

TOM WILLIAMS
MAYOR

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FIRE CHIEF



COUNCIL MEMBERS

RANDY LITTLE, PLACE 1

MIKE BUTLER, PLACE 2

JASON SKELTON, PLACE 3

ALLISON REESE, PLACE 4

BILL BLACK, PLACE 5

MINUTES OF October 15, 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 15th day of October 2019. Those present were: Mayor Williams, Councilmembers: Randy Little, Mike Butler, Jason Skelton, Allison Reese, and Jr. Councilmembers Tyrek Cunningham, Reagan Nolfe, Emma Rawls and Ryleigh Rawson. Absent: Councilmember 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 15th day of October 2019.

Invocation

Councilmember Skelton gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Key Student, Mattie White.

Roll Call

On roll call the following answered present: Mayor Williams, Councilmembers: Randy Little, Mike Butler, Jason Skelton, Allison Reese, and Jr. Councilmembers Tyrek Cunningham, Reagan Nolfe, Emma Rawls and Ryleigh Rawson. Councilmember Black arrived at 7:20 P.M.

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

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Approval of Minutes

Mayor Williams presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 1, 2019. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Williams presented the minutes from the Work Session held on October 14, 2019. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognition:

Prior to the recognition of the Key Students, Mayor Williams introduced Matt Dial as the newest member of the Satsuma School Board. Mayor Williams stated that Mr. Dial was selected unanimously. Mr. Dial spoke and thanked the Council for the appointment.

Councilmember Reese reported that the Women's Club will be having a Thanksgiving Dinner on November 10th at Steele Creek Lodge. The cost is \$15.00 per person. She stated that the dinner will be a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner with all kinds of desserts.

Councilmember Skelton commented that he did post information about the vandalism at the community center on social media. He stated that he spoke about a reward and later in the meeting, Council will consider a resolution that will provide for a \$1,000 reward upon conviction of those responsible for the vandalism.

Mayor Williams reported that the dedication of the new Public Safety Building will be on October 30th at 1:00 P.M. and then a community open house on November 3rd from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and then he gave a brief State of the City report.

1. Key Students- Robert E. Lee School

Mayor Williams presented each student with a certificate, city pin and gift certificates from McDonalds and Goldfinger's. Each student was then congratulated by the City Council and Jr. Council.

Council Recess at 7:40 P.M.

Council Reconvened 7:45 P.M

Visitors-

Joe Bruister, 168 Orange Avenue came before Council to express his concerns with the community center and the recent vandalism. He presented Councilmember Little with a list of all items that were in the pantry and pictures showing the powder on the items. Mayor Williams thanked Mr. Bruister and stated that the doors will be checked after every event.

Mayor 's and Council's Reports:

Mayor's Report

Mayor Williams gave an update on the Restore Act project noting that the subrecipient agreement between Mobile County and ADCNR has been approved and will be sent to the Treasury Department for approval. Once this agreement has been approved, Mobile County will begin the RFQ for engineers to do the engineering and design. Mayor Williams stated that every step of the process has to have Treasury approval.

Municipal Services- Councilmember Little stated that he appreciates those who volunteer and that steps are being taken to make sure the community center is secure.

Public Safety- Councilmember Butler reported that he has been challenged by the fire fighters who work a 24-hour shift to come and work a shift with them. He stated that he has accepted the challenge and will work an upcoming shift.

Administration-Councilmember Skelton expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the family of Pam Knowles.

Councilmember Skelton reported that Fire Prevention Day was held on Tuesday, October 8th at Robert E. Lee and was a success.

Parks- Councilmember Reese reported that the splash pad is officially closed until next year, however she reminded everyone that the pavilions can still be rented for parties.

Councilmember Reese reported that she attended the Rebuild Alabama seminar that was sponsored by Mobile County and stated that it was very insightful.

Councilmember Reese reminded everyone the Municipal Association Dinner will be held in Semmes on Thursday, October 17th.

Public Works- Councilmember Black reported public works is continuing with routine work.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Payment of the bills.

On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember, Reese with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved paying the bills in the amount of \$90,724.52.

2. Consideration to amend the security rate for the rental of Steele Creek Lodge.

Councilmember Reese reported that after looking at the security rate from other rental venues, she noted that the rate that is being paid to our officers is below the average. She stated that she would like to increase the rate from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per hour. On motion by Councilmember Black and seconded by Councilmember Butler, with all present voting "aye, Council unanimously approved increasing the security rate from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per hour with a minimum of 4 hours.

3. Consideration of purchasing from Dixie Decoration, 4-30' poles with flash collar and shipping, 2- 6'X10' United States outdoor flags, 2 – 5'X8' Alabama outdoor flags, 2- 5'X8' City outdoor flags with Vector diagram and 1- 3'x5' City indoor flag with mount.

Councilmember Reese stated that this purchase would allow each end of the City to have three flags. She stated that the matter was discussed in length in pre-council. On motion by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Little with all present voting "aye, Council unanimously approved the purchase of the flag poles for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to be paid from capital and purchase of the flags for \$1530.00 to be paid from the general fund, both purchases pending the written approval from ALDOT.

4. Consideration of a sign at the tennis court displaying the rules and regulations.

On motion by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Little, with all present voting "aye, Council unanimously approved ordering and placing a sign at the tennis court with the rules and regulations.

5. Consideration to 2.5% across the board increase for all employees.

Councilmember Skelton noted that the increase was included in the FY2020 budget. On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Little with all present voting "aye, Council unanimously approved the 2.5% increase for all employees.

6. Consideration to apply for a Rebuild Alabama Act grant. Grant due November 30, 2019- Max amount of grant is \$250,000. City only has to pay engineering cost, no match required. Grant is restricted to restoration of an existing road or paving a new road.

The matter was discussed in pre-council. On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Reese, with all present voting "aye, Council unanimously approved participating in the grant and to move forward in determining which project to submit.

7. Consideration to reimburse Officer Gerald Roberts for the cost of the EMT class and other related costs associated with obtaining the certification in the amount of \$1,064.76.

On motion by Councilmember Butler and seconded by Councilmember Little, with all present voting "aye, Council unanimously approved reimbursing Officer Roberts for the expenses incurred to obtain his EMT certification.

8. Consideration of the catering for the municipal dinner and the employee/volunteer dinner.

On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Reese, with all present voting "aye, Council unanimously approved using Stoney's Bar-B-Q for both events.

9. Consideration of the contract with Avenu Insights & Analytics, LLC for the collections of the Sales, Use, Lodging and Rental taxes for the City.

On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Little, with all present voting "aye, Council unanimously approved renewing the contract with Avenu for the collections of the sales, use, lodging and rental taxes.

10. Consideration to approve the contract with Emergency Equipment Professionals, Inc. for \$3,230.00 for an annual preventative maintenance inspection and service of all fire trucks.

On motion by Councilmember Butler and seconded by Councilmember Skelton, with all present voting "aye, Council unanimously approved the contract with Emergency Equipment Professionals, Inc. for the maintenance on the fire trucks.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Consideration to ratify Resolution 2019-10-01- A Resolution to approve the application to SARPC for a 5310 grant for reimbursement of costs associated with the Senior Citizen Transportation Program.

On motion by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Reese with all present voting "aye, Council unanimously approved adopting Resolution 2019-10-01.

RESOLUTION 2019-10-01

WHEREAS, Federal financial assistance as authorized under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act Amendments of 1991, is available through the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission to provide transportation services to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the submission of an application for said financial assistance is deemed necessary to aid in addressing the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities residents of the Mobile Urban Area, and

WHEREAS, any agreement for capital financial assistance with South Alabama Regional Planning Commission, will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision by it of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the applicant to provide the best transit project that can be provided with the funds available.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Satsuma as follows:

That the Mayor of Satsuma, Tom Williams, is authorized to execute, file a grant application, and enter into an agreement with the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission for aid in the financing of a Section 5310 transportation assistance project.

Ratified this 15th day of October.

Signature /s/ Tom Williams

Attest: /s/ Vicki Miller

Typed Name: Tom Williams

Typed Name: Vicki Miller

Title: Mayor

Title: City Clerk

2. Consideration of Resolution 2019-10-02- A Resolution authorizing the offer of a reward for damages to the Satsuma Community Center – 1st Reading- suspend the rules and put up for immediate adoption.

Councilmember Reese read the resolution and then made a motion to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2019-10-01 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 Reese	Yes
Councilmember Black	Yes
Mayor Williams	Yes

Mayor Williams declared the motion passed unanimously. On motion by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Skelton with all present voting “aye, Council unanimously approved adopting Resolution 2019-10-02.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10-02

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFER OF A REWARD

WHEREAS, on October 5 or October 6, 2019, the City of Satsuma Community Center was substantially damaged by vandals at a cost to the City in excess of \$2,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, a person commits the crime of criminal mischief in the first degree (a Class C felony) if, with intent to damage property, and having no right to do so or any reasonable ground to believe that he or she has such a right, he or she inflicts damages to property in amount exceeding \$2,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, Alabama Code (1975) Section 15-9-2, authorizes a municipal governing body to offer a reward to the person who shall give information leading to the conviction of the person guilty of a high crime or misdemeanor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA, ALABAMA, that the Mayor is authorized to offer and pay a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the conviction of the person guilty of

vandalizing and doing criminal mischief to this public facility and the residents of the City of Satsuma are invited to contribute to said reward as they please by making checks payable to the City of Satsuma and delivering the same to the City Clerk's Office.

/s/ Tom Williams
Tom Williams, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller
Vicki Miller, City Clerk

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Reese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.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