

TOM WILLIAMS
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CHIEF OF POLICE

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

RANDY LITTLE, PLACE 1

MIKE BUTLER, PLACE 2

JASON SKELTON, PLACE 3

ALLISON REESE, PLACE 4

BILL BLACK, PLACE 5

MINUTES OF February 19, 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 19th day of February, 2019. Those present were: Mayor Tom Williams, Councilmembers: Randy Little, Mike Butler, Jason Skelton, Allison Reese and Bill Black.

Mayor Williams discussed agenda items.

Mayor Williams called for an executive session to discuss a pending legal matter. Council agreed and went into an executive session at 6:46. Council reconvened at 6:58 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 19th day of February, 2019.

Invocation

Councilmember Skelton gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

On roll call the following answered present: Mayor Williams. Councilmembers: Randy Little, Mike Butler, Jason Skelton, Allison Reese, Bill Black and Junior Councilmember Ashley Lankford. Absent: Junior Councilmember Ben Luker.

Also present were Danielle Mashburn-Myrick sitting in for City Attorney Jay Minus, Vicki Miller, City Clerk; Tom Briand, Building Inspector; James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor; Clyde Miller, Fire Chief; and Jana Dukes, Police Captain. Chief Harrell was absent due to being at the Chief's Conference.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Williams presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 5, 2019 and the Work Session held on 12, 2019. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognition:

1. Key Students –Robert E. Lee

Students came forth and Mayor Williams presented them with a school certificate, a city pin, a gift certificate from Satsuma McDonalds for two free cookies, a gift certificate from Goldfingers in Saraland for a free kids meal and ice cream. Mayor Williams also stated that if students presented their school certificate to Honey Buns in Satsuma before Sunday, they would be given one free donut. Each student was congratulated by City Council.

Council recessed at 7:24 P.M.

Council reconvened at 7:31 P.M.

Visitors

1. Elizabeth Ratliff- American Cancer Society Relay for Life- sponsorship request.

Elizabeth Ratliff came before Council to report that in the past the American Cancer Society has divided the Relay for Life into regions. She stated that in 2017 the ACS decided to centralize the relay into one location and this year it is being held at University of South Alabama track. Ms. Ratliff stated that the City has donated in the past and is asking for the City to consider donating this year. She presented the Council with various levels of donations. The event will be held on April 27th from 2:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and the deadline to do a sponsorship with the City's logo on the T-shirt is March 30th.

Mayor Williams stated that Council would take the matter under consideration and let her know.

Mayor's and Council's Reports:

Mayor's Report

Mayor Williams reported at the last meeting, a property owner on Tajuacha Drive approached the Council to inquire about a vacant piece of property adjacent to his property that is owned by the City. Mayor Williams stated that the subject property was obtained in a foreclosure proceeding due to failure of the property owner to pay the assessment. He stated that records show that the property is in a flood plain and some documents allude to the property being located in a wet land. He stated before the City could proceed with discussing the matter of selling, he would like to affirm whether or not the property is designated as wetlands. This could determine the price if the City should decide to sell. Mayor Williams asked Tom Briand to get that information for him before the next meeting.

Mayor Williams reminded Council that the Statement of Economic Interest is due by April 30, 2019.

Mayor Williams distributed the January 2019 financials and noted that the revenues are on target. He stated that the business license line item is not on target, more licenses were posted in February and the number will significantly change with the February financials. He stated that diesel is lagging behind the projections but gasoline is on target.

Mayor Williams reported that he has reached out to Vince Calametti with ALDOT to ask for an extension on the 7th Avenue sidewalk project. Mr. Calametti advised the City to write a letter requesting the extension giving the specific reason for asking and that he would see to possibly getting an extension. Mayor Williams stated that the extension is due to the Council wanting to wait until the Public Safety Building is completed and furnished before obligating capital funds to another project.

Municipal Services- Councilmember Little stated that he did not have any matter to report or for discussion

Public Safety- Councilmember Butler reported on the meeting with County representatives regarding the animal control issue. He stated that the County has agreed to do a trial agreement for 6 months with the City. The agreement is that the County will come out to the City and retrieve the dogs once they receive a call from the Police Department. They will come out between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and if there is a threat of a dangerous dog they come out anytime. Councilmember Butler stated that citizens are to continue to call the police department with dog issues. Mayor Williams thanked Councilmember Butler and Chief Harrell for working out this agreement. .

Administration-Councilmember Skelton reported he and Mayor Williams met with representatives of ALDOT and the NS Railroad today to do a diagnostic review of the Bayou Avenue railroad crossing for the purpose of putting crossing arms at this crossing. He stated that during the meeting, ALDOT was made aware of two more trains coming through the City. Councilmember Skelton stated that the City should receive an agreement by June 2019.

