

MARK BARLOW
MAYOR

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CHIEF OF POLICE

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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 February 2, 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 2nd day of February, 2021.

Invocation

Councilmember Allison Reese, led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Barlow welcomed everyone and reminded everyone in attendance to maintain social distancing and to turn all cell phones in the off position.

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; and Chief Clint Harrell.

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 26, 2021. Councilmember Jason Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Recognitions

Mayor Barlow thanked Joe and Shelia Walters for helping this past week delivering meals on wheels.

Visitors

Robert Ramsey with GMC came before the board to clarify the amounts on the last invoice.

Jimmy McLean with Deep South Bass Club came before the council to request approval to utilize the parking lot, launch and pavilion for a kid fishing tournament at Steele Creek on April 24, 2021 from early morning until about 2PM.

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

Mayor Barlow reported that Corey Nelson with Byers & Byers would be in attendance on March 2, 2021 to discuss the audit with the council.

Mayor Barlow reported that the Building Inspector list closed today and that a list would be ready before the next meeting.

Mayor Barlow stated that the hours at the Satsuma Water Board meetings have changed to the second Monday of each month at 5PM.

Mayor Barlow wanted to thank all of the City Hall employees for their hard work in the recent weeks.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little offered his appreciation to Joe and Sheila Walters for helping deliver meals for the senior program, Meals on Wheels.

Councilmember Little reported that the backhoe at the trash ramp is back up and running after some repairs. He stated that Troy Lancaster offered his time and knowledge and was able to get them running again.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Butler reported that Chief Waites had received an invitation from Saraland Fire Department to participate in some training for paid firefighters and volunteers.

Councilmember Butler stated that the negative and inappropriate comments on Facebook about public safety department and the school system need to stop. He stated that this gives a negative feeling for interested investors for new businesses and housing market in Satsuma.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton stated he agreed with Councilmember Butler about the negative comments on Facebook and hopes that people could be more positive in their postings.

Councilmember Skelton welcomed the two new Junior Councilmembers for this year. They are Jordan Preston and Katelin Booker from Satsuma High School.

Councilmember Skelton reported that he had looked over financials and the city looks good to be on track with the revenues for the year. Due to some retirements that were not budgeted for we will adjust accordingly. The retirements will be listed as unbudgeted items.

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese reported that we have a new indoor city flag that can be used during conventions and other city functions.

Councilmember Reese stated that baseball and softball registration is currently going on for both ballparks.

Councilmember Reese reported that there would not be a municipal dinner in February due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Councilmember Reese responded to Mayor Barlow, that the Condominium HOA should be allowed to use the Senior Building if they signed the same waiver that everyone else is signing.

Councilmember Reese reported that the Governor's guidelines are still in place and a reminder should be given to keep using this policy.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips-reported that there was a previous discussion in pre-council on cost codes and he would like to schedule a work session to discuss in the future. He stated that he will bring this information up with the auditor. Mayor Barlow responded that a lot of public works money was funded from gas funds and the law requires us to report this accordingly. Councilmember Skelton stated that two different funds were being discussed and needed to be addressed accordingly.

Items for Consideration

1. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$41,954.35

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

2. Consideration from Chief Harrell to surplus a 2012 Dodge Charger.

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

3. Consideration from Harrison Dial with Satsuma High School Baseball Team to purchase a banner for \$150.00.

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

4. Consideration of final payment to GMC for the amount of \$42,839.46 that was tabled from last meeting.

On motion by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Butler with the explanation given earlier from Robert Ramsey, with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and motion carried.

5. Consideration of from Landen Wilson on a statement of claim for \$1047.00.

On motion by Councilmember Butler to table until next meeting and seconded by Councilmember Skelton, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

6. Consideration of reimbursement of \$1673.00 to Officer Kiara Jordan for EMT school.

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

7. Consideration from Satsuma High School Senior Class to waive the rental fee for May 11, 2021 at Steele Creek Lodge for their Senior Breakfast.

On motion by Councilmember Reese with the \$100 clean up fee to apply and seconded by Councilmember Little, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

8. Consideration to allow Deep South Bass Club to utilize the parking lot, launch and pavilion for a kid fishing tournament at Steele Creek on April 24, 2021 from early morning until about 2PM.

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

9. Consideration to allow Mayor Mark Barlow to enter into an agreement with GMC pending receipt of proposal for FEMA public assistance (PA).

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

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Reese made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Little seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:36 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