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JASON SKELTON, PLACE 3

ALLISON CROSS, PLACE 4

BILL BLACK, PLACE 5

MINUTES OF April 3, 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 3rd day of April, 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 3rd day of April, 2018.

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 Cross, and Bill Black.

Also present were Jay Minus, City Attorney; Vicki Miller, City Clerk; Heather Davis, Assistant City Clerk, James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor, Tom Briand, City Inspector, Fire Chief Clyde Miller and Police Chief Shane Stringer.

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Approval of Minutes

Mayor Williams presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2018. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Cross seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognition:

1. Proclamation proclaiming April 21, 2018 as "Earth Day Mobile Bay".

Councilmember Cross read the proclamation.

2. Presentation – Chanse Davis-Satsuma High School Senior- Senior project was a fundraiser for the Satsuma Police Department.

Chanse Davis of 350 Thomas Road came before Council and presented \$350.00 to Chief Stringer. He explained that he started out just trying to raise funds for the police department in honor of his mother who was killed in an accident. Once his teacher found out she suggested that he make it his senior community service project. .

Visitors:

1. Representatives of the Library Foundation- Evelyn Butler and Charlotte Strickland spoke in pre-council and then again in the regular meeting about a fund raiser for the Library. Ms. Butler stated that the Library Foundation has used the silent auction at Christmas for their fund raiser project, however over the years it has become harder to get items donated and therefore has not made a lot of money. She stated that the Foundation would like to have a Mardi Gras ball in January as a new fundraiser. They are asking council to consider waiving the fee for a Friday event. Mayor Williams noted that the item has been added to the "Items of Consideration".

2. Shirley Presnall came before Council to give a report on the funds raised during the recent Swamp Fest. Sue Speights and Charlotte Strickland joined her in reporting that the event raised \$13,000. Ms. Presnall stated that \$6500 will go to each school and allow for two \$500 scholarships to be given at the high school. Ms. Presnall explained that the funds raised are for students and done on a grant process where the teachers submit paperwork requesting the funds for needed items.

Mayor's and Council's Reports:

1. Report on Williams Avenue

Mayor Williams reported that there was a pre-construction meeting held on March 28th with James Elmore, Tom Briand, representatives from Civil Southeast and HCL Contractors. He stated work began yesterday and is set to be a 30 day project with a cost for \$148,740.84. He stated that this is a Community

Development Block Grant project that has been six years running beginning with the water and sewer and now the paving of the road.

2. Report on the Public Safety Building-Geotech report received.

Mayor Williams reported that the geotechnical report was received and a meeting was held this afternoon with Lawrence Wilson with EDT, Richard Patrick, the surveyor, James Elmore and Tom Briand. According to the report, there will need to be 5' of excavation. James Elmore has contacted Mobile County and they will be sending out the equipment necessary to complete the excavation this coming weekend and then the city workers will work to do the compaction. The geotechnical firm will be sending out representatives to do the testing of the dirt and oversee the compaction process.

3. Discussion of installing speed breakers in lieu of stop signs on Hannah Chase Way at Kittie Court and Chelsea Court.

Mayor Williams stated at the last meeting, a citizen came before Council to request stop signs at these intersections. He stated that after reviewing the matter, Tom Briand and James Elmore are recommending putting in speed breakers at these locations. After discussing in pre-council, council has agreed to proceed and the matter has been added as item #7 under the "Items of Consideration".

Municipal Services- Councilmember Little reported that the senior bus was out of commission due to some necessary repairs but has been completed. . Councilmember Little also stated that Mr. Briand has recommended the city look at updating the building codes from 2009 to 2015. He will get more information on the matter.

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

Administration-Councilmember Skelton reported that Attorney General, Steve Marshall, will be at Satsuma High School on Friday, April 6th at 1:00 p.m. to present the prestigious 2017 Safe School Initiative Award of Excellence. He stated that Satsuma was one of 10 schools in the state to receive this award. The ceremony is open to the public.

Councilmember Skelton stated that he would like to discuss the city's noise ordinance at the work session.

Parks- Councilmember Cross reported the Splash Pad opened on April 1st. She also stated that as part of his Boy Scout project, Patric Lepiane painted the bathroom and the playground equipment. The pavilion was painted by the public works department. Councilmember Cross reported that there are some improvements being made to the screened pavilion at Steele Creek Lodge. She

stated that the screen will be removed and make the pavilion more handicap assessable by leveling the concrete and replacing the doors.

Public Works- Councilmember Black reported that public works has installed new RR signs, painted new legends and completed new stripping at the RR cross at Bayou Avenue per ALDOT specifications.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Payment of the bills.

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of 54,223.22. Councilmember Cross seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Consideration of application from Emily Arellano for re-appointment to the Satsuma Public Library Board.

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Emily Arellano to the Satsuma Public Library Board. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Consideration of approving a letter to be sent to Mr. Steve Murrill, owner of the property where the Holcomb ditch crosses, proposing that he sell a portion of his property for a drainage easement for \$30,000. The amount is based on an appraisal of the property.

Councilmember Black made a motion to approve sending the letter to Mr. Murrill. Councilmember Cross seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Consideration of claim from Mediacom regarding the downed line on Bayou Avenue.

Councilmember Little reported that the adjuster with AMIC has submitted a letter to the city regarding the claim. After discussing the matter in pre-council, the council has decided to compromise on the claim and make an offer. He then made a motion to offer \$1000 to settle the claim. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Consideration of setting a work session to review the fiscal year audit and review of financials.

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to set a work session for Tuesday, April 10th at 5:30 to discuss the audit, financials and other city business. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Consideration of the application for re-appointment of Jimmy Upton to the Satsuma City School Board.

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to re-appoint Jimmy Upton to the Satsuma City School Board for a five year term. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

7. Consideration to purchase and install two (2) speed breakers on Hannah Chase Way not to exceed a cost of \$1000 including freight.

Councilmember Black made the motion to approve purchasing and installing the speed breakers at a cost not to exceed \$1000.

Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried.

8. Consideration to approve the Library Foundation to hold a Mardi Gras ball at Steele Creek on January 25, 2019 and to waive the rental fee noting that the \$100 clean up fee will apply.

Councilmember Black made a motion to approve the request as noted above. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

-NONE

Jay Minus called for an executive session to discuss pending litigation. Mayor Williams stated that no other business would be discussed after the executive session. Council went into executive session at 7:30 P.m.. Council reconvened into the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Adjournment

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