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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 September 7, 2021

Regular Meeting

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in regular public session at City Hall in said city at 7:14 p.m. the 7th day of August 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.

Rev. Brent Rawson of First Baptist Church of Satsuma 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.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing was opened at 6:49 pm for the purpose abatement of nuisance located at 5556 Magnolia Ave., 203 Orange Ave., 212 Orange Ave., 214 Orange Ave., 262 Orange Ave. as per Ordinance #377 Section 58-12. Tammy Silcox of 222 East Orange Ave came before council to discuss the matters listed above. Council agreed to allow 60days for Ms. Silcox to show improvements and progress with being in compliance on the properties that are not to be torn down.

With no further comments, the hearing closed at 7:13P.M.

Agenda

On a motion to amend the agenda made by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Little to add item E to the agenda. With a roll call vote the following answered as follows:

Councilmember Little - aye

Councilmember Butler - aye

Councilmember Skelton- aye

Councilmember Reese- aye

Councilmember Phillips - aye

Mayor Barlow - aye

Council approved and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 17, 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

David Jarrell, of 5270 Joginell Drive East, Satsuma, Alabama came before city council to discuss the Pay As You Go Plan. Mayor Barlow asked Crystal Johnson to contact the county and get an update on the plan.

Brett Rawson 311 Magnolia Ave came before council to request approval to have a 13.1 mile "Virtual Boston Marathon" to be held on October 10, 2021 at 6:00A.M. in Satsuma. The Reindeer Run is to be held on December 11, 2021. Council discussed and had no objection to either date.

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 that the franchise agreement with Mediacom had been received and was forwarded to the City Attorney to review.

Mayor Barlow stated that a grant was received in the amount of \$16,360.00 for the police department to purchase equipment. This grant was written by Cpl. Bryan Mims of the Satsuma Police Department.

Mayor Barlow reported that the new bucket truck for public works was picked up today and will be in service this week. Mayor Barlow also thanked Councilmember Skelton for all of his hard work in getting this for the City.

Mayor Barlow stated that the list for Assistant City Clerk had been received and currently being reviewed. He also reported that the salary base for Building Inspector may need to be revisited to be competitive with other municipalities in order to get more qualified applicants.

Mayor Barlow reported that the grant for TAP has been approved as well for more sidewalks throughout the city.

Mayor Barlow stated he met with SARPC last week. The repaving grant for street projects is moving forward but at a slower rate than expected.

Mayor Barlow reported the Pilot intersection has been approved to be repaved with ALDOT in their budget for next