Barlow then agreed again that there were a couple of good candidates. Councilmember Barlow stated that hiring one, which was the Mayor's recommendation would not get the department out of a bind. The candidate that the Mayor is recommending still has to go to

school and that is why the committee recommended hiring two. Mayor Bush stated that his recommendation is to hire two, just not both at this time. But he does not understand why they want the list to go back and then have to wait for another certification list to hire them. Councilmember Barlow stated that he must have misunderstood the Mayor's request to hire two. Mayor Bush stated that on his email, he recommended hiring one now, hiring a fire captain and then in the October budget hire another fire fighter. Councilmember Barlow stated that the Mayor put it on the agenda for him to bring up tonight and he did not miss the meeting when the interviews were set up. Councilmember Barlow stated that when other interviews are set up, the elected official over that department get to sit in on the interview and he did not get that opportunity. Councilmember Barlow then said the matter will be tabled.

15. Ratify appointment of Edith Butler as Assistant City Clerk

Councilmember Hicks stated that interviews were by the City Clerk, herself and the Mayor. Due to the expiration of the certification list Edith Butler was appointed pending approval of the Council.

Councilmember Hicks made a motion to ratify the hiring of Edith Butler as Assistant City Clerk. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

16. Action on provisional appointment of Elizabeth Renee Linquist as Jailer/Dispatcher.

Councilmember Phillips explained that a list was called, however there were no names on the list. He stated that Ms. Lindquist will be appointed provisional until a list is completed.

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Councilmember Phillips then made a motion to make a provisional appointment of Elizabeth Renee Lindquist as Jailer/Dispatcher. Councilmember Landrum seconded the

17. Action on request fee be waived for parade permit for SHS homecoming parade to be held Septebmer 26, 2008 beginning at 9:00 a.m..

Councilmember Phillips made a motion to waive the parade permit fee for the SHS homecoming parade. Councilmember Barlow seconded the motion and it carried.

18. Action on \$400,000 construction loan to Regions Bank.

Jay Minus explained that Regions has given the City three options: 1) to finance the loan unsecured for 7 years 2) use the public service buildings as collateral and finance any remaining amount unsecured. 3) Do a General Obligation Bond. At this time Regions just need to know which way the City is going to pursue because the loan is now due and an extension will be required. Council told Jay to ask Regions for an extension on the loan and the matter will be discussed further at a workshop.

A Workshop was set for Tuesday, August 12 at 6:00 to discuss this matter along with the bond for the Water Board.

19. Approval for Mayor to execute agreement and Resolution 2008-08-05 with Alabama Department of Transportation for Project No STPTE-TE08-(954)-Sidewalks along Juniper Avenue.

Councilmember Hicks made a motion to approve Mayor Bush to sign the necessary documents for the sidewalk project. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

20. Action on Resolution 2008-08-03. Authorizing City to participate in HMGP grant for Satsuma Community Shelter/Safehouse.

Councilmember Hicks made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-08-03. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

21. Action of Resolution 2008-08-04- Award Bid and sign the notice of award for ALDOT Sidewalk Project Phase II.

Cara Stallman of Grant Consultant Group came before Council to state that Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood opened the bids and the low bidder was \$100,000 under the grant. She

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stated that the City will have a 20% match. She stated that a pre-construction meeting will be held and then construction will begin.

Councilmember Hicks made a motion to award the bid to Peavy Construction Company for \$294,847.00 and have the Mayor execute the Notice of Award. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

22. Discussion of request of purchasing ad for Satsuma Football program

Councilmember Barlow made a motion to purchase the Maroon ad for \$800.00. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and it carried.

23. Approval for David Benefield to attend A.C.J.I.C conference on August 12 in Montgomery and use of the credit card for expenses.

Councilmember Phillips reported that the trip is mandatory since David is the information officer. Councilmember Phillips made a motion to approve the travel and usage of the credit card. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried.

24. Adoption of RESOLUTION 2008-08-01. Request for cash advance in the amount of \$30.00 for Officer Richard Dix to attend training class in Foley, September 24-26.

Councilmember Phillips made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-08-01.
Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

25. Approval to pay Remedial Services \$25,519.35 for culvert work completed on I-65 Service Road.

Councilmember Black reported that the work was complete and Mr. Elmore has inspected the job. Councilmember Black made a motion to pay Remedial Services \$25,519.35 for the job. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried.

26. Approval to hire James Bankston as a laborer.

Councilmember Black explained that a laborer working for Public Works quit and Mr. Bankston will be hired to take his place.

Councilmember Black made a motion to hire James Bankston as a laborer.
Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried. Councilmember Barlow and Councilmember Phillips opposed.

27. Discussion of lot on Old Highway 43 at Bradford

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Councilmember Landrum stated that Tom Briand has sent a letter to the owners to clean up the lot.

Councilmember Barlow recognized Ken Megginson from the Mobile County School Board. Council requested an update on the middle school. Mr. Megginson stated that he did not have any news on the middle school. Councilmember Landrum stated that he has spoken with Mr. Sheffield, the site is ready, and plans are out for bids. Councilmember Hicks told Mr. Megginson that the City will fight.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Hicks stated that the Girls 8 and under went to the World Series and is asking the Council for a donation of \$269.10 to pay for trophies. Councilmember Hicks stated that Council has agreed to help teams that went to Nationals or World Series.

Councilmember Hicks reported that the new AC unit will be installed this week at the lodge to replace the one that broke.

Councilmember Barlow expressed condolences on behalf of the Council to the family of Mark Randal Oliver.

Councilmember Barlow asked the City Clerk about the status of the fuel system. Mr. Elmore stated that the new pulsers are on order and this should correct the problem with the reading of gallons.

Councilmember Landrum stated that he had nothing to discuss under old business.

Councilmember Phillips reported that Brian Bakken of TESCO Technical Services is looking at locating his businesses in Satsuma.

Councilmember Phillips reported that at the last meeting there was a discussion about purchasing a scanner for the animal control officer. He stated that Chief Benefield has

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gotten a price of \$215.00. Councilmember Phillips then made a motion purchase the scanner. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Phillips stated that Cara Stallman has looked into grant for holding pens and the grants from \$2,000 to \$4,000. He stated that he would like Cara to research further. Council agreed.

Councilmember Black reported that James Elmore would like to attend a seminar on "Weathering the Storms" sponsored by Alabama Corporative Extension on September 8-10 in Mobile.

Councilmember Black made a motion to approve Mr. Elmore to attend the seminar. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Hicks reported that Tom Briand has gotten with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood about the lighting over the Council Chamber. She stated that Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood have agreed to redo the lighting. She thanked Mr. Briand for his work.

Councilmember Barlow reported that the balance sheet was distributed and that there will be a Planning Board meeting Thursday, August 7.

Councilmember Landrum stated that he did not have anything to discuss under new business.

Councilmember Phillips stated that he did not have anything to discuss under new business.

Councilmember Black stated that he had nothing to discuss under new business.

Mayor Bush presented the bills for payment. Councilmember Hicks stated that the engineering bill from Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood will be submitted to ALDOT for reimbursement. Councilmember Barlow made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried.

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Barlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

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Mayor Bush

Councilmember Hicks

Councilmember Barlow

Councilmember Landrum

Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Black

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk