

MINUTES

December 15, 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 15th of December, 2009.

Councilmember Williams gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Pratt.

On roll call the following answered present:

Mayor	William F. Stewart, III
Council Members	Billy Jackson
	Pratt Monk
	Tom Williams
	Bill Black

Absent: Pamela O’Gwynn and Jay Minus, City Attorney

Vicki Miller, City Clerk; James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor; Tom Briand, Building Inspector and Chief 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 beginning at 6:00 P.M. prior to the regular meeting and Mayor Stewart discussed with Council agenda items coming before Council.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting on December 1, 2009 for approval. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Pratt seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

1. Key Kids

Mayor Stewart presented pins and certificates

Council recessed at 7:10

Council reconvened at 7:20

2. Randy Campbell and Coach Jennifer Bowden representing SHS Girls Softball.

Mr. Campbell and Coach Bowden came before Council to request the city renew its advertising in the Girl's Softball program. After discussing the matter, Councilmember Jackson made a motion to purchase the ad for \$250.00. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Both thanked Council for their support with the program.

3. Mike McKinley -representing One Meal.

Mr. McKinley came before Council and stated that One Meal is a program he started back in May 04 2008 to feed the homeless. He stated that since its inception, the program has served approximately 2700 meals every Sunday in downtown Mobile. He stated that this program is funded by donations and he is requesting usage of the grounds at Steel Creek Lodge and Park for a monthly flea market on Saturdays. He stated that all proceeds would go to purchase supplies. Councilmember Williams stated that he is concerned with the location of the lodge since the facility is booked most Saturdays. Mayor Stewart stated that even though the market would be positive for the community, he too was concerned and would need to discuss the matter further with the City attorney.

4. Dick Wampler of Malaga Drive

Mr. Wampler came before Council to thank the council for the senior bus. He stated that recently he used the services to take his wife to the doctor. He stated that the service was an asset to the city as was the senior aid, Eva Rowe.

5. Arrie Weaver-5765 Dale Drive

Mr. Weaver came before Council to discuss the matter of the damage to his home due to the drainage on Dale Drive. Councilmember Jackson stated that Mr. Weaver would need to come to the city hall and get a statement of claim form if he thought the city was at fault.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Old Business:

1. Request from James Vining, III for a home based massage business.

Mayor Stewart stated after discussing the matter with the city attorney and council, it has been determined that the request is not consistent with the zoning ordinance. With that, Councilmember Jackson made a motion to deny the request from Mr. Vining for a home based massage business. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation:

Councilmember Jackson stated that Jay Minus has approved the contract with Service Master for the cleaning of Steele Creek Lodge. He then made a motion to approve the contract with Service and approval for Mayor Stewart to execute the agreement. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson stated that the fee schedule for Steele Creek needed to be changed to reflect a separate cleaning fee. He then made a motion to adopt the new fee schedule. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson stated that he received a request from Dan Todd of the Satsuma Sharks to renew the contract with the same terms at last year. Councilmember Jackson stated that the funds will go to the high school for distribution. With no further discussion, Councilmember Jackson made a motion to renew the contract with the Satsuma Sharks for \$3500.00. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Administration and Finance:

Mayor Stewart stated that Councilmember O'Gwynn was called out of town for a work related matter. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve Vicki Miller to attend Certification Training Institute for Municipal Clerks on January 27-29 in Tuscaloosa at an approximate cost of \$675.00 and use of the city credit card. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Monk expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the families of Ruth Shuler, Alton Vick, Murriel Callais, and Hoyt Lolley, a former councilmember of Saraland.

Councilmember Monk stated that he had a request for discontinuance of garbage at 5466 Stratford Lane due to the house being vacant and then made a motion to approve the discontinuance. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk stated that he had a request for discontinuance of garbage at 5783 Dale Drive Lane due to the house being vacant and then made a motion to approve the discontinuance. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried

Public Safety:

Councilmember Williams reported that he received a letter of accommodation for Office Andy Lee. He request that Officer Lee come before Council and he read the letter. Council congratulated Officer Lee.

Councilmember Williams reported that the “Offender Watch” which tracks the residences of sexual offenders is now linked on the city’s web site.

Councilmember Williams reported that police department is in receipt of two new police cruisers. These new vehicles will replace car 2 and 4 which have excessive mileage and are causing high maintenance costs.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that the drainage improvements on Orchard worked during the recent heavy rains.

AGENDA
NO ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Monk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Mayor William F. Stewart III

Councilmember Billy Jackson

_____absent_____
Councilmember Pam O’Gwynn

Councilmember Pratt Monk

Councilmember Tom Williams

Councilmember Bill Black

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk