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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

June 27, 2019

The Special Called Meeting of the Satsuma City Council

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in a special called meeting at City Hall in said city at 6:00 P.M. on the 27th day of June, 2019.

Mayor Williams gave the invocation.

On roll call the following members answered present: Mayor Williams; Councilmembers: Randy Little, Mike Butler, Jason Skelton, Allison Reese and Bill Black.

Also present were Heather Davis, Assistant City Clerk and Fire Chief Clyde Miller.

Mayor Williams stated that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss Resolution 2019-06-03, a Resolution to purchase a new fire truck and payoff the existing fire truck and utility truck. The financing will be done through United Bank using USDA funds; to discuss the vacancy on the school board left by the resignation of Beth Nation and the consideration of approving July 5th as an additional holiday for this year.

Before going into the agenda items, Mayor Williams reported that the Council was given two applications from residents who have expressed interest in the open position on the Water Board. He stated that the matter will be handled at the regular meeting on July 2, 2019.

Secondly Mayor reported that the contract from Mobile County for the \$100,000 appropriation for the 7th Street sidewalk has been received. He stated that Council has already given approval to the engineers to begin the design and engineering and had instructed them to wait until the next fiscal year to begin construction. Mayor Williams stated that the agreement states that the City has until December 31, 2019 to complete the project. With this deadline he asked Council for authorization to execute the contract and authorize the engineer to move forward with the project. Council agreed to move forward.

Mayor Williams gave a brief report on the public safety building and the addition of the Sally Port. Mayor Williams stated that the drawings for the Sally Port have been approved and the contractor should have the cost in one to two weeks. Mayor Williams also stated that the contractor has given a completion date for the end of October.

Mayor then began the discussion of the agenda items.

1) Resolution 2019-06-03- A Resolution to purchase a new fire truck and payoff the existing fire truck and utility truck Financing through United Bank using USDA funds.

Mayor Williams stated that United Bank presented several financing options; the monthly payments depending on the total finance. He stated that the proposal presented allows the City to finance a new truck for a cost between \$400,000 and \$450,000 and payoff the existing loans on the fire truck and the pickup truck. Currently the total amount of the debt is \$45,000. However, by the time the new truck arrives, that debt will be approximately \$22,000. Chief Miller stated that the committee has begun the process of specking out the truck and should have a determination on the total amount shortly. Mayor Williams stated that currently the City is paying the existing debt with the \$1 month fund. The goal is to keep the debt so that the \$1 month will cover the monthly payments. Council discussed the matter in length; concerns were expressed about the need for an additional truck and the need for additional manpower. Councilmember Skelton stated that the purpose of the resolution is to make an application to United Bank and lock in the interest rate. He stated that by locking in the rate, the City would not have to pay any higher than 4.25%, however, if the rate drops, the City would be able to obtain the lower rate. Chief Miller reminded everyone that the City has applied for a SAFER grant which if awarded would provide for additional manpower. Mayor Williams reiterated that the opportunity to finance a vehicle for 25 years at this rate may not happen again. With no further discussions, Councilmember Reese made a motion to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2019-06-03 up for immediate adoption. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and on roll call the following answered:

Councilmember Little	Yes
Councilmember Butler	Yes
Councilmember Skelton	Yes
Councilmember Cross	Yes
Councilmember Black	Yes
Mayor Williams	Yes

Councilmember Little made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-06-03. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-06-03

WHEREAS the City of Satsuma agrees to apply for financial assistance with the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development through United Bank to finance the purchase of a new fire truck and payoff existing fire truck and additional utility truck; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees to finance the new fire truck and payoff existing fire trucks and additional utility truck with the terms not to exceed the following:

Purchase price of	\$525,000.00
Term of Loan	25 years
Interest Rate	4.25

Fees to be paid according to the terms and conditions as set forth in the letter from United Bank dated June 27, 2019. See attached Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Satsuma City Council of the City of Satsuma authorizes the Mayor Thomas Williams and Vicki Miller, City Clerk to sign all documents necessary to secure the USDA Rural Development loan and lock in the interest rate not to exceed 4.25%.

PASSED and APPROVED this 27th day of June, 2019.

/s/ Tom Williams
Mayor Tom Williams

Attest:

/s/ Vicki Miller

City Clerk

2) Discussion and Consideration of accepting applications for the Satsuma School City Board and deadline to receive applications

Mayor Williams stated that he would prefer to continue with the same process that has been done in the past. Council agreed to post the notice for applications and set the last date to receive the applications as July 11, 2019. Date of time of interviews will be set at the July 16th meeting.

3) Discussion and consideration of approving July 5th as a City Holiday.

Council discussed. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to amend the holiday schedule and add July 5th as a holiday. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Williams asked for an executive session to discuss the good name and character of an employee. Council went into executive session at 7:00 p.m. Council reconvened into the special called meeting at 7:15 and the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Tom Williams
Mayor Williams

Councilmember Butler

/s/ Allison Reese
Councilmember Reese

ATTEST /s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk

/s/ Randy Little
Councilmember Little

/s/ Jason Skelton
Councilmember Skelton

/s/ Bill Black
Councilmember Black