

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 May 4, 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 4th day of May 2021.

### Invocation

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

Mayor Mark Barlow led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

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 April 20, 2021. Councilmember Jason Skelton made a motion to approve the revised minutes as presented. Councilmember Allison Reese seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Recognitions**

Mayor Barlow stated that a recognition that was planned will be moved to May 18, 2021 due to weather concerns.

**Visitors**

Former Mayor, Mr. Tom Williams, of 6357 Gilbert Drive came before the council on behalf of the Satsuma Lions Club. Mr. Williams stated that Councilmember Reese had approached a Lions Club member about the sign at Lions Park. Mr. Williams stated that the sign at Lions Park needed to be replaced and the Lions Club is willing to address this concern if Council would accept their proposal. They willing to replace the sign with the same size letters at 9 inches and approximately the same size sign at no cost to the city. Council discussed this proposal and agreed to allow the Lions Club to do this.

Mr. Williams also stated that the Lions Club had a bucket drop for Quinton Smith and they have 9 "Quinton's Army" signs available for any group to use.

Mr. Leslie Olive at 5760 Dale Drive came before the Council to ask that a speed hump be placed on Dale Drive due to excessive speeders. Mr. Olive presented the Council a letter showing 18 signatures of all 18 residents on Dale Drive supporting a speed hump.

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

Mayor Barlow reported he spoke to Quinton Smith's mother and that he should be flying out to the Shepard Center on May 6, 2021 for therapy. Mayor Barlow asked for continued prayers and thanked the Lions Club for their help in getting together a donation for his family.

Mayor Barlow reported in the last two weeks there were some deaths within the city and would like to express his sympathy in the passing of Betty Jay and Louise Cartier.

Mayor Barlow stated that in Pre-Council there was a discussion with Jay Minus about the AT&T contract and we can go ahead with signing that. The GMC contract needed some verbiage changed in it and once that is corrected, Council could move forward with signing that contract.

Mayor Barlow stated that the Council is continuing to work with the City Attorney on the generator issue at the Public Safety Building and hopefully will have something by the next Council Meeting on May 18, 2021.

Mayor Barlow stated he got an email today about the bridge on Highway 43 and that if weather permits the remainder of the week, it may be opened back up as a 4-lane road within two weeks. Chief Harrell asked that the citizens remain mindful that the speed limit would still remain lowered to 35MPH until the project is completely finished.

Mayor Barlow stated he had discussed with Kevin Harrison with SARPC roadwork at Pennsylvania Station and Highway 43 going in to the Pilot. Mayor Barlow thanked Tom Briand and Heather Davis for their work in submitting everything on this project.

Mayor Barlow reported that the Council had agreed to allow him to pursue means to get additional sidewalk grant money for other areas within the City.

Mayor Barlow reported that earlier in Pre-Council, Council agreed to allow Mayor Barlow and Councilmember Phillips to reach out and find additional help with grass cutting services for Public Works. This would be contractual.

Mayor Barlow reported that he had received an email from the Personnel Board stating they had a software issue recently and it would cause down time in getting lists out to municipalities.

Mayor Barlow reported that next week the Council minus Councilmember Reese would be attending the Annual League Convention. If anyone needed Councilmember Reese she would be available.

Mayor Barlow stated that at the next meeting, Chief Waites would be doing a promotion ceremony as well as promotion of a Public Works employee.

Mayor Barlow stated that the Sanitation Department has requested that citizens place their garbage can few feet away from mailboxes and other things so the truck doesn't damage citizens property.

Mayor Barlow stated he would like to do something as a kind gesture for Saraland Building and Inspection Department for going above and beyond in helping us in our time of need with Inspections. Jay Minus stated that we could send a letter of appreciation but that we could not send a gift.

Mayor Barlow reported he spoke to the owners of the Chalkboard and that at this time they didn't feel they were ready for the grand opening. Maybe in a few weeks they would be ready for that event.

Mayor Barlow stated that at the last meeting he had an increase in complaints for dog nuisances. Chief Harrell said they have increased their enforcement efforts to curtail those calls.

### **Public Services – Councilmember Little**

Councilmember Little he would like to see the Senior Center opened back up for Senior Services. He stated that he would like to wait for the Governor's orders and CDC guidelines that should be sent out soon.

Councilmember Little reported that Public Works employees are currently working 10-hour days trying to pick of the debris from the latest bad weather. He asked that citizens be patient while they work to get the City cleaned up.

Councilmember Little stated that a list for Operator III had been received from the Personnel Board and that Charles Washington was placed at the top of the list and he would ask that he be promoted at the next Council Meeting.

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

Councilmember Butler stated that the body cams had been delivered but they were waiting on brackets that were backordered. Councilmember Butler stated that they should be wearing them within two weeks if all goes well.

Councilmember Butler stated that Fire Department would be attending training with Saraland Fire Department on May 18, 2021 – May 20, 2021 from 8AM to 3PM.

Councilmember Butler wanted to express thanks to the Fire Department as well as the Police Department in handling of a deceased person call at the Arbours on Monday May 3, 2021.

### **Administration – Councilmember Skelton**

Nothing to discuss at this time.

### **Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese**

Councilmember Reese wanted to thank the Lions Club for raising around \$2500 for Quinton Smith and his family. Councilmember Reese wanted to also thank the Lions Club for the assistance in the sign at Lions Park.

Councilmember Reese reported that there was some vandalism at Wright Park and that it had been cleaned up by the Public Works and Parks Department.

Councilmember Reese stated that she had pictures from Lions Park where frying is being done with concessions and the grease is being left in garbage cans. She asked for assistance from Council in helping to protect the investment the City has made. Chief Waites stated that it was a code violation if they were frying under a covered area and he could address that issue if he needs to help resolve it.

Councilmember Reese reported she had been contacted by a concerned citizen about a problem at the pier near the launch at Steele Creek. Crystal Johnson reported that they had stenciled a caution sign and that this should help bring awareness to the problem.

Councilmember Reese stated she would like signage at the Splash Pad about no vaping or smoking put up near the pavilion.

Councilmember Reese reported that a few inquiries had been made about using the ball fields. The All Star schedule for girls at Wright Park should be given to her soon and she will send that to City Hall.

Councilmember Reese said she will have some numbers for Council at the next meeting to have fencing placed around the pump house building at the Splash Pad and the fencing at the football field will be moved in as well as a gate.

Councilmember Reese reported that she had some people contact her to volunteer time at the Bark Park and that the project is still in the works. Tom Briand is helping her get some quotes on fencing.

Councilmember Reese reported that the Library will be hosting the Satsuma High School Senior Tea on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. The Satsuma Public Library Board Meeting will be May 10, 2021 at 6PM followed by the Foundation Meeting at 7PM. There will be a Book Art with Ann Noble on May 18, 2021 at 11Am – 1PM. Satsuma Bridgeway Academy Story Time will be held May 19- 20, 2021 at 10AM. The Future Entrepreneurs meeting and End of the Year Party will be held May 25, 2021 at 3PM and art classes will be held every Friday at 10Am – 1PM.

Councilmember Reese also stated that she would like to present signs for the entrances to the city at the next meeting for consideration.

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

Councilmember Phillips reported that the side by side that was ordered for Public Works has been delivered and the lights and decals had been ordered. Hopefully by the end of the week it will be in service.

### **Items for Consideration**

#### **1. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$62,449.61.**

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

**2. Discussion of an appointment to the Satsuma Water Board vacated by Matt Dial.**

Mayor Barlow stated the seat had been vacated by Matt Dial due to him not having enough time to devote to the Water Board and the School Board due to his job. The Mayor asked if anyone knew anyone that had experience with finance or water boards, he would appreciate them completing an application. Applications need to be turned in by June 1, 2021.

**3. Discussion of travel expenses for the Annual League Convention.**

The Council decided to use their department cards for expenses while at the annual League Convention.

**4. Consideration of Timothy Gollotte to attend ENT-B classes starting May 10, 2021 in the amount of \$1949.00.**

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

**5. Consideration of Lt. West, Lt. Moss and Firefighter Davis to attend Fire Inspector I classes beginning May 24, 2021 at no cost to the City of Satsuma.**

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

**6. Consideration of estimates for roof repair at Satsuma Library.**

On a motion by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Skelton to table the consideration until next meeting, with all voting "aye" Council unanimously approved and the motion as tabled.

**7. Consideration of setting a public hearing on May 18, 2021 at 5:30PM to discuss 5310 grant.**

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

**8. Consideration of placing a speed hump at Dale Drive.**

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

**9. Consideration to enter in to contract with AT&T to provide services for residents interested on a 5 year contract.**

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

**10. Consideration to open a Public Works Director Position.**

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

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Little made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

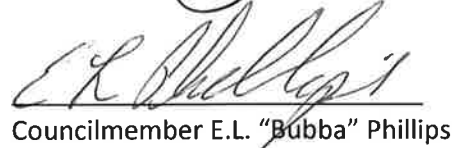
  
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ATTEST:   
Heather Davis, City Clerk

