

MARK BARLOW
MAYOR

HEATHER DAVIS
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

EMANUEL L "BUBBA" PHILLIPS,
PLACE 5

MINUTES OF November 17, 2020

Regular Meeting

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in regular public session at City Hall in said city at 6:00 p.m. the 17th day of November, 2020.

Invocation

Councilmember Skelton, led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Barlow welcomed everyone.

On roll call the following answered present:

Mayor	Mark Barlow
Council Members	Randy Little
	Mike Butler
	Jason Skelton
	Allison Reese
	Emanuel Phillips

Heather Davis, Assistant City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney; Crystal Johnson, Public Works Crew Chief; Chief Clint Harrell, Police Department; and Chief Kenneth Waites, Fire Department

A quorum was present and Mayor Barlow opened the meeting for the transaction of business.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting held November 2, 2020 and November 10, 2020. Mike Butler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Special Recognitions

Mayor Barlow expressed his condolences to the families of Mr. Floyd Pickett and Ms. Earline McKinley, Satsuma's former City Clerk.

Visitors

Earnest Morgan, with Tree King, came before the board to present a proposal to the city to go into contract to pick up hurricane debris. He stated that Tree King will work 8 hour days for the amount of \$1,200. using the Public Work's employees or \$2,100 using his employees.

Mr. Jack Presnall expressed his gratitude for all of the work done for the Veteran's Day ceremony held on Wednesday, November 11, 2020.

John Cain, 1 Cain Lane Satsuma, Al. Came before the council to request information concerning trespassing incidents on his property where copper had been taken. He is requesting photo identification of the trespassers. Chief Harrell, Police Chief stated that all information available had been given to Mr. Cain at this time. Mr. Cain further stated that the copper stolen from his property was approximately 1520lbs.

Mayor's and Council's Reports:**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Barlow stated that a plaque would be ordered in memory of Ms. Earline McKinley, former City Clerk.

Mayor Barlow reported that the Veteran's Day ceremony held on November 11, 2020 went well with great attendance.

Mayor Barlow stated that the city's annual audit is currently underway.

Mayor Barlow stated he requested Jason Herring, The Computer Doctor, to give quotes for equipment for live meetings and security cameras for city property.

Mayor Barlow stated that in the future he would like having new businesses attend council meetings so they can be recognized.

Mayor Barlow stated a ribbon cutting for The Vintage 43 on Old Hwy 43 will be held Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. with Santa in attendance.

Mayor Barlow stated that hiring a ACO is something he is still considering.

Mayor Barlow reported that Tom Briand, City Inspector had retired and that Don Moss with the City of Creola will be filling in as needed. Councilmember Skelton questioned if this was being done as in kind. Mayor Barlow stated that it was but at some point we may have to consider compensation.

Mayor Barlow reported that approximately 60 people had RSVP to the Municipal Dinner to be held on Thursday, November 19, 2020.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little reported several employees have expressed their willingness to work on Thanksgiving. Council discussed and agreed to allow the employees to work making sure that it was voluntary.

Councilmember Little stated that he would like to have all Sally debris taken to the treatment plant site and burned there.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Butler stated that Chief Clint Harrell will pick up one of the new police vehicles that were ordered this week and the second one should be ready for pick up the second week in December 2020.

Councilmember Butler stated that the breakfast with Santa will be held December 12, 2020 at the Community Center as a fundraiser for underprivileged children within Satsuma City School System.

Councilmember Butler reported that the annual Christmas Parade is to be held on December 5, 2020 and currently 15 applications have been received.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton stated that if any members of council needed a new name badge to get with Edith Butler to order one.

Councilmember Skelton reported that he met with Chief Harrell and Chief Lovette with Mobile County EMA about issues with the weather sirens located in the City. The sirens are related to hazardous materials discharges and were installed in the 1950's. Towards the end of 1990's, the decision was made to sound them off in the event of a tornado warning but that was misleading due to geographic location of the suspected tornado.

Councilmember Skelton stated that he would like to get nonmobile residents a way of getting these weather notices. Currently he is working on providing weather radios to these residents and would need about 40 radios. This can be from individual or corporate sponsors.

Councilmember Skelton stated he attended a meeting regarding the HUD CDBG funding at the Mobile Government Plaza.