Councilmember Skelton reported that ADEM is coming out with some regulations regarding some manmade substance in drinking water and that soon municipalities will have to begin testing once ADEM sets some maximum acceptable limits.

Parks- Councilmember Reese reported the following:

- The Mobile County Municipal Dinner is Thursday the 21st. The dinner is being sponsored by the Racing Commission.
 - The opening of the Splash Pad is set for April 6th. She stated she would like to have a kickoff party and will have more information later.
- Councilmember Reese stated that she would like to see an increase in the rental from \$50.00 to \$60.00 on the pavilions.

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Payment of the bills.

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$102,847.89 which includes a payment of \$45,890.43 for the 2nd installment on the City's insurance. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Consideration of the request from C.U.B.B. for exemption of Steele Creek Lodge payment for Monday, April 29, 2019 for a bowling banquet.

Councilmember Reese made a motion to waive the rental fee and noted that the \$100 clean up fee has been paid. She stated that this group comes yearly and was prepared to pay the cleanup fee. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Consideration to adopting the FY2018 audit as presented by Byers and Byers Associates.

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to adopt the FY2018 audit. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Consideration of selection of the voting delegates for the league convention. Need voting delegate and alternate.

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to select Mayor Williams as the voting delegate and Councilmember Reese as the alternate. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

5. **Consideration of request from Tom Briand to attend the annual State of Alabama Code Officials conference May 14-17th in Gulf Shores, AL.**
Councilmember Little made a motion to approve the request.
Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried.
6. **Consideration of resignation from Larry Croomes effective February 28, 2019.**
Councilmember Black made a motion to accept the resignation from Larry Croomes. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.
7. **Consideration to place an additional street light at 5517 First Street. Reviewed and approved by Tom Briand.**
Councilmember Black made a motion to approve placing a light at the location recommended by Tom Briand. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.
8. **Consideration to ratify the repairs on the chipper for approximately \$4700.00.**
Councilmember Black made a motion to approve ratifying the repairs as noted. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Consideration of Resolution 2019-02-01- A Resolution supporting Congress to adopt H.R. 530 and overturn the FCC ruling on municipal small tower authority.**

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-02-01. Councilmember Cross seconded the motion and it carried

Resolution 2019-02-01

A Resolution in Support of Protecting Local Control over Public Streets and Public Assets and a Call on Congress to Reaffirm Such Local Control by Reversing Recent FCC Actions Related to Wireless Facilities By Enacting H.R. 530.

WHEREAS local governments have long been the stewards of local public streets and public assets (such as street lighting) vital to ensure the free flow of people and goods and to maintain vibrant communities; and WHEREAS local governments have long advocated for universal access to reliable, high-speed broadband services, as these services are critical for the delivery of education, economic development, employment, and a variety of essential services necessary for success and progress in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, local governments have been leaders in developing innovative solutions for ensuring reliable, high-speed broadband wireline and wireless services are widely available in their communities through their management of public streets and of other public assets in a manner that balances the competing interests and needs of various constituents; and

WHEREAS, by means of orders issued on August 2, 2018 and September 26, 2018, the Federal Communications Commission took unprecedented, sweeping action to prevent local governments from effectively managing public assets and to severely compromise their ability to manage the public streets effectively and equitably, taking into account considerations for public safety, public utility services such as water, sewer, and

Mayor Williams declared the motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-02-03. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02-03

**A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
AND THE CITY OF SATSUMA, ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, The City of Satsuma, Alabama, acknowledges that the Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer project has been included in the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council’s Multi-year Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, The City of Satsuma acknowledges that Mobile County will be responsible for the design and engineering documents and construction of the infrastructure to extend water and sewer to Northwest Satsuma; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the funds will be accessed for complete administration of this grant including but not limited to, project development and oversight, contracting and sub-recipient monitoring; and

WHEREAS, The City has been presented with a draft Memorandum of Understanding and agrees that once the final agreement has been accepted by Jay Minus, City Attorney and Jay Ross, the Attorney for Mobile County, the Mayor is authorized to execute the agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Satsuma that the City authorizes the Mayor to act as the official representative of the City and directs the Mayor to execute all necessary documents and provide any such additional information as needed or required to enter into the agreement with Mobile County for said project.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 19th day of February, 2019.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Vicki Miller
Vicki L. Miller, City Clerk

/s/ Tom Williams
Tom Williams, Mayor

3. Consideration of Resolution 2019-02-04- A Resolution to submit a CDBG grant for senior services.

Councilmember Little made a motion to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2019-02-04 up for immediate adoption. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and on roll call the following answered:

- Councilmember Little Yes
- Councilmember Butler Yes
- Councilmember Skelton Yes
- Councilmember Reese Yes
- Councilmember Black Yes

