

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 January 26, 2021

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 26th day of January, 2021.

Invocation

Councilmember Jason Skelton, led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Barlow welcomed everyone and reminded everyone in attendance to maintain social distancing.

On roll call the following answered present:

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

Heather Davis, 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 Regular Meeting held January 5, 2021. Councilmember Jason Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Recognitions

None

Visitors

Sheila Walters of 5669 Laurel Drive came before the council representing the Women's Club of Satsuma. Mrs. Walters wanted to adopt the signs at the entrance to the City. This would be a beautification project during the year.

Lavenia Spotswood of 150 Bayou Ave. East representing the Women's Club of Satsuma presented to the council the balance sheet for the Union Chapel.

Mr, Jack Presnall came before the council to give thanks to the Women's Club of Satsuma for the work that they have done to the city near the Pilot Travel Center. He also expressed his concern again about having some communication with ALDOT about installing the flag poles and the flag.

Mr. Jason Jones, 5216 Old Hwy 43 Satsuma came before the board to discuss a previous debris claim that was denied by the City of Satsuma in the amount of \$1800. After a lengthy discussion concerning the spoils and the claim, Mayor Barlow stated that the council previously voted on this claim and at this time would stand behind that position.

Charlotte Hudson, 8135 State Street Citronelle, Al. came before the council to state that she was the owner of 167 Cedar Avenue Satsuma that was purchased by Jason Jones. She presented to council stating that she had an email between Mr. Tom Briand and herself dated June 4, 2014 where she requested spoiled dirt from the project.

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

Mayor Barlow reported new flags have been ordered to go around the city to replace old and worn flags.

Mayor Barlow stated 6 loads of scrap metal had been recycled and the city received approximately \$2K in return.

Mayor Barlow stated the league meeting is coming up and right now, enrollment information wasn't available due to COVID -19. This information will be given as soon as it is received.

Mayor Barlow stated the front repair has been completed to Steele Creek Lodge.

Mayor Barlow reported that City Hall has new working hours. The hours will now be Monday through Friday 7:30 – 5:00pm.

Mayor Barlow reported that the phone system at City Hall has been updated and the calls will be answered in a timelier manner.

Mayor Barlow stated that he had received information on security cameras. He asked that Chief Harrell and his staff review this information and present back to him their recommendations.

Mayor Barlow stated that at a later date, the Water Board meetings times will change and will be posted as soon as this is done. Their hours of operation have changed for the office to Monday through Friday from 7:30 – 4:30pm.

Mayor Barlow stated that Corey Nelson with Byers & Byers presented the audit in a meeting with the City Clerk and Assistant City Clerk. Mr. Nelson would like to set up a meeting with the council to go over the audit and answer any questions.

Mayor Barlow reported that the Building Inspector list was open until February 2, 2021 and then a list will be received for review.

Mayor Barlow introduced Brooke Miller as the Assistant City Clerk.

Mayor Barlow stated that Yoga at the Senior Building would be open back up as long as the seniors signed the waiver.

Mayor Barlow reported that the disc golf course was cleaned up by Public Works and was looking great and that people were utilizing the course.

Mayor Barlow reported that the plaque for Ms. Earline McKinley was to be completed within the next week and he would like to have her family attend a presentation of the plaque.

Mayor Barlow asked that Chief Harrell and Chief Waites get together and determine who is liable with repairs needed at the Public Safety Building since there seem to be several repairs still outstanding to include the mop bucket sink.

Mayor Barlow expressed condolences to the families in the area that have recently passed away.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little stated that he is awaiting the Building Inspector I list and would like to have this position filled as soon as possible.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Butler reported that the Fire Department had 84 calls in 2020 with a total of 63 of those calls being EMS. And 21 Calls being for fire service.

Councilmember Butler reported that FEMA has opened up a grant for extrication equipment. This grant closes February 12, 2021.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton stated according to ALDOT the estimated completion date for the road project on Highway 43 will be May 2021.

Councilmember Skelton stated that GMC is working on a contract on with them, the city and the State of Alabama to be approved. Once approved survey and design work can begin with the GOMESA grant at Steele Creek.

Councilmember Skelton requested an update on the COP grant and the hiring of a police officer since the position will be closing soon with the personnel board. One person was hired previously and the remaining position is till available. Mayor Barlow stated that a background check should be in the works on the hiring of one person and asked that the person be a certified officer.

Councilmember Skelton reported that a Thompson 18 Wheeler hit the concrete drainage structure at Bayou Avenue and 6th Street.

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese reported that the Municipal Dinner was held at Saraland on January 21, 2021.

Councilmember Reese stated that in February the Satsuma Library will launch a program called 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. This service is provided to children up to 5 years of age.

Councilmember Reese reported that there is currently a membership drive going on for the Satsuma Library.

Councilmember Reese reported that Baseball registration is currently being held.

Councilmember Reese reported that Girls Softball would be holding registration in February as well.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips-reported that he was waiting on the Building Inspector I list.

Councilmember Phillips wanted to express his appreciation to the Public Works Department for all of their hard work on the disc golf course.

Councilmember Phillips expressed his condolences to the family of Ken Smitherman who passed away.

Councilmember Phillips stated that in the future he would like some sort of protocol for attending zoom meetings.

Items for Consideration

1. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$155,048.93

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

2. Consideration of payment to ServPro for 3 invoices totaling \$7,399.70.

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

3. Consideration from Chief Harrell to surplus a 2010 Dodge Charger VIN# 2B3AA4CVXAH151457.

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

4. Consideration from Leigh Givens with Satsuma High School Softball team to purchase a banner for \$85.00.

On motion by Councilmember Butler and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

5. Consideration of final payment to GMC for the amount of \$42,839.46.

On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Little, Council unanimously approved to table this for one week and the motion carried.

6. Consideration of the transfer of firefighter JP Miller effective February 6, 2021 from fulltime fire fighter to supernumerary firefighter.

On motion by Councilmember Butler and seconded by Councilmember Skelton, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

7. Consideration to call for a fulltime firefighter list from the Mobile County Personnel Board.

On motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Reese, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Little made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

/s/ Mark Barlow
Mark Barlow, Mayor

/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/ E.L. Phillips
Councilmember E.L. "Bubba" Phillips

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