

TOM WILLIAMS
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CITY CLERK

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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 May 21, 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 21st day of May, 2019. Those present were: Mayor Williams, Councilmembers: Randy Little, Mike Butler, Jason Skelton, Allison Reese and Bill Black.

Council went into executive session at 6:02 to discuss possible litigation and reconvened into the work session at 6:13 P. M.

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 21st day of May 2019.

Invocation

Councilmember Reese gave the invocation and Key Student John Whit Reeves 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 Jr. Councilmembers Ashley Lankford and Ben Luker

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

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Williams presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 7, 2019. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognition: -

1. Recognition of the "What I Love About Satsuma" Art Contest Winners.
2. Recognition of the Key Students
3. Recognition of the Flight Path 9 Students. These students received scholarships and have all been offered jobs at Airbus.

Council recessed at 7:35 P.M.

Council reconvened at 7:40 P.M.

Visitors- NONE

Mayor's and Council's Reports:

Mayor's Report

Mayor Williams reminded everyone of the Memorial Day event being held this coming Monday at City Hall. He stated that Commissioner Merceria Ludgood will be the guest speaker. Francine Williams will be providing food in the annex building.

Mayor Williams reported that James Elmore and Tom Briand met with the engineers responsible for the city's streets on the FY2019 Pay-As-You Go program. The paving should begin July 2019.

1. *Discussion to re-direct capital funds to the boardwalk at Steele Creek Lodge.*

Mayor Williams stated that the boardwalk at Steele Creek is in need of being replaced. He stated that the repairs are estimated to be approximately \$10,000. There was mention of this project in the capital plan; however there was not a line item to cover the cost. Mayor Williams stated that there was an allocated amount of \$30,000 for the repairs and painting of the Library. Because the city used City public workers to do most of the work and the Library was able to get a \$10,000 grant, the cost of the project was less than budgeted. This leaves a surplus of approximately \$20,000. The City replaced the walkway at the H.P. Cain Bridge for approximately \$15,000. This leaves approximately \$5,000 surplus. There is a line item for the roof at Lions Park concession stand.

However, the safety issue of the boardwalk needs to take precedent on this project. The budgeted amount for the roof at Lions Park is \$7,000, Redirecting both of these should be enough to cover the cost of the boardwalk.

2. Report on the Splash Pad Attendant interviews and the hiring.

Mayor Williams reported that he, Edith Butler and Tom Briand interviewed four students for the positions. He stated that all 4 had great interviews and would make excellent employees. He stated that it was decided that the position will be staffed by all four and they alternate the weekend. The attendants will monitor the pavilions and grounds

3. Announcement of the ASBA (American Softball Association) tournament at Pat Hicks Softball field to begin June 15th.

Mayor Williams reported that this is the same group that was here last year and the tournament was successful. The tournament should run into July and he encouraged the public to attend.

4. Report on the May Day Celebration and the Alabama Bicentennial (200 years)

Mayor Williams thanked Tiphani Clearman, Evelyn Butler and the remaining library staff for working to make this event a success. He thanked the police, fire and public works departments for their help and participation.

Municipal Services- Councilmember Little stated that he did not have any items to report or discuss.

Public Safety- Councilmember Butler expressed condolences to Officer James Hicks in the death of his father.

Administration-Councilmember Skelton stated that he did not have any items to report or discuss.

Parks- Councilmember Reese reported that the regular season for baseball and softball has ended. .

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Payment of the bills.

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$33,827.17. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Consideration to place the order for a new garbage truck (2020 Peterbilt 520 Chassis with New Way Sidewinder 31 yards)

Councilmember Little explained that the truck quote for the new truck is \$323,929.00 to be financed over 3 years. The balloon payment after three years will be approximately \$110,000.00. The anticipated delivery of the truck will be next year at the time that the other truck will be ready for trade in. With no further discussion, Councilmember Little made a motion to approve ordering the truck. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Consideration to approve proceeding with the 7th Street sidewalk project.

Councilmember Little stated that the matter was discussed in length in pre-council. He stated that in order to get the funding for this grant, the City needs to have the project engineered and designed and authorized by ALDOT before September of this year. The cost of the engineering and design is \$21,500.00. The Engineers have agreed to not bill the City until the next fiscal year. The City will have until October of 2020 to complete the project at a total cost of approximately \$76,459.00. With no further discussion, Councilmember Little made a motion to approve proceeding with the project and authorized Mayor Williams to execute the agreement with Civil Southeast. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Consideration to set a work session to discuss the city's responsibilities for the Public Safety Building.

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to set the work session for May 30, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Consideration of the resignation from Jordan Flynt, Fire Fighter

Councilmember Butler made a motion to accept the resignation in good standing. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Consideration to call for a fire fighter list.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve calling for a fire fighter list from the Mobile County Personnel Board. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried.

7. Consideration of the change order to Ben Radcliff for the Sally Port.

Mayor Williams stated that the current design on the sally port is not sufficient to provide the needed parking. He stated that in order to make it serviceable, the dimensions need to be increased. Mayor Williams reported that Brandy Robertson stated that there will be a sales tax credit. Currently the credit is \$51,000.00 which will be added to the City's reserve. The will make the new reserve approximately \$55,000.00. Skelton made a motion to give Mayor Williams authorization to approve the change order depending on the cost not exceeding the reserve. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

8. Consideration of the quotes to remove a dead pine tree on Old Highway 43 and Baker next to the sidewalk and one located at 5551 Darring Street in the right of way.

Councilmember Reese reported that two quotes were received for each project;

Quotes to remove pine tree at Old Highway 43 and Baker Road:
Reeds Tree \$1,000 with grinding of stump or \$900 without grinding
Hammco Tree Service- 680.00 with grinding tree stump

Councilmember Reese made a motion to accept the quote from Hammco Tree Service for \$680.00. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Williams noted that there is another dead tree on U.S. 43 that is on ALDOT's right of way. Mr. Elmore has contacted the appropriate party and made them aware that the tree is dead and it appears to be their problem..

Quotes to remove tree on Darring Street Right of Way;
Hammco Service- \$430.00
Reeds Tree Service- \$865.00

Councilmember Reese made a motion to accept the quote from Hammco Tree Service for \$430.00

9. Consideration to approve a request from James, Elmore to send five public works employees to a chainsaw class at \$30.00 each.

Councilmember Black reported that the class will be held at Baldwin County Extension Service and he then made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried. Mayor Williams noted that public works does not have a line item for training in their budget and this needs to be added in the next year's budget.

10. Consideration to purchase a traffic counter for \$660.00.

Councilmember Black stated that the counter can be used by both public works and the police department since it can give the speed of cars traveling over it. With no further comments or questions, Councilmember Black made a motion to approve purchasing the traffic counter for \$660.00 and taking the funds out of the 7 cent account. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2019-05-04- A Resolution opposing the distribution of a portion of the sellers use tax to the Circuit Court of the 13th Judicial Circuit.

Mayor Williams stated that this resolution is in opposition to HB 598 which has passed the House of Representatives and in the Mobile Legislation Committee. He stated that this bill was originally written to divert 20% of the SSUT tax that was being remitted to the jurisdictions in Mobile County to the Circuit Court. The bill was amended and put a limit of \$500,000 from the City of Mobile and Mobile County and a total of \$200,000 from all other jurisdictions in Mobile County based on population. Mayor Williams stated if this bill passes, it will reduce the general fund revenue and possibly reduce services. He stated that he and other mayors have met with representatives of the circuit court and spoken with the Senate and House members to reach a compromise. So far the consensus is that the courts are in dire need of the funds and the bill will move forward. Mayor Williams stated that there is a public hearing on May 22 at 11:00 in Montgomery and he plans to attend.

Without further discussion, Councilmember Reese made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-05-04. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Skelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:17P.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