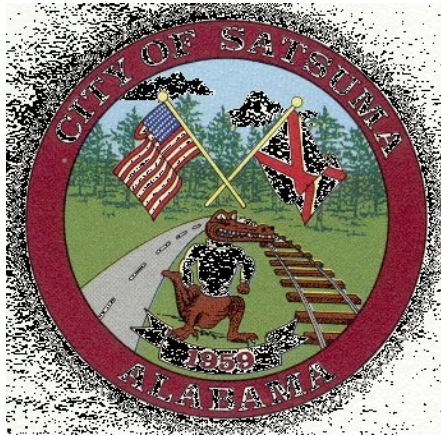


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COUNCIL MEMBERS

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MIKE BUTLER, PLACE 2

JASON SKELTON, PLACE 3

ALLISON REESE, PLACE 4

BILL BLACK, PLACE 5

## **MINUTES OF January 8, 2019**

### **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 8th day of January, 2019. Those present were: Mayor Tom Williams; Councilmembers: Randy Little, Mike Butler, Jason Skelton, Allison Reese and Bill Black.

Mayor Williams briefly discussed agenda items.

Council went into executive session to discuss a potential litigation matter at 6:54 P.M. Council recessed the executive session at 6:59 P.M.

### **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 8th day of January, 2019.

### **Invocation**

Councilmember Little gave the invocation and 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 Reese, Bill Black and Junior Council Members Ben Luker and Ashley Lankford.

Also present were Matt Hambrick sitting in for Jay Minus, City Attorney, Vicki Miller, City Clerk; Heather Davis, Assistant City Clerk; Tom Briand, Building

Inspector; Clyde Miller, Fire Chief; and Clint Harrell, Police Chief and Jana Duker, Police Captain.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Williams presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 18, 2018. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried.

### **Special Recognition: - NONE**

### **Visitors:**

1. Linda Tindle representing the Satsuma Library Foundation- Ms. Tindle came before Council to remind Council of the upcoming First Annual Mardi Gras Ball to be held at Steele Creek Lodge on January 25, 2019 from 7 P.M. to 11 P.M. She stated that the foundation is sponsoring this event; however there is a need for additional funds for the food. She asked if the Council would consider donating \$500.00 for food to this event. Mayor Williams stated that the council would take the matter under consideration and see how the City can legally make the contribution.

### **Mayor's and Council's Reports:**

#### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Williams reported that he took the Harbor Tour sponsored by the State Port Authority and the tour was very informative and very well attended.

Mayor Williams reported that he will be attending the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund executive meetings on January 16th & 17th. He stated that the trip will be no cost to the City.

Mayor Williams reported that the State has sent out notices regarding participation in the upcoming severe weather preparedness tax holiday. He stated that notification has to be received by January 22<sup>nd</sup>. After discussing the matter in pre-council, Mayor Williams stated that since there is only one retail outlet in the City with so few items that meet the criteria; the City has chosen not to participate.

Mayor Williams reported that the Mobile County Grants Department will be holding a meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss eligible Community Development Block Grants and the application process. He stated that Cara Stallman and Tom Briand will be attending the meeting.

Mayor Williams noted that there are several employees who were unable to use their allotted vacations due to their work schedules. He stated the matter was

discussed in pre-council and the decision was to pay those employees for their unused vacation.

**Municipal Services- Councilmember Little** stated that having the additional dumpster behind City Hall during the holidays was a great idea. He stated that since there were some issues with the containers not being large enough to accommodate the garbage, there may be some changes in the size of the containers.

**Public Safety- Councilmember Butler** reported that the fire department made 845 calls for the year which is the most that the department has ever made. He reported also that a donation of \$100 was made to the fire department in honor of Roy Mitchell.

**Administration-Councilmember Skelton** reported that a thank you card was received from the family of Pratt Monk for the flowers and police escort. Councilmember Skelton extended condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the family of Billy Atchison who passed away recently. Mr. Skelton stated that Mr. Atchison was a member of the first graduating class of Satsuma High School and the brother of Mary Atchison.

**Parks- Councilmember Reese** reported that she has received the paperwork from ALDOT needed to apply for a permit to place a flag pole in the large median south of the I-65/43 exchange. She stated that she will be getting with James Elmore and Tom Briand to get all the necessary information.

Councilmember Reese reported that the painting of the library should begin around the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January. She stated that the Public Works Department will be working to replace the rotten boards. Mr. Elmore stated that there will be cost for rental on some equipment.

**Public Works- Councilmember Black** reported that a notice has been received from Burlington Northern railroad that they will be replacing the cross ties at the Bayou Avenue West and Baker Road crossings during the first week in February.

### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**1. Payment of the bills.**

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$142,997.68 which includes a payment of \$75,142.86 to Ben Radcliff Contractor, Inc. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

**2. Consideration of proposal from Safe Span, LLC to perform the routine safety inspections on 7 bridges in the city for a cost of \$6,100.**

Councilmember Black made a motion to approve the proposal. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried.

- 3. Consideration of a joint meeting with the Satsuma School Board for January 29, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. to attend the State of the School Address at Robert E. Lee Annex library at 220 Baker Road .**  
Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve having a joint meeting with the school board. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried.
- 4. Consideration of recommendation from James Elmore to repair the bucket truck for estimated costs of \$2,252.82.**  
Councilmember Little noted that the estimate is to repair the transmission and then made a motion to approve the repairs. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried.
- 5. Consideration of appointment of Matt Dial to the Satsuma Water Board for a six year term. .**  
Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the appointment of Matt Dial to the Satsuma Water Board. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.
- 6. Consideration of setting a work session to discuss an agreement with the Satsuma Youth Association and discuss other City business.**  
Councilmember Reese made a motion to hold a work session on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried.
- 7. Consideration of acceptance of resignation from Thomas Kelly Gatewood, police officer, effective January 17, 2019 in good standing and payment of any unused vacations and comp time. .**  
Councilmember Butler made a motion to accept the resignation. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.
- 8. Consideration to place an ad in the Special Edition of the Call News featuring high school baseball and softball. Cost of ¼ page is \$159.00 and ½ page is \$259.00. This will be a full color ad.**  
Councilmember Reese made a motion to approve purchasing a ¼ page ad for \$159.00. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

## **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1. Consideration of Resolution 2019-01-01- A Resolution approving the financing of two police vehicles through BB&T for three (3) years.**

Councilmember Skelton noted that this was discussed at the last meeting and after comparing interest rates BB&T had the lowest interest rate at 3.94%. He then made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-01-01 authorizing the financing with BB& T for \$57,000 for two police vehicles.. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Black made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

/s/ Tom Williams  
Mayor Tom Williams

/s/ Randy Little  
Councilmember Randy Little

/s/ Mike Butler  
Councilmember Mike Butler

/s/ Jason Skelton  
Councilmember Jason Skelton

/s/ Allison Reese  
Councilmember Allison Reese

/s/ Bill Black  
Councilmember Bill Black

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller  
City Clerk