

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 July 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 7:00 p.m. the 6th day of July 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 Allison Reese 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, Chief Kenneth Waites 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 June 15, 2021. Councilmember Jason Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Randy Little seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Visitors

Melissa Hudson came before the Council to discuss the speed limit signs in Stonewall Park. She thanked Council for the signs that were placed but asked that the 25mph be reduced to 15mph. After discussion with Council, Mayor Barlow asked that she give them time to study the street traffic and discuss in the workshop. Mayor Barlow also asked Crystal Johnson and Chief Harrell to place a counter in the neighborhood.

Wes Hall came before Council to discuss renting Steele Creek Lodge for several days in July, August, September and October 2021. He asked council to reduce the rental rate and Mayor Barlow stated they would discuss this during the Council Workshop on July 13, 2021.

Shirley Presnall came before Council to thank them for their years of support for the Swampfest. She also stated that this would be the last year for Swampfest.

Richard Lundy of 5496 7th Street came before Council to discuss the draining issues on 6th Street. Mayor Barlow asked for Mr. Lundy to give them time to research the issue and he would address the issue best that he could.

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

Mayor Barlow expressed his condolences to several families on the death of their loved ones throughout the City of Satsuma.

Mayor Barlow reported he attended a 100-year-old Birthday party for Mr. Melvin Lewis.

Mayor Barlow reported that Mrs. Mary Pierce was celebrating a birthday as well.

Mayor Barlow reported he met with ALDOT earlier in the day about the entrance/exit to Pilot and the pothole issues in that area. He stated that hopefully with good weather, ALDOT can concrete the intersection but it would close the area for 3-5 days during construction of the project. A study is being done to alleviate problems.

Mayor Barlow reported there was a ribbon cutting for The Shrimp Lady was held June 26, 2021 and she reported that her business had increased.

Mayor Barlow reported that in pre council, cleaning of the lodge and facilities were discussed and they will discuss this further in the work session set for next week.

Mayor Barlow stated that 6 inmates came back today to help public works.

Mayor Barlow reported that he spoke to a gentleman about applying for the Building Inspector List and hopefully by the next meeting there will be some new information available.

Mayor Barlow reported that the generator issue was discussed and on Monday there will be some testing done on this problem.

Mayor Barlow stated that he would like to purchase some jackets or shirts that identify them at a councilmember or city employee while walking along streets or throughout the city.

Mayor Barlow reported there will be a work session on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6PM.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little reported that hopefully some of the inmate would be able to help clean the senior center.

Councilmember Little thanked the County for helping clean up the Zeta debris.

Councilmember Little reported that he would be discussing the need to have a public hearing for the zoning changes.

Councilmember Little reported that he would like to thank Mr. Charles Perry for putting out the flags around the City during July 4, 2021.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Butler reported that a donation was made for \$100 each to the Police Department and Fire Department from H. D. Coggin.

Councilmember Butler reported that the Marine Boat is back in service.

Councilmember Butler reported that there were 98 EMS Calls and 47 Fire calls for the Month of June with 11 being outside of the city.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton reported that Shell Chemical had provided a cutoff saw that will allow for quick and safe entry into a locked building and rooms. They also provided a battery powered fan that will allow use in hazardous locations.

Councilmember Skelton reported the new garbage truck will be delivered during the month of July, and Council will begin working on the new financing options

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese thanked Tom Briand and Elizabeth Duforth for helping with the Bark Park. She also stated there will be more volunteer opportunities in the near future.

Councilmember Reese stated that the Municipal Dinner will be held July 15, 2021 by the City of Prichard.

Councilmember Reese reported that Lenzing Fibers donated \$300 to the Satsuma Library for their online tutoring programs. H.D. Coggin donated \$100 to the library as well.

Councilmember Reese stated that Mr. Cason Huebach with youth baseball purchased three new scoreboards from fundraisers and provided a quote in the amount of \$617.94 from United Rentals for equipment to help install this equipment. He offered to do the work in kind.

Councilmember Reese reported that a quote for LED lighting and poles at the ballparks so she could possibly get with the County of some funding.

Councilmember Reese requested that STM Landscaping be paid (cost was around \$2000) for the Christmas Trees for Candy Cane Lane.

Councilmember Reese reported that the sign for Lions Park will be installed soon from the Lions Club.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips reported that benches were needed at the Splash Pad to add for parents to sit inside the fenced in area.

Councilmember Phillips reported the he talked with Diversified Roofing and hopefully weather permitting they can start working on the library roof soon.

Councilmember Phillips reported inmates started working today with only 6 being able to help at this time.

Councilmember Phillips reported that beacon lights were installed at HP Cain Bridge.

Councilmember Phillips reported that speed bump at Dale Drive was installed and speed limit signs at Stratford Lane and Travelers Court were installed as well.

Items for Consideration

1. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$65,307.81.

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

2. Consideration of resignation from Shannon Miller as Assistant City Clerk in good standing and to request new list for vacancy.

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

3. Consideration of quote on repairing the tennis courts at Wright Park.

On a motion made by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Little, to table until July 20, 2021 with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried

4. Consideration of quotes for Welcome signs at entrances to city.

On a motion made by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Skelton, to table until July 20, 2021 with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried

5. Consideration of Joshua West to attend NFPA 1006 Surface Water Rescue class in Prattville. The cost for class, food and travel not to exceed \$1000.00

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

6. Consideration for calling for a fulltime police officer list.

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

7. Consideration of reappointing Larry Speights to the Satsuma Public Library Board.

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

8. Consideration of setting a public hearing for recommendation to amend the Zoning Ordinance on July 20, 2021 at 6:45PM.

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

9. Consideration of setting a work session on July 13, 2021 at 6PM to discuss city business.

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

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Skelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:22 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