

TOM WILLIAMS
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CITY CLERK

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CHIEF OF POLICE

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FIRE CHIEF



COUNCIL MEMBERS

RANDY LITTLE, PLACE I

MIKE BUTLER, PLACE 2

JASON SKELTON, PLACE 3

ALLISON CROSS, PLACE 4

BILL BLACK, PLACE 5

MINUTES OF August 21, 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 21st day of August, 2018. Those present were: Mayor Tom Williams; Councilmembers: Randy Little, Mike Butler, Jason Skelton, Allison Cross and Bill Black.

Mayor Williams discussed agenda items.

Jay Minus, City Attorney, called for an executive session at 6:30 P.M. to discuss economic development for approximately 15 minutes. Council came out of the executive session at 6: 50 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 21st day of August, 2018.

Invocation

Councilmember Cross 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; James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor; Tom Briand, City Inspector; Clyde Miller, Fire Chief; Shane Stringer, Police Chief; and Jana Dukes, Police Captain.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Williams presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 7, 2018. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Cross seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Williams presented the minutes from the Work Session held on August 9, 2018. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Cross seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognition: NONE

Visitors:

- John Johnson, 324 Hannah Chase Way, came before Council expressing his concerns over the traffic traveling through Gilbert Creek Estates. He asked if the Council would consider closing the Hannah Chase Way at the intersection of Creek Circle Drive. He stated that even with the speed hump there is still an influx of traffic and the residents in this neighborhood would prefer the subdivision not be open to through traffic.
- Jason Harris, 321 Kittie Court, spoke and thanked the Council for the speed hump and questioned if the retention pond was a responsibility of the Homeowners Association or the City. Mr. Briand stated that he thought the retention pond was the responsibility of the HOA. He then asked about the fence and Mr. Briand stated that if the fence is on the plat, then it is the responsibility of the HOA. Jay Minus stated that if the fence is required on the plat, then it has to stay,
- Michelle Clancy of 454 Creek Circle came before Council and stated that she was not in favor of closing the road due to access by the emergency vehicles and school buses.
- Keith Booth, 322 Hannah Chase Way, stated that he was in favor of closing the road. He stated that if the road was closed to through traffic then there would not be a need for a speed hump.
- Tracy Cook, 521 Gilbert Drive, stated that he uses the road every day and that the street does not belong to the HOA.
- Vincent Lange, 319, Chelsea Court, stated that he has concerns about the height of the speed hump. He stated that it needs to be wider.

Mayor Williams stated that he appreciated everyone's concerns and that the Council would take all the concerns under advisement.

Mayor's and Council's Reports:

- Mayor Williams reported that today there was a meeting with an IT group regarding the camera, phone and internet service for the new Public Safety Building. He stated that this is the 3rd meeting with different companies that can provide this service.
- Mayor Williams stated that at the next work session, the Council will need to discuss whether the City will add the hard and soft costs that have already been paid out to the construction loan. He reminded Council if they decided to proceed with getting reimbursed, then the City would have to pay 4% interest on that money throughout the construction loan.
- Mayor Williams reported that the purchase of the Murrill property was completed. He stated that he attended the closing and the deed is being recorded. During the closing, the Murrills stated that when the city cleaned out the ditch, that they do not want the dirt on their property. Mayor Williams stated that now the City can proceed with the HMGP grant that cleans out the ditch on 1st Street and provides for a new culvert at the Cedar Avenue ROW. Also the City can now apply for a State Revolving Fund grant for improvements to the Holcomb Ditch.
- Mayor Williams read a letter of commendation from Alabama Department of Transportation thanking Mr. Elmore and his staff for being in compliance on the bridge inspections program.
- Mayor Williams reported that the Council was presented with a 2018-2019 meeting and holiday schedule. He asked that they review and the matter will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Municipal Services- Councilmember Little mentioned that he attended the monthly meal that is provided by the seniors at the Community Center. He stated that every 3rd Thursday they have a luncheon and the 1st Tuesday of the month they cook breakfast.

Public Safety- Councilmember Butler reported that he did not have any items to bring before the Council.

Administration-Councilmember Skelton requested that Council consider including the purchase of two new police vehicles in the upcoming budget. He stated that monthly repairs are more than payments on two vehicles. Councilmember Skelton presented a copy of a draft to create a Junior City Council. He asked that everyone look at the draft and give comments on moving forward with the project. Councilmember Skelton reported that Heather Davis, Jana Dukes and Vicki Miller will be training on the Civic Ready program on August 27th.

Mayor Williams expressed condolences on behalf of the family of Annie Merle Williams who passed at the age of 97 years old.

Parks- Councilmember Cross reminded everyone of the first football game of the season this Friday beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Public Works- Councilmember Black reported that Public Works employees are still continuing with routine work. Mr. Black also congratulated James Elmore on doing a good job with the bridge inspectors.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Payment of the bills.

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$77,177.12. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Consideration of the annual contract with FireMech to provide maintenance service on the fire trucks at a cost of \$738.00 per semi-annual service.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the contract.

Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Consideration of setting a budget work session for August 28th at 5:30 P.M.

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to set the work session as stated above. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Consideration to accept the resignation from Duncan Herrington, Police Officer

Councilmember Butler made a motion to accept the resignation.

Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Consideration to call for a police officer list from Mobile County Personnel Board.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to call for the list as stated above. .

Councilmember Cross seconded the motion and it carried. .

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Cross made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 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