

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 April 6, 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 6th day of April 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 and to turn all cell phones in the off position.

On roll call, the following answered present:

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

Heather Davis, City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney; Chief Clint Harrell; Crystal Johnson, Crew Chief and Chief Kenneth Waites.

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 on March 16, 2021. Councilmember Jason Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Allison Reese seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Recognitions**

None

**Visitors**

Sharon Upton of 5821 Chattanooga Drive came before the council to discuss the process in which the Satsuma School Board Members have been appointed in the past and how the current process is being handled for the board position currently held by Linda Robbins. Mrs. Upton asked the Council to reconsider Ms. Robbins having to apply for the board position. Mayor Barlow stated that 4(four) people applied and that the Council has agreed to have interviews for this position.

Shirley Presnall of 540 Maria Drive came before the council to discuss the position on the Satsuma School Board currently held by Linda Robbins. She expressed her concern on the way the process is being held and stated that the City Council should re-appoint Linda Robbins.

Cassie Smith of 253 Woodland Avenue came before the council to discuss the drainage issue at her mother-in-laws home at 5816 Cordova Avenue. Ms. Smith explained that she previously came before the council asking for help with the drainage issues. Mayor Barlow asked that James Elmore and Crystal Johnson go by the property and assess the situation again.

Jack Presnall of 540 Maria Drive came before the council to ask that the Council address the issues that are currently present with the appointment to the Satsuma School Board. Mayor Barlow stated that the Council would like to have the best person for the school system and interviews will be held on April 19, 2021. Councilmember Reese asked Mayor Barlow if there was anything in writing stating the proper procedure for appointing a school board member, and Mayor Barlow stated he had not seen anything stating such.

Diane Alford came before the council and stated that in the School Board Governance & Organization it states that the 5 (five) member school board should be appointed by Satsuma City Council and should be appointed the first regular meeting of April by the City Council. Mayor Barlow again said applicants would be interviewed and hopefully be handled at the second meeting in April. Councilmember Reese stated that she thought Council had to appoint someone within the month of April and not specifically the first meeting.

Jackie Davis came before the council and asked if there were any laws stating the Council had to appoint someone in April. Jay Minus, stated that the code gives the City Council the right to appoint, and it doesn't set the manner in which it is to be done.

Kim Browder of 5707 Laurel Drive came before the Council to discuss the property across from Steele Creek that the city owns and asked for details concerning such sale. Mayor Barlow stated that there have been talks concerning two parcels off of Juniper but the council had not made any decisions at this time.

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

#### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Barlow reported that representatives from the Pilot and State had met with James Elmore and Crystal Johnson and asked that council look over the figures for repairs at Pennsylvania Avenue and Hwy43.

Mayor Barlow reported asked council to look over the figures presented for paving different areas throughout the city.

Mayor Barlow reported that the bridge work on Hwy 43 had taken a lot longer than anticipated and would hopefully be completed soon.

Mayor Barlow stated that the bridge inspections were completed and issues reported were being addressed.

Mayor Barlow reminded the Council that the league meeting on May 12th-15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 will be coming up.

Mayor Barlow reported he had met in Saraland last week to discuss issues facing smaller towns, for example the Personnel Board and the redistricting plan and what may come up concerning any resolutions for local cities.

Mayor Barlow reported that Tom Briand has started back working with the city under an as needed basis on projects. He asked that Jay Minus get in touch with Tom and discuss some of the properties that have been issues within the city.

Mayor Barlow stated that the doors and security system at City Hall have had some issues and we are working on this problem

Mayor Barlow reported that a meeting was held with the Auditor concerning some issues with this audit and at this time everything has been cleared up.

**Public Services – Councilmember Little**

Councilmember Little stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

**Public Safety – Councilmember Butler**

Councilmember Little stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

**Administration – Councilmember Skelton**

Councilmember Skelton stated that he would like to commend Crystal Johnson with Public Works on her work with FEMA in getting approximately \$199,000 back to the City.

**Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese**

Councilmember Reese reported that restroom at Wright Park was locked this past weekend and wanted to make sure that the bathrooms will remain unlocked. She stated that liability and insurance issues were being looked into concerning keeping the doors unlocked.

Councilmember Reese stated that a soft opening for the Splash Pad was held on April 3, 2021 and there was not any incidence reported. She also stated that the pavilion is available for rental and to contact City Hall.

Councilmember Reese stated that on April 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm, the Municipal Dinner will be held in Chickasaw and if you would like to go to please let Heather Davis know.

Councilmember Reese stated that she had met with Tom Briand about Steele Creek renovations and Tom is still advocating for the previous plan with the previous Council. Tom Briand would like to keep the kitchen with stainless steel appliances for easier clean up.

Councilmember Reese stated that she would like GMC to present to Council a presentation on the plans for the GOMESA grant monies. Councilmember Reese envisions this to be a place for schools to come and visit to learn about the area. Mayor Barlow stated that he had some concerns as well about the kayak launch and boating area as well but would be cautious about the way the money is spent on the project.

## **Public Works – Councilmember Phillips**

Councilmember Phillips reported Public Works has purchased a side by side.

Councilmember Phillips stated that he would like to get a list for a Public Works Director.

Councilmember Phillips stated that he would like to pursue the cost of cameras around the city.

### **Items for Consideration**

**1. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$28,433.19**

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

**2. Consideration to purchase two Ford Interceptor Utilities at \$30,904.00 each for a total of \$61,880.00 from the state bid list to be paid from the court account.**

On a motion made by Councilmember Butler and seconded by Councilmember Skelton, with Councilmember Little, Skelton, Reese, Butler and Mayor Barlow voting ‘aye’ and Councilmember Phillips voting “nay,” Council approved and the motion carried.

**3. Consideration to purchase a complete body cam package from Martel Digital for \$7,999.99 to be paid from the court account. This will include 13 cameras and on-site video storage.**

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

**4. Consideration to surplus several vehicles and equipment from the Fire Department.**

- **1997 Ford F150 VIN# 1FTDF1728VN61500**
- **1991 Chevrolet Van C30 VIN#2GBGG31J2M4138963**
- **2006 Cargo Trailer VIN#5LBBE122261011617**

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

**5. Discuss intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue & Hwy 43 (Pilot Entrance).**

Councilmember Reese stated that she would like a flag pole to be designed into the plans for this intersection.

**6. Discuss estimates for multiple asphalt projects throughout the city.**

Mayor Barlow stated that this was discussed in pre-council.

**7. Consideration to reimburse Firefighter Joshua West for expenses from training in the amount of \$364.82.**

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

**Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders, and Other Business**

**1. Consideration of Resolution 2021-04-01- A Resolution declaring Surplus Property.**

Councilmember Butler made a motion to suspend the rules and put up for immediate adoption and seconded by Councilmember Skelton, with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-04-01, seconded by Councilmember Skelton, with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

Mayor Barlow declared the motion passed unanimously.

CITY OF SATSUMA

RESOLUTION 2021-04-01

WHEREAS, the City of Satsuma, Alabama has a certain item of personal property which is surplus and no longer needed for public or municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-43-56 of the Alabama Code of 1975 authorizes the municipal governing body to dispose of unneeded personal property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SATSUMA, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the following personal property owned by the City of Satsuma, Alabama is surplus and is not needed for public or municipal purposes:

- **1997 Ford F150 VIN# 1FTDF1728VN61500**
- **1991 Chevrolet Van C30 VIN#2GBGG31J2M4138963**
- **2006 Cargo Trailer VIN#5LBBE122261011617**

SECTION 2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to dispose of the equipment owned by the City of Satsuma, Alabama described in Section 1 as directed by City Council.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this \_\_6th\_\_ day of \_ April\_\_\_\_, 2021

/s/ Mark Barlow  
Mark Barlow, Mayor

ATTEST            /s/Heather Davis  
Heather Davis, City Clerk

Mayor Barlow moved to go into executive session to discuss a pending lawsuit that is sensitive in nature and to discuss a personnel matter. Councilmember Reese made a motion and seconded by Councilmember Skelton all voting “aye” Council went into executive session and would reconvene in 25minutes. Upon returning at 8:54 stated that the matter had been discussed and resolved

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Reese made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 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