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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 September 17, 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 17th day of September 2020. Those present were: Mayor Williams, Councilmembers: Randy Little, Mike Butler Jason Skelton, Allison Reese, and Bill Black. Absent: Jay Minus.

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 17th day of September 2020.

Mayor Williams noted that the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2020 was rescheduled to September 17, 2020 due to Hurricane Sally. He stated the notices were posted as required.

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. Absent: Jay Minus, City Attorney.

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Also present were: Vicki Miller, City Clerk; Tom Briand, Building Inspector, James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor, Heather Davis, Assistant City Clerk, Kenneth Waites, Fire Chief (was present during the Pre-Council) and Chief Harrell, Police Chief.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Williams presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on September 1, 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 September 10, 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 Special Called Meeting held on September 15, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. to declare a City State of Emergency due to Hurricane Sally. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried.

Special Recognition: NONE

Visitors: NONE

Mayor's and Council's Reports:

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Williams reported on the damage from Hurricane Sally. He stated the main damage is downed trees and the City has a contract with Greenco, a debris removal company, and they will be scheduling with James Elmore to begin debris removal in the City. Tom Briand has done an initial assessment and has given EMA an estimate of \$115,000. There was damage to the roof at Steele Creek Lodge which is scheduled to be repaired before the weekend since there is a scheduled event.
- Mayor Williams gave an update on the NW Water and Sewer project stating that Matthew Jones, engineer with Mobile County, and the contractor met with James Elmore and Tom Briand. The project design is 30% complete and they are now surveying the right of ways and will be making contact with the home owners.
- Mayor Williams reported that he has not heard from ALDOT regarding the improvements at the intersection of Highway 43 and the exit from Pilot/Chevron. He stated he will follow up.

Municipal Services- Councilmember Little reported the trash ramp will be open Friday and Saturday until 5:00 P.M. for citizens to take hurricane debris.

Public Safety- Councilmember Butler expressed condolence on behalf of the City Council to the family involved in the boating fatality. He stated that repairs will be made to the fire boat for approximately \$2000. Councilmember Butler reported that Chief Harrell has sent in the grant documents for funds to purchase body cams.

Administration-Councilmember Skelton reported that Steve Williams, Satsuma Water, reported that all lift stations are working. Some are still working off generators. He stated that a tree did damage to a fire hydrant which caused some issues with the water.

Parks- Councilmember Reese reported the following:

Flag Pole Project is progressing

- Two additional poles have been placed at the South entrance
- Waiting on State and City flags
- Requested quote on design from STM
- Need to schedule a ceremony to raise the new flags
- Damaged Welcome Sign-file claim with FEMA

POW/MIA Memorial Day, September 18

- Banner will be hung outside City Hall to honor SSGT Benjamin Thompson Jr.

Satsuma Library

- Foundation Meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 21.
- Check out YouTube for my Story Time

Satsuma Youth Association

- Football-they have signed the Dirt Removal Agreement
- Concession Stands
 - New floor sealer from Sherwin Williams and Stainless-Steel work/prep stations
- Fall Softball-Wright
 - Sod quote-\$617.00; they will install, city will pay
 - Restroom renovation materials have been ordered
 - Tournaments at Wright Park
 - September 19
 - October 3
 - Need 2 additional Port-a-lets + hand wash station by C&D fields
 - Need 2 additional Port-a-lets + hand wash station by the front entrance
 - Need extra trash cans all around

Census

- Satsuma is at 79.3%

Playground Equipment

- The merry-go-round and slide have been delivered
 - Mayor to inquire about reopening the playground and public restrooms
- Alabama League of Municipalities, held in Montgomery
- Orientation-Tuesday, October 27th
 - Leadership Institute-Wednesday, October 28th and Thursday, October 29th
 - Add item to agenda for next meeting for expenses

Howl-O-Weenie Pet Parade

- Awaiting Jay Minus's approval for the "waiver and release" before posting registration

Public Works- Councilmember Black thanked James Elmore and the Public Works employees for working after the storm clearing the streets from debris.

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 \$82,995.51

2 Consideration of approval of the FY2021 Holiday schedule.

On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Butler with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the FY2021 Holiday schedule.

3. Consideration of the FY2021 Council Meeting Schedule.

Discussion was held as to whether to have the Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 3 due to the Presidential Election noting that the organization meeting will be on Monday, November 2nd. Council agreed to having a short regular meeting after the organizational meeting. On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Butler with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the schedule with the meeting change as stated above.

4. Consideration of the Notice of Claim from Marilyn Lambert for damage done to her home due to a pulled cable line by the garbage truck and the payment to AT&T for repairs to the line.

Council discussed. On motion by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Butler with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved payment to Ms. Lambert for \$400 and AT&T for \$224.51.

5. Consideration of ordering a new sanitation truck to be delivered approximately May 2021 in an estimated amount of \$324,429.00.

On motion by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Butler with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved placing the order for the new truck.

6. Consideration of the Notice of Claim from Jason Jones in the amount of \$1800.00 for reimbursement of debris hauled off property that was placed there by the City during the drainage project off Cedar Avenue.

Mayor Williams stated that he spoke with Jay Minus prior to the meeting and his recommendation is that the City not pay the claim due to the fact that an agreement was made with the previous landowner and the City had permission to leave the debris. Mr. Jones purchased the property knowing the debris was there. With no further comments, Councilmember Black made a motion to deny the claim for Jason Jones. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried.

7. Consideration of opening a Crew Chief position in Public Works.

On motion by Councilmember Black and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting "aye", Council approved opening the position.

8. Consideration of increasing the line of credit to \$1,000,000 to cover the construction cost for the GOMESA grant.

On motion by Councilmember Black and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting "aye", Council approved increasing the line of credit.

9. Consideration of setting a budget work session for September 24, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Reese, with all voting "aye", Council approved setting the work session.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Ordinance 537- An Ordinance establishing a curfew during the SHS homecoming activities from September 18, 2020 at 11:59 and ending 6:00 a.m. on September 26, 2020. Curfew is declared to begin each day at 12:00 A.M. and ending the following morning at 6:00 A.M.

Council discussed and on motion by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Skelton with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance 537

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 7:25 P.M.

Mayor Tom Williams

Councilmember Randy Little

Councilmember Mike Butler

Councilmember Jason Skelton

Councilmember Allison Reese

Councilmember Bill Black

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk