

TOM WILLIAMS
MAYOR

VICKI MILLER
CITY CLERK

CLINT E. HARRELL
CHIEF OF POLICE

KENNETH WAITES
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 June 16, 2020

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 16th day of June, 2020. Those present were: Mayor Williams, Councilmembers: Randy Little, Mike Butler, Jason Skelton, Allison Reese, and Bill Black

Due to COVID-19 and the directive from Governor Ivey, the Council met in the Council chambers with a safe distance of 6'.

Mayor Williams discussed the 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 16th day of June 2020.

Invocation

Councilmember Reese 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, and Bill Black

Also present were: Jay Minus, City Attorney; Vicki Miller, City Clerk; Tom Briand, Building Inspector, James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor, Heather Davis, Assistant City Clerk, Kenneth Waites, Fire Chief and Jana Dukes, Police Captain.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Williams presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 2, 2020. 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 June 8, 2020. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognition: NONE

Visitors-

- Jack Presnall, 540 Maria Drive. Mr. Presnall came before Council to discuss again the flag poles and flags replacement at the entrances to the City. He stated that he understands the COVID19 issues and the importance of other projects, he would just like to put this project back in the plans. He stated the entrances, which reflect on the city, are not beautiful and the City needs to do a better job.

Mayor's and Council's Reports:

Mayor's Report

Mayor Williams reported that he participated in a Mayor's Conference zoom meeting with the representatives of the Alabama League of Municipalities and Dr. Harris, Alabama State Health Department Director. Dr. Harris gave an update on the increase in COVID19 cases. He stated that since the Memorial Day weekend, there has been a 30% increase; the trend in Mobile is not declining. However, the death rate has slowed. Dr. Harris stated that they are working to develop a Color Code Alert System that will help citizens know the hot spots.

Mayor Williams reported that in the zoom meeting with the Alabama League of Municipalities Executive Board, the members agreed to request Governor Ivey to extend the absentee voting order to the municipal elections. The order states that citizens can vote absentee due to the COVID19 pandemic. He stated the City will have additional expenses with this election due to COVID19 with the purchase of face masks, hand sanitizers and other items to make voting safe for all the residents.

Mayor Williams discussed two quotes received to finance the 2020 Peterbilt Garbage truck. They were from BB&T and United Bank. The City normally finances the truck for 3 years with a balloon payment. BB&T quoted 1.67% with a balloon payment of \$130,000 and payments at \$5860.00. United Bank quoted

2.125% interest rate with payments at \$5695.49, however the balloon payment is \$139,406. Council agreed to move the discussion to item #6 under "Items of Consideration".

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

Public Safety- Councilmember Butler reported that Chief Waites had his first fire. He also reported that new fire hose has been purchased for the new fire truck. Councilmember Butler reported that Fire Fighter Josh West will be taking his EMT Certification test on Friday. Councilmember Butler reported that the Satsuma Police Department was one of 11 cities in the state of Alabama to receive a Cops Grant. The grant is for \$250,000. The COPS grant will provide funding for two (2) additional police officers. The grant covers 75% of the salary and benefits.

Administration-Councilmember Skelton announced that the first meeting of the Satsuma Business Alliance was held at City Hall. He stated that 9 of the 11 invited came. The goal of the alliance is to make it easier for new businesses to establish a business in the city.

Parks- Councilmember Reese reported the following:

- Three groups will be using Lions Park. All groups have been instructed to follow the COVID19 guidelines for parks and they will not be using the lights
- Discussion with a group about hosting a Babe Ruth Tournament. They will be using two of the ball fields. The group will split the tournament fees with the City and they will provide port-a-lets.
- Games have resumed at Wright Park and they are moving into the concession stand.
- Reported that Mobile County Municipal Association dinner is this Thursday sponsored by Mobile County.

Public Works- Councilmember Black reported that all is good in Public Works.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Payment of the bills.

On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Butler with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved paying the bills in the amount of \$64,480.57

2. Discussion of request for fishing tournament for children on August 1, 2020.

Councilmember Reese reported that an email has been received from Grandpa Cotton asking the City for permission to have a fishing tournament at Steele Creek for children. She stated that in the letter he mentions using a tent. She recommended that he contact James or Tom

Briand before setting up a tent. Also, with the understanding that there could be a wedding scheduled. There was no further discussion and on motion by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Butler with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the request for the fishing tournament on August 1, 2020.

3. Discussion of request from George Maherg at 5281 Hartley Road to remove a double Sweet Gum tree that is located in the drainage easement on the south side of his property.

Councilmember Black reported that he has seen the tree and it is located in the easement. He stated the tree is not dead but is dropping limbs. Jay Minus stated that an easement is the property of the landowner and is there in case the city needs to do anything to the drainage ditch. He then asked if the tree was impeding the water flow. Mr. Maherg asked to speak and stated that the roots of the tree are in the ditch. Jay Minus stated the only reason for the City to pay for the tree cutting is if the tree is interfering with the water flow. Council could not reach a decision and it was decided to table the matter until Council could go by and look at the situation.

4. Consideration of request from Brent Rawson, Satsuma First Baptist to hold a fireworks event at Wright Park on June 28, 2020.

Mayor Williams stated that he spoke with Mr. Rawson and there will not be any vendors or any other activities. Residents will be asked to stay in their vehicles or to social distance themselves. There was no further discussion and on motion by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the request for the fireworks event.

5. Consideration of Notice of Claim from Ramona Pierce. Claim is for damage to car while Public Works employees were weed eating the right of way in front of McDonalds and Waffle House.

Mayor Williams asked James Elmore to speak on the matter. Mr. Elmore stated that the crew was weed eating the ditch in front of McDonalds and Waffle House. The vehicle was backed in a spot near the ditch. While weed eating some of the grass debris landed on her car. Ms. Pierce came up to the Public Work building and showed Rachelle Willcutt and James Elmore. Mr. Elmore stated he looked at the car and only saw grass, no damage from rocks. He then offered to wash the grass off. She refused. He then referred her to City Hall to file a claim if she thought damage had been done. Pictures were taken after she went and got an estimate for damage. Mr. Elmore stated that the damages to the car were not consistent with grass clippings. After discussing further, Councilmember Black made a motion to deny the claim. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Consideration to approve BB&T as the lender to finance the new garbage truck.

Councilmember Skelton noted that the item was discussed earlier and BB&T has a higher monthly payment, however the ending balloon note is

less making the difference between United Bank and BB&T approximately \$3600. On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved using BB&T for the financing of the new garbage truck.

7. **Consideration to grant permission to hold a Babe Ruth tournament at Lions Park acknowledging that no restrooms will be available, the sponsor will cut the grass, abide by the COVID19 restrictions. The sponsor will also sign the rental agreement, provide port-a-lets and pay the City ½ of the fees paid.**

On motion by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved granting permission for the tournament with all the restrictions listed.

8. **Consideration of the waiver of the rental fee for Steele Creek Lodge for the Spirit of Satsuma Band event to be held on June 17th.**

On motion by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Butler with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved waiving the fee with the payment of the \$100 clean up fee.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Consideration of Ordinance 533- An ordinance to enter into a joint purchasing agreement with Mobile County to make purchases on the annual bid contract for certain road construction and traffic materials.**

On motion by Councilmember Black and seconded by Councilmember Reese with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance 533.

Ordinance 533

ORDINANCE AUTHOTIZING JOINT PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, §41-16-50(b), Code of Alabama (1975) authorizes the governing bodies of two or more municipalities or counties to provide, by joint agreement, for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment or other personal property for use by their respective agencies; and

WHEREAS, Mobile County, Alabama (the County) and the City of Satsuma, Alabama (the Municipality), by and through their respective governing bodies, have determined that by use of a joint purchasing agreement they may achieve economies of scale which benefit the public by decreasing the cost of materials, supplies, equipment or other personal property while increasing the efficiency of both local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to adopt an ordinance authorizing a joint purchase agreement with the County; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to adopt a companion resolution authorizing a joint purchasing agreement with the Municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

That the City of Satsuma, Alabama is authorized to enter a joint purchasing agreement with Mobile County, Alabama, for the purchase of the items shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

/s/ Tom Williams
Tom Williams, Mayor

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF MOBILE

I, Vicki Miller, City Clerk, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the City of Satsuma, Alabama in regular meeting convened the 16th _ day of June 2020.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the City of Satsuma on this the 16th _ day of June, 2020.

/s/ Vicki Miller
Vicki Miller

2. Consideration of Ordinance 477-3- An Ordinance amending Ordinance 477-2 Section 305 to remove the stop signs at Baldwin Street and Northgate Drive and make the intersection a one-way stop.

Mayor referred the item to Captain Dukes. Captain Dukes stated that Chief Harrell recommends removing the stop signs since they were placed there for a subdivision that was never completed. On motion by Councilmember Black and seconded by Councilmember Butler with all voting "Aye" Council unanimously approved the adoption of ORDINANCE 477-3

THIS ORDINANCE IS AMENDED TO AMEND SECTION 305 TO REMOVE THE THREE-WAY STOP INTERCHANGE

Whereas. The City of Satsuma desires to codify all of its traffic regulations into one ordinance;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I.

The following ordinances are hereby repealed:
91,95,107,108,109,113,164,176,179,182,187,240,249,274,275,282,336,368,369,370,371,371,375
378,385,387,388,393,497,400,423,430,431,432,434,435,456,457,458,464,468,469,493, 484,
500 and 501

ARTICLE II.

Traffic Regulations within the City of Satsuma are adopted as follows:

Section 1. Vehicular traffic using Plateau Avenue in the City of Satsuma, Alabama, will come to a stop before entering or crossing the intersection of said Plateau Avenue and U.S.

Highway 43. The said U.S. Highway 43 is hereby declared to be the through street and Plateau Avenue is declared to be the stop street for traffic at such intersection. (Ordinance 91)

Section 2. Vehicular traffic using Old U.S. Highway 43 in the City of Satsuma, Alabama, will come to a stop before entering or crossing the intersection of said U.S. Highway 43 and Plateau Avenue. The Plateau Avenue is hereby declared to be the through street and Old U.S. Highway 43 is declared to be the stop street for traffic at such intersection. (Ordinance 91)

Section 301. Vehicular traffic using Maria Drive in the City of Satsuma will come to a stop before entering or crossing the intersection of the said Maria Drive and Laurelwood Drive. The said Laurelwood Drive is hereby declared to be the through street and Maria Drive is declared to be the stop street for traffic at this intersection. (Ordinance 275)

Section 302. Vehicular traffic using Cottonwood Court in the City of Satsuma will come to a stop before entering or crossing the intersection of said Cottonwood Court and Whidden Drive. The said Whidden Drive is declared to be the through street and Cottonwood Court is declared to be the stop street at such intersection. (Ordinance 275)

Section 303. Vehicular traffic using Laurelwood Drive in the City of Satsuma, Alabama, will come to a stop before entering or crossing the intersection of said Laurelwood Drive and Dolphin Drive. Vehicular traffic traveling in a southerly or northerly direction on Dolphin Drive will come to a stop before entering or crossing the intersection of said Laurelwood Drive. This intersection is hereby declared to be a three way stop intersection. (Ordinance 275) **(Section 8 amended in Ordinance No. 369)**

Section 304. Vehicular traffic using Jason V Street in the City of Satsuma will come to a stop before entering or crossing the said Jason V Street and Vaughn Drive West. The said Vaughn Drive West is declared to be the through street and Jason V Street is declared to be the stop street at such intersection.

Section 305. Vehicular traffic using West Northgate Drive in the City of Satsuma will come to a stop before entering or crossing the intersection of said West Northgate Drive and Baldwin Drive. The said Baldwin Drive is declared to be the through street and West Northgate Drive is declared to be the stop street at such intersection. (Ordinance 275 as amended in Ordinance No. 385, Amended 477-3)

Section 306. Vehicular traffic using Pine Laurel Court in the City of Satsuma will come to a stop before entering the intersection of said Pine Laurel Court and Whidden Drive. The said Whidden Drive is hereby declared to be the through street and Pine Laurel is declared to the stop street for traffic at such intersection. (Ordinance 282)

Section 307. Vehicular traffic using Whidden Drive in the City of Satsuma Alabama, will come to a stop before entering or crossing the intersection of said Whidden Drive and Laurelwood Drive. Vehicular traffic traveling in an easterly and westerly direction on Whidden Drive will come to a stop before entering or crossing the intersection of said Whidden Drive and Laurelwood Drive. The vehicular traffic traveling in a northerly

direction on Laurelwood Drive will come to a stop before entering or crossing the intersection of said Whidden Drive and Laurelwood Drive. This intersection is hereby declared to be a three way stop intersection. (Ordinance 282 as amended in Ordinance No. 375)

Section 308. Vehicular Traffic using Cottonwood Court in the City of Satsuma will come to a stop before entering the intersection of said Cottonwood Court and Whidden Drive.

The remainder of this ordinance is irrelevant to this action.

3. Introduction of Ordinance 529-1- An Ordinance amending Ordinance 529 adopting the regulations for small cell technology facilities.

On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the introduction of Ordinance 529-1.

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 8:00 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