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese reported the following:

- Reindeer Run scheduled for December 12th
- Satsuma Municipal Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2020 and the Satsuma Women's Club will cater the event with proceeds going to benefit Union Chapel.
- Ribbon Cutting for North Mobile Nutrition was rescheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 3:30P.M.
- Update on Christmas Banners and the brackets. Public works is waiting on the bucket truck to hang the banners.
- Summary of the ALM Orientation and Municipal Leadership Conference 10/27-29/2020: IT in a Box, Retail Strategies-gap analysis, branding for the city-лого, catch phrase.
- Rundown of Howl-O-Weenie Pet Parade held Saturday 10/24/2020: total raised was \$665.00 with 46 dogs registered. Thanks to the sponsors: Lenzing Fibers, Tractor Supply of Saraland, Petco, Pet Supplies Plus, Lowery's Animal Clinic, Public Works
- Veteran's Day 11.11.2020 was a great success
- The City-Wide Christmas Luncheon will be Dec. 3 at 11:00 am; invites should be in your box
- Library is now in Phase 4
- Amazon Smile
- Board members needed for the Library.
- The Pour Paint Class was a success. They will do another one.
- The Library Club made Christmas Ornaments today at 11am
- Reindeer Craft is available for children that check out a library book
- Marketing Campaign-Saraland Chamber-Oyster Shell Strategy and branding
- Met with the playground company to show them the site of the Steele Creek playground and the Bark Park site
- Wanted to thank Gavin Reeves for the repainting of the caboose.
- Hopes to apply for a grant from ADEM for recycled tires to use as the surface of the Bark Park

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips wanted to thank all of the employees of Public Works for their hard work the past month and half on picking up the Hurricane Sally debris.

Councilmember Phillips stated that the bucket truck had 3 hydraulic hoses replaced and not the fuel module and injector pump need to be replaced.

Councilmember Phillips stated that tickets for Breakfast with the Grinch scheduled for December 19, 2020 had gone on sale.

Items for Consideration

1. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$41804.94.

On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

2. Consideration to approve the agreement with Avenue for the collection of the business license.

After discussion with Yolanda Bailey with Avenue, on motion made by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Reese with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

3. Consideration to promote Crystal Johnson to Crew Chief effective November 21, 2020.

On motion by Councilmember Phillips and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

4. Consideration of the appointment of a councilmember to the Satsuma Planning Commission.

On motion made by Councilmember Skelton to place Randy Little on the Planning Commission and seconded by Councilmember Butler with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

5. Consideration of re-appointments to the Satsuma Planning Commission

On motion made by Councilmember Butler to re-appoint Chris Hicks and seconded by Councilmember Skelton with all voting “aye” and Councilmember Phillips voting “nay”, Council approved and the motion carried.

On motion made by Councilmember Reese to re-appoint Gordon Parmer and seconded by Councilmember Skelton with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried

On motion made by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Skelton Jamie Baxter Warren will fill the remaining term of Brooke Robson who resigned. All voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

6. Consideration of a citizen appointment to the Satsuma Water and Sewer Board Consideration of appointment of Councilmembers to the Satsuma Water and Sewer Board

On motion made by Councilmember Skelton to appoint E.L. Phillips to the Satsuma Water and Sewer Board and seconded by Councilmember Butler with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried

On motion made by Councilmember Reese to appoint Jason Skelton to the Satsuma Water and Sewer Board and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried

7. Consideration of a re-appointment of Mary Pierce to the Satsuma Public Library Board

On motion made by Councilmember Reese to re-appoint Mary Pierce to the Satsuma Public Library Board and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting “aye”, and Councilmember Butler abstaining, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried

8. Consideration of an appointment to the Satsuma Board of Adjustment

Tabled until next meeting.

9. Consideration of an appointment of a councilmember to the Satsuma Public Library

On motion made by Councilmember Skelton to appoint Allison Reese to the Satsuma Public Library and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting “aye” and Councilmember Butler abstaining, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried

10. Consideration to promote Heather Davis to City Clerk effective December 1, 2020.

On motion made by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Skelton with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

11. Consideration of request from Heather Davis to attend the AAMCA winter conference in Huntsville, AL on December 2-4. This will be an online class.

On motion made by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Reese with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

12. Consideration to purchase a sponsorship ad for the Fox 10 Wishes for a cost of \$1500.00

Tabled until next year.

13. Consideration of promoting Travis Jones to PSWI

On motion made by Councilmember Phillips and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

14. Consideration to allow Mayor Barlow to enter into contract with Tree King or any other agency or entity to pick up debris.

On motion made by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Little, all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

15. Consideration of purchasing a Christmas tree in the amount of \$175 for the Candy Cane Lane.

On motion made by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Little, all voting “aye”. Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

16. Consideration of paying GMC invoices for debris pickup at the recommendation totaling \$18,865.70 and \$37,267.68.

On motion made by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Little, all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

Other Business

Mayor Barlow moved to go into Executive Session to discuss good name and character and would reconvene in 10-15 minutes. Upon returning at 8:37 P.M. from Executive Session, Mayor Barlow stated that no action was taken.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Skelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

_____/s/_____
Mark Barlow, Mayor

_____/s/_____
Councilmember Randy Little

_____/s/_____
Councilmember Mike Butler

_____/s/_____
Councilmember Jason Skelton

_____/s/_____
Councilmember Allison Reese

_____/s/_____
Councilmember E.L. “Bubba” Phillips

ATTEST: ____/s/_____
Heather Davis, City Clerk