

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 June 1, 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 1st day of June 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.

Councilmember Jason Skelton 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 and Crystal Johnson, Crew Chief.

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 May 8, 2021. Councilmember Jason Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Emanuel Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Recognitions

Mayor Barlow stated he would like to recognize the Satsuma High School Girls Softball team. Coach Darawich announced the softball team won the AHSAA 2021 Class 5A State Softball Championship. Coach Darawich introduced each player. Mayor Barlow and Council congratulated the softball team. Mayor Barlow thanked the parents that came to the meeting.

Jack Presnall announced that the Memorial Day Ceremony was excellent. He stated he wanted to thank that the City and Public Works Department for everything that they did.

Mayor Barlow stated he recognized several people in the audience that attended the ceremony. He also mentioned several people from the Honor Guards and Patriot Guards attended.

Visitors

Mayor Barlow asked that anyone that wants to be on the agenda give Council a chance to discuss the issue and have some type of response by letting the City Clerk know that you would like to speak. Mayor Barlow open the floor for visitors.

Clarence Maybin of Knight Drive came before Council to ask if the City could improve the roadway. Mayor Barlow asked Crystal Johnson if she could check into this matter. Ms. Johnson responded that some repairs have been made. Mayor Barlow asked Ms. Johnson to look at the drive again. Mr. Maybin also thanked the Fire Department for helping him with a call at his house.

Brent Rawson of 311 Magnolia Ave Unit 21 came before Council on behalf of First Baptist Church of Satsuma to ask for permission to hold the annual "We love Satsuma" fireworks event at Wright Park. Mr. Rawson stated he spoke with Chief Harrell. He stated the event draws several thousand people and food trucks would be present. He stated there would be no booths this year. June 27, 2021 would be the day of the event with fireworks starting at dark. The event would be from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Councilmember Reese asked Mr. Rawson if he wanted the splashpad open as well. Mr. Rawson stated he thought it would be fun for the kids. He said last year 5,000 people attended, but mainly stayed in their vehicles. This year, he hopes that people will bring their chairs and sit on the field. Mayor Barlow stated he thought it was a good idea. Councilmember Reese asked if he arranged the port-o-lets or did the City do that. Mr.

Rawson believes he arranged that in the past. He said he would look into it. City Clerk, Heather Davis, stated that the City may need to check to see if the splashpad was rented for that day. Mr. Rawson stated he believes that people will not start showing up until 7:00 p.m. He stated the fireworks show lasts about 20 minutes. Mayor Barlow asked if a motion was needed. City Attorney, Jay Minus, state a motion was not needed.

Mr. Rawson also came before Council to inquire about the crossing at Cain Bridge where the side walk crosses the street. He asked if caution lights could be installed.

Councilmember Reese stated that this matter had been previously discussed and an extra sign was to be moved to that area. Ms. Johnson stated she had sent an email to the Mayor for approval to purchase a new signal. The previous signal was damaged. Mayor Barlow stated he thought he gave approval, but Ms. Johnson confirmed he had not.

Councilmember Reese stated she wanted to install solar lights on the bridge to light the footpath.

Mr. Bill Black stated that Governor Ivey sent him a recognition for serving on council for twenty-four years. Councilmember Reese read Mr. Black's certificate of recognition.

Mayor Barlow returned back to the four-wheeler complaints. He stated the old part of Hwy 43 has many dirt bikes, four-wheelers and golf carts that is going onto the property. He stated the police department gets daily complaints. Mayor Barlow stated that children's parents will be spoken to and citation will be issued. Mayor Barlow asked Chief Harrell to speak about a meeting they had. Chief Harrell proposed that if the police find an underage person on an off-road vehicle on the road way, the first step is to make contact to the parents to give a warning of the consequences to allow the children to operate these vehicles which could result in an arrest for reckless endangerment. Chief Harrel stated he has an Attorney General's opinion that says if you operate an off-road vehicle on the road way, it is prima-fascia reckless driving. If the children are engaging in reckless driving and the parents are allowing them to do it, we have very little recourse but to charge them with reckless endangerment. The idea is, the first offense is to brief the parents of the consequences if it happens again. The police will keep a record of who they have warned and if they are seen in violation again, then they may have to appear in municipal court. Mayor Barlow stated he was in full support.

Mayor's and Council's Reports:

Mayor's Report

Mayor Barlow talked about Old Hwy 43 and the dangers of running on the sidewalks near the baseball fields at Magnolia Avenue all the way to the curve to make changes to the yield sign at Juniper Ave. Mayor Barlow asked if more caution signs would assist in lessening the congestions at the Juniper Ave and Old Hwy 43.

Mayor Barlow reported board vacancies will be address later in the meeting.

Mayor Barlow reported efforts to hire building inspector. He stated the City is still looking to fill that vacancy.

Mayor Barlow reported that the City is upgrading the copier contract.

Mayor Barlow reported that the GMC contract was discussed in the premeeting and the changes had been approved by the City Attorney.

Mayor Barlow reported that the generator was discussed in the premeeting and the City Attorney will write another letter inquiring a third party to inspect it.

Mayor Barlow reminded Council that there is a South Alabama Regional Planning Commission meeting tomorrow.

Mayor Barlow reminded Council of the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments meetings Thursday night.

Mayor Barlow reminded department heads that hurricane season started today and to make preparations.

Mayor Barlow reported Commission Ludgood's mother passed away and the service was yesterday. Mayor Barlow requested a card and to have all councilmembers to sign it to send to her.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little thanked everyone for attending the Memorial Day Ceremony. He stated Ms. Crystal Johnson is still working on the Zeta debris from the storm last year and the debris it is still on the ground at the ramp. Councilmember Little stated he found out from FEMA that the city did not have to use the contractor they were contracted with. He stated the City may be able to get an individual firm and an appointment has been set up for tomorrow.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

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

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton apologize for not being present at the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Councilmember Skelton reported he did get the figures from FEMA and insurance reimbursements for the library roof. He reported that this past week the city received a check from FEMA. He stated when you break down the percentages from the insurance fund and FEMA funds the total breakdown is \$29,778.52 which would be strictly for the library roof.

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese thanked Edith Butler and everyone involved in the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Councilmember Reese reported the Municipal Dinner will be June 17th at the County Commission.

Councilmember Reese reported the Personnel Board Annual Supervisory meeting on June 8th, and she stated she will ask about the foot dragging with the application process.

Councilmember Reese reported the library will have arts classes every Friday. The summer reading program is Tails and Tales. In July, the library will host the Rosa Parks exhibit. The Books on Wheels program is back.

Councilmember Reese reported about moving in the football fence at Lyon's Park to help alleviate some of the parking issues and installing a fence at the concession stand. Councilmember Reese stated it is in the budget.

Councilmember Reese reported Cara is working the City Clerk to look at grants for the capital project of resurfacing the tennis courts. She stated the tennis courts will serve as dual purposes a pickleball court. Councilmember Reese reported that the ladies are looking into a grant for a renovating the basketball court where the Bark Park will be.

Councilmember Reese reported the Bark Park is progressing.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

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

Items for Consideration

1. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$23,883.04.

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

2. Consideration of bids for the roof at the Satsuma Public Library.

Councilmember Randy Little open the sealed bids. The first bid is from Professional Roofing and Construction, LLC in the amount of \$30,385.00. The second bid is from Diversified Roofing Service in the amount of \$27,890.00. The third bid is from BCR in

the amount of \$33,172.75. The fourth bid is from B & M Roofing in the amount of \$34,400.00. The fifth bid is from Prime Exteriors in the amount of \$28,900.00.

On a motion made by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Butler to accept all bids and turn them over to the committee to make sure the scope of work is as asked and to accept the lowest responsible bidder. Councilmember Phillips and Councilmember Butler abstained, all remaining councilmembers voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

3. Consideration of applications for the vacant Water Board position.

On a motion made by Councilmember Phillips and seconded by Councilmember Skelton, to table this matter to the June 18th meeting, with Councilmember Little abstaining, with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried

4. Consideration of applications for the vacant Planning Commission position.

On a motion by Councilmember Phillips and seconded by Councilmember Reese, to appoint Tom Briand to the Planning Commission, with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

5. Consideration to pay Daniel Mims for two invoices open from March and October 2018 in the amount of \$750.00 each.

On a motion by Councilmember Butler and seconded by Councilmember Skelton, to pay the March and October invoices in the amount of \$750.00 each, with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

6. Consideration from Crystal Johnson, Chief Harrell and Chief Waites to change signage at Old Hwy 43 & Juniper Ave.

7. Consideration to surplus 3 vehicles from the Police Department.

A. VIN: 2G1WS57M591128612 2009 CHEVROLET IMPALA

B. VIN: 1NXBR30B16Z677101 2006 TOYOTA COROLLA

C. VIN: 5LTPW185X6FJ05151 2006 LINCOLN MARK LT TRUCK

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

