

TOM WILLIAMS
MAYOR

VICKI MILLER
CITY CLERK

SHANE STRINGER
CHIEF OF POLICE

CLYDE MILLER
FIRE CHIEF



COUNCIL MEMBERS

RANDY LITTLE, PLACE 1

MIKE BUTLER, PLACE 2

JASON SKELTON, PLACE 3

ALLISON CROSS, PLACE 4

BILL BLACK, PLACE 5

MINUTES OF March 20, 2018

Pre-Council

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in the Pre-Council Session at City Hall in said city at 6:00 P.M. the 20th day of March, 2018. Those present were: Mayor Tom Williams; Councilmembers: Randy Little, Mike Butler, Jason Skelton, Allison Cross and Bill Black.

Mayor Williams discussed Agenda items.

Regular Meeting

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 20th day of March, 2018

Invocation

Councilmember Black gave the invocation. Logan Tucker and Cam Atkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

On roll call the following answered present: Mayor Tom Williams
Councilmembers: Randy Little, Mike Butler, Jason Skelton, Allison Cross, and Bill Black.

Also present were Jay Minus, City Attorney; Vicki Miller, City Clerk; Tom Briand, City Inspector, Fire Chief Clyde Miller and Police Chief Shane Stringer.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Williams presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 6, 2018. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Williams presented the minutes from the Work Session held on March 12, 2018. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Williams presented the minutes from the Work Session held on March 13, 2018. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Williams requested a change in the agenda and asked that the resolution be done at this time instead of at the end of the meeting. There were no objections from Council.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS**1. Consideration of Resolution 2018-03-02- A Resolution appointing Elizabeth Nations as a Satsuma City School Board member.**

Councilmember Little made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-03-02. Councilmember Cross seconded the motion and it carried.

Adjournment**Special Recognition:**

Before the recognitions, Councilmember Skelton announced that on Thursday there will be ribbon cutting ceremony for STM Landscaping located at 5741 Highway 43 at 4:30. There will also be an open house on Saturday.

Mayor Williams introduced Heather Davis as the new Assistant City Clerk.

1. Presentation of the new bicycle signs.
Councilmember Cross unveiled the new bicycle awareness signs that will be placed on Highway 43.
2. Swearing in of Elizabeth Nations as the new Satsuma City School Board Member. Judge John Williams administered the Oath of Office.
3. Key Students- Robert E. Lee School
Students were presented a certificate and city pin by Mayor Williams and congratulated by the City Council.

Council recessed at 7:20 P.M.

Council reconvened at 7:30 P.M.

Visitors:

1. Jack Presnall came before Council to inquire about the conversation Mayor Williams had with ALDOT Region Director Vince Calametti. Mayor Williams informed Mr. Presnall that Mr. Calametti agreed to send out an engineer to see if the flag pole could be relocated. Mayor Williams stated that Mr. Elmore did meet with an ALDOT engineer and they are looking at relocating the flag to an area south of the interstate. Mr. Presnall requested that since the pole does not have a flag on it and it is not located in an accessible location to remove the pole. Mayor Williams stated that he would get the public works department to remove the pole and store it until a new location can be agreed upon

Mayor's and Council's Reports:

1. Update on the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council public meeting held on March 7th

Mayor Williams reported that the City's Northwest Water and Sewer Project was voted to be funded in the amount of \$1.76 M. Mayor Williams noted that Satsuma was one of the few cities who submitted projects that got funded. He commended the Council on making all the personal contacts with the GCRC. Mayor Williams stated that the next step is for the GCRC to draft a plan and then put the plan up for public comments. He stated no clarification has been given as to when the projects will be funded but the funds should be distributed over the next 5 years.

2. Update on the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission meeting held on March 14th.

Mayor Williams reported that at the meeting he had an opportunity to speak with Frazier Payne, of Congressman Bradley Byrne's Office. Mr. Payne assured him that he would work on scheduling a meeting between Congressman Byrne and ALDOT regarding the railroad crossing at Bayou Avenue.

3. Update on the John Browning Notice of Claim

Mayor Williams reported that he spoke with a representative of AMIC, the city's insurance carrier, and they have spoken with Mr. Browning and informed him that he made the claim against the wrong party. The claim should be made against the contractor.

4. Discussion of 7th Street Sidewalk project.

Mayor Williams reported that this was discussed in pre-council and at this time no decision has been made to continue with this project.

Municipal Services- Councilmember Little thanked the Seniors for the meal provided at the Senior Center. .

Public Safety- Councilmember Butler reported that Officer Harvey Roberts lost his home to a fire and it was a total loss. He reported that the police department

will be doing a bucket drop to help with the expenses. Councilmember Butler stated that Officer Harvey will have to have replacement uniforms and duty gear. He then made a motion to approve an expenditure of \$1000 to replace his uniforms and duty gear. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried.

Administration-Councilmember Skelton reported that the Special Olympics event will be held Friday at the football stadium. Councilmember Skelton reported that the 60% complete drawings of the public safety building are available for public review in the Council conference room.

Parks- Councilmember Cross reminded everyone of the Citizen of the Year banquet to be held on March 22nd at Steele Creek Lodge at 6:30 p.m. Councilmember Cross reported that on April 3rd, the Library will be having a pot luck luncheon at Baldwin Square beginning at 11:00 A.M. Councilmember Cross announced that the Splash Pad will be open April 1st .

Public Works- Councilmember Black stated that he did not have any matters to report or items for discussion.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Payment of the bills.

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of 97,162.43 which includes a payment of \$22,095 to Martin Construction and \$10,065 to Civil Southeast for the sidewalk project. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Consideration of request for exemption of payment of Steele Creek Lodge fee from Satsuma High School JROTC banquet for April 18, 2018.

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve the request with the understanding that the \$100 clean up fee will apply. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Consideration of request for exemption of payment of Steele Creek Lodge fee from Women's Club of Satsuma for a Senior Guy banquet for May 7, 2018.

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve the request noting that the \$100 clean up fee has already been paid. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Consideration to promote Clyde Miller, acting Fire Chief to the newly created Fire Chief Position under the MCPB

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the promotion of Clyde Miller to Fire Chief. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Consideration of the re-appointment of Billy Salter to the Satsuma Library Board.

Councilmember Cross noted that Mr. Salter completed the application for re-appointment to the Library Board and then made a motion to approve the re-appointment. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Consideration of request from James Elmore to purchase a new bush hog.

Councilmember Black made a motion to approve the purchase from J&K Tractor for \$1,150.00. Councilmember Cross seconded the motion and it carried.

7. Consideration of ratifying the appointment of Heather Davis as Assistant City Clerk.

Councilmember Skelton made the motion to ratify the hiring of Heather Davis. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Skelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Cross seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

/s/ Tom Williams
Mayor Williams

/s/ Randy Little
Councilmember Little

/s/Mike Butler
Councilmember Butler

/s/ Jason Skelton
Councilmember Skelton

/s/ Allison Cross
Councilmember Cross

/s/ Bill Black
Councilmember Black

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk