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RANDY LITTLE, PLACE 1

MIKE BUTLER, PLACE 2

JASON SKELTON, PLACE 3

ALLISON REESE, PLACE 4

BILL BLACK, PLACE 5

Minutes of August 18, 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 18th day of August 2020. Those present were: Mayor Williams, Councilmembers: Randy Little, Mike Butler, Jason Skelton, Allison Reese, and Bill Black

The City is still under COVID-19 directive from Governor Ivey and continues to meet in Council chambers with a safe distance of 6' and face masks.

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 18th day of August 2020.

Invocation

Councilmember Little 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 Chief Harrell, Police Chief.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Williams presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 4, 2020. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognition:

1. *Proclamation of Appreciation to those involved in the construction of the new concession stands /restroom facilities at Lions and Wright Parks.*

Councilmember Reese read the Proclamation and then presented copies to those that were in attendance.



PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, The City Council wishes to express appreciation to those who volunteered and contributed to the construction of the new concession stands and facilities at Lions Park and Wright Park, and

WHEREAS, The City Council recognizes that the volunteers gave of their time and energy without anticipation of recognition or reward of personal gain, and

WHEREAS, The City Council recognizes their efforts contributed to the well-being of fellow residents and the welfare of all our citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of all that has been done, We Say Thank You To

Mobile County Commissioners:

Merceria Ludgood
Jerry Carl
Connie Hudson

In-Kind Donors:

Gary Eddins
Tracy Nolfé
Ted Landrum
Chance Hill
Tommy Beech

Satsuma Youth Association Presidents:

Kevin O'Daniel
Marcus Medley
Adrienne Carlisle

City:

Tom Briand
James Elmore
Public Works

/s/ Tom Williams
Tom Williams, Mayor

/s/ Vicki Miller
Vicki Miller, City Clerk

Visitors:

- *Danny Filligim- request to address the Council about the Senior Transportation Services.*
Mr. Filligim spoke about his health issues and why he was appreciative of the transportation services the City provided. He thanked the drivers and Edith Buter for helping him during his illness. Councilmember Little stated that he just received notice that the City has received another grant to assist with the transportation services.
- Charlotte Skinner, 655 Whidden Drive, came before Council to complain about the low hanging limbs and requested the city trim them. She stated that the limbs are scraping the top of her RV. Mayor Williams asked that Ms. Skinner get with James Elmore and tell him the exact locations.
- Jim Stewart, 358 Burning Tree, came before Council to thank them for the adoption of the noise ordinance and to mention a new activity for seniors, Pickle Ball.

Mayor's and Council's Reports:

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Williams gave a current statistic report on COVID19 stating currently there have been 11,290 cases in Mobile County however the numbers of deaths are decreasing.
- Mayor Williams reported that the Satsuma City Schools opened and according to Superintendent Dr. Reeves, only two students were sent home with fever on the first day.
- Mayor Williams reported Governor Ivey issued a news release on the recipients of the GOMESA, Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act, for 2020 and Satsuma was awarded \$1,024,141.00 for improvements at Steele Creek Lodge and Park, specifically revitalization of the landing, boat launch, piers and playground. He stated the grant is from royalties from offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.
- Mayor Williams announced that he has a meeting set for August 19th at 1:00 P.M. with Brandon Davis, Regional Manager for Pilot, and Matt Erickson, Regional Manager with ALDOT to discuss needed improvements at the Intersection of Highway 43 and the entrance/exit to Pilot and Chevron.
- Mayor Williams announced that there will be a kick-off meeting on the NW Water and Sewer Project with Mobile County Engineers and Mott McDonald, the engineers selected for the project. Mayor Williams reminded everyone that this project is a \$1.76M project that is funded by the Restore ACT and is being handled by Mobile County
- Mayor Williams reported that Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood are still working on the 3rd Street Drainage study and the City should have the report soon.

Municipal Services- Councilmember Little reported that even though there will be a vote on the financing of the recent garbage truck that was received, it will be

time soon to place the order for a new one for 2021. He stated that Mr. Elmore has informed him that it takes 8 to 9 months to get the truck in and the balloon payment will be coming due in June of 2021.

Public Safety- Councilmember Butler stated that he did not have any items to present or discuss.

Administration-Councilmember Skelton reported that two new line items have been added to the budget to show the COVID19 expenses and revenues. He stated that the budget did not change; the items were added just for clarity.

Councilmember Skelton played a recording from a work session that was put on Face Book. He stated the recording is of a comment that he made during a budget work session regarding the budget for the fines line item. He explained that during budget meetings, the council discusses the revenues and expenditures from the previous year and then estimates the next years budget based on those amounts. At no time, was he or any other council member requesting that the police department increase the fines. Councilmember Skelton strongly expressed his displeasure with the accusations and the attack of the candidates and their families. Mayor Williams also spoke and reminded everyone that this Council has done something that has not been done in any other administration before and that is to apply and receive over \$4.2M in grants that was used or will be used in the future for many projects in the City, including Water and Sewer to the residents on West side of the interstate and a major renovation project at Steele Creek Lodge.

Parks- Councilmember Reese reported the following:

- Reported the sidewalks in front of REL School have been completed.
- Reported that football registration will begin Thursday the 20th
- Reported that softball registration will be August 22nd and 29th. The fee is \$100. She stated that baseball has been postponed until Fall.
- Reported that the Library will have a Census 2020 tent set up on August 25th on the front lawn of the Library. She stated that if you have not completed your 2020 Census, please stop by and get a free gift.
- Reported she has submitted an interest card to the USTA (United States Tennis Association) for a grant to refurbish the tennis courts at Wright Park.
- Reported that the crepe myrtles have been removed at the flag poles on the south end to make room for the new flag poles. The poles should be installed soon.
- Reported that the cost of construction on the concession stands/restroom facilities went over budget by approximately \$25,000. She stated that this was due to the City not having the inmates to do the work that was budgeted originally. The work had to be contracted out. She stated that she would like to submit this cost as a COVID19 expense.

Public Works- Councilmember Black commented that public works is hiring more workers and continuing to do 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 \$83,761.36.

2. Consideration to set canvassing meeting for September 1, 2020 at 12:00 noon.

On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Reese with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved setting the canvassing meeting for September 1, 2020 at 12:00 noon.

3. Consideration to close the construction account at United Bank and transfer the funds in the amount of \$11,101.91 to the One-Cent Account

On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved closing the account and moving the funds to the One-Cent Account.

4. Consideration to approve the purchase of 54 garbage carts in the approximate amount of \$4,794.50.

On motion by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Reese with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the purchase.

5. Consideration of request for discontinuance of garbage at 344 W.T. Phillips Drive- House vacant and for sale.

On motion by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Skelton with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the request.

6. Consideration to suspend renting Steele Creek Lodge for the month of January and then from the 3rd week in February to the first week in April for renovations.

On motion by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved to suspend the rental during the periods stated above.

7. Consideration of Hold Harmless Agreement with Mobile County relating to equipment and operators used to perform work for the City.

On motion by Councilmember Black and seconded by Councilmember Skelton with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the agreement.

8. Consideration of the resignation/retirement from Nathan Tate, Parks Worker.

Mayor Williams noted that Mr. Tate has been with the City over 19 years and his last day was today due to medical reasons. He stated that he will use vacation for his two-week notice. On motion by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved accepting the notice in good standing.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Consideration of Ordinance 534- A Ordinance regulating unreasonable noise and vibrations.**
On motion by Councilmember Butler and seconded by Councilmember Reese with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance 534.
- 2. Consideration of Ordinance 535- A Ordinance concerning the abatement of unsafe structures and dangerous buildings.**
On motion by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Reese with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance 535.
- 3. Consideration of Ordinance 536- A Ordinance providing for weed abatement.**
On motion by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Reese with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance 536.
- 4. Consideration of Resolution 2020-08-06- A Resolution authorizing financing of a new 2020 Peterbilt Sanitation Truck with Truist Bank (formerly known as BB&T) for \$323,929.00 for three (3) years with a balloon payment of \$130,000 and authorizing Mayor Williams to execute all necessary documents to finalize the loan.**
On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution 2020-08-06.

Resolution 2020-08-06

Approving Financing Terms for 2020 Peterbilt Model 520 Sanitation Truck

WHEREAS: The City of Satsuma, (“City”) has previously determined to undertake a project for the purchase of a Garbage Truck (the “Project”), and the finance officer (“Finance Officer”) has now presented a proposal for the financing of such Project.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Borrower hereby determines to finance the Project through Truist Bank (Lender”) in accordance with the proposal dated July 10, 2020. The amount financed shall not exceed \$323,929.00, annual interest rate (in the absence of default or change in tax status) shall not exceed 1.67 %, and the financing term shall not exceed Three (3) years from closing.
2. All financing contracts and all related documents for the closing of the financing (the “Financing Documents”) shall be consistent with the foregoing terms. All officers and employees of the Borrower are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any Financing Documents, and to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable, to carry out the financing of the Project as contemplated by the proposal and this resolution.

3. The Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to hold executed copies of the Financing Documents until the conditions for the delivery of the Financing Documents have been completed to such officer's satisfaction. The Finance Officer is authorized to approve changes to any Financing Documents previously signed by Borrower officers or employees, provided that such changes shall not substantially alter the intent of such documents or certificates from the intent expressed in the forms executed by such officers. The Financing Documents shall be in such final forms as the Finance Officer shall approve, with the Finance Officer's release of any Financing Document for delivery constituting conclusive evidence of such officer's final approval of the Document's final form.

4. The Borrower shall not take or omit to take any action the taking or omission of which shall cause its interest payments on this financing to be includable in the gross income for federal income tax purposes of the registered owners of the interest payment obligations. The Borrower hereby designates its obligations to make principal and interest payments under the Financing Documents as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purpose of Internal Revenue Code Section 265(b)(3).

5. The Borrower intends that the adoption of this resolution will be a declaration of the Borrower's official intent to reimburse expenditures for the Project that is to be financed from the proceeds of the Lender financing described above. The Borrower intends that funds that have been advanced, or that may be advanced, from the Borrower's general fund, or any other Borrower fund related to the Project, for project costs may be reimbursed from the financing proceeds.

6. All prior actions of Borrower officers in furtherance of the purposes of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. All other resolutions (or parts thereof) in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, to the extent of the conflict. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved this 18th day of August , 2020

By: /s/ Tom Williams

Its.: Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk

5. Consideration of Resolution 2020-08-07- A Resolution authorizing submission of a grant to Firehouse Subs to purchase extrication equipment in the amount of \$28,467.00

On motion by Councilmember Butler and seconded by Councilmember Skelton with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution 2020-08-07.

RESOLUTION 2020-08-07

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY, SUBMIT AND ACCEPT GRANT FROM THE FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION TO PURCHASE VEHICLE EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,467.00

WHEREAS, the City of Satsuma desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for Vehicle Extrication Equipment for the City of Satsuma, and

WHEREAS, the Firehouse Subs Foundation will provide grant funding to the City of Satsuma in the amount of \$28,467.00, this price includes shipping.

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to provide the Satsuma Fire Rescue with newer essential lifesaving tools that will provide faster response time and safety measures for

the Fire Rescue personnel during a critical time while rescuing a patient from a vehicle entrapment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA. that Fire Chief Kenneth Waites is hereby authorized and directed to execute and submit an application with the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for funding.

/s/ Tom Williams
Tom Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Vicki Miller
Vicki Miller, City Clerk

6. Consideration of Resolution 2020-08-08- A Resolution amending Resolution 2020-8-05- the poll workers appointment to add Lena Warren as an additional poll worker and Sharon Patterson as an Alternate.

On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Butler with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the Resolution 2020-08-08.

Resolution 2020-08-08

AMENDED RESOLUTION 2020-08-05
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS

WHEREAS, Resolution 2020-08-05, the appointment of Election Officers, was adopted at the regular council meeting on August 4, 2020. and

WHEREAS, after the meeting, there two of the poll workers, Ms. Brenda Calloway and Gloria Otto, declined the appointment and one poll worker was inadvertently left off the list; and

WHEREAS, the Council agrees to amend the list to add Lena Warren to the poll worker list and to put Sharon Lassiter as an alternate and:

WHEREAS, due to the change of the voters polling location to address COVID19 safety precautions the City will provide meals for the poll workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Satsuma, Alabama, that the election officers for said election shall be as follows:

Inspector:
Chief Clerk (Provisional Ballots)
Registration List Clerk

Jean McCutchen
Katherine Haupt Henson
Rachel Morgan
Luvenia Spotswood
Edna Jones
Tracy Nolfe

Ballot Clerk

Janice Whatley
Linda Smith
Judy Callan

	Joyce Counselman
	Buddy Martin
	Ray Ewest
Ballot Counter	Lena Warren
Ballot Clerk/Rover	Marie Butler
Substitution (if needed)	Sharon Lassister

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED; the City Clerk may amend the above list as needed due to unforeseen circumstances.

ADOPTED this 18th day of August 2020.

/s/ Tom Williams
Mayor Tom Williams

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

7. Consideration of Resolution 2020-08-09- A Resolution adopting a Transportation Plan pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act 2019-2 for the City of Satsuma Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Reese, Councilmember Skelton made a motion to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2020-8-9 up for immediate adoption. On roll call the following answered:

Councilmember Little	Yes
Councilmember Buter	Yes
Councilmember Skelton	Yes
Councilmember Reese	Yes
Councilmember Black	Yes
Mayor Williams	Yes

On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Reese with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the Resolution 2020-08-09.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-08-09

A Resolution Adopting a Transportation Plan Pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act 2019-2 for the City of Satsuma Fiscal Year 2020/2021

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature in Act 2019-2 adopted the Rebuild Alabama Act to levy additional excise tax on gasoline and diesel fuel, and

WHEREAS, the Rebuild Alabama Act provides for an allocation amount to municipalities of the state on the basis of the ratio of populations of each municipality to the total populations of all municipalities of the state a portion of the additional taxes levied under the Act to be used for transportation infrastructure, improvements, preservations and maintenance; and

WHEREAS the City of Satsuma pledges to keep this money in separate fund and expend only for maintenance, improvement, replacement and construction of road or bridge projects as mandated by the law passed, and

WHEREAS, the City of Satsuma is to adopt an annual transportation plan no later than August 31 for the next fiscal year based on an estimate of revenues

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. The City Council of the City of Satsuma hereby passes this Resolution as its Transportation Plan submitted in compliance with the Rebuild Act, Act No. 2019-2.

2. Pursuant to the 2019-2 Act, the State of Alabama estimated the city of Satsuma to receive an anticipated allocation from the Rebuild Alabama Act fund for the first fiscal year (FY19/20) of \$ 32,999.87, with increasing allocations for each fiscal year thereafter. However as of July 31, 2020 the total amount received from The Rebuild Alabama Fund is only \$24,412.94. The amount received has not been spent to date but has been placed in a separate fund account to accumulate in order to pay for a street project in the future. The FY20/21 allocated amount is estimated to be \$43,999.82.

3. Pursuant to the Act, the City anticipates expending funds received in part or in whole to fund any of the following listed projects: Maintenance, improvements, replacements, and construction of roads and bridges as funds allow. To fund required matching amounts for road and bridge projects as funds allow or to fund bond payments or debt repayment for road or bridge projects as funds allow.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of August 2020.

/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 8:00 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