MARK BARLOW MAYOR

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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 16, 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 16th day of February, 2021.

# Invocation

Pastor Ron White of Gold Leaf Church of God, 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 Kenneth Waites.

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

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### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held February 2, 2021. Councilmember Jason Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Recognitions**

A reception was held in recognition of Mrs. Earline McKinley who was City Clerk from 1960-1987.

#### **Visitors**

Gary Givens of 201 Minette Ave. Saraland, Al. came before the board to request assistance with starting a Youth Soccer League in the City of Satsuma. Pastor Ron White, of Gold Leaf Church of God also spoke on behalf of the Church, stating they were working with Mr. Givens on allowing him the use of property they owned for the league.

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

# Mayor's Report

Mayor Barlow reported that he had received a thank you note from Harrison Dial to the council for purchasing the ad with the Satsuma Baseball Team.

Mayor Barlow reported that the Building Inspector list had 14 applicants on it and interviews were conducted and a second interview will be set up with a few of the applicants,

Mayor Barlow stated he had been in touch with ALDOT about the bridge work on Highway 43 and estimated work to continue for approximately three to four more months. A meeting has also been set up with ALDOT to discuss the intersection at Pilot Truck Stop.

Mayor Barlow reported he had a meeting with all department heads last week and everyone seems to be working well with each other. He asked that all department heads put together a need and wants list for the next year.

Mayor Barlow stated the City of Satsuma had received a Participation Certificate from the Census Bureau and it will be located in City Hall after the meeting.

Mayor Barlow stated that an insurance adjuster has been named for the Hurricane Sally and Zeta damages and they would be getting in contact with the City Clerk in the near future.

Mayor Barlow reported he met with Alabama Power to complete a four-page questionnaire that was sent in for the City to complete.

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Mayor Barlow stated there was an article in the League Journal that talked about ways to get along well. He suggested everyone read this article in their spare time.

Mayor Barlow reported that new flags had been received by Chief Waites and they would be placed throughout the city soon.

#### Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little reported that he had a citizen call him about abandoned properties throughout the city and that he told them they were being worked on.

Councilmember Little reported that anyone interested in helping with Meals on Wheels driving could come to City Hall and get an application.

### **Public Safety – Councilmember Butler**

Councilmember Butler had nothing to report.

#### Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton has nothing to report.

#### Parks & Recreation - Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese reported that registration for baseball and softball registration was underway.

Councilmember Reese reported that she had been working on some agreements with City Clerk, Heather Davis, for use of the keys and lights and some general rules for the fields at the parks.

### **Public Works – Councilmember Phillips**

Councilmember Phillips-reported Public Works needed to purchase a side by side to assist with daily operations and would be getting some estimates together.

Councilmember Phillips stated that Public Works had patched holes at the Pilot Truck Stop and it would be temporary.

#### **Items for Consideration**

1. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$50,819.65

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

2. Consideration from Landen Wilson on a statement of claim to be reimbursed for duck blinds that were picked up by Sanitation in the amount of \$1047.00.

On motion by Councilmember Little to pay \$700 and seconded by Councilmember Reese with all voting "aye" Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

3. Consideration from Don Moss to be paid \$1550.00 for doing Inspection work from November 13, 2020 until December 10, 2021.

After a lengthy discussion, on motion by Councilmember Phillips and seconded by Councilmember Little with Councilmember Reese and Councilmember Skelton voting "Nay" Council approved and motion carried

4. Consideration of opening an Operator 3 position in Public Works.

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

5. Consideration to allow Mayor Barlow to hire someone for professional services on an as needed basis for special projects.

On motion by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, with all voting "aye" 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 8:18 P.M.

/s/ Mark Barlow	/s/ Randy Little
Mark Barlow, Mayor	Councilmember Randy Little
/s/ Mike Butler	/s/ Jason Skelton
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/s/ Allison Reese	/s/ E. L. Phillips
Councilmember Allison Reese	Councilmember E.L. "Bubba" Phillips
ATTEST: _/s/ Heather Davis	
Heather Davis, City Clerk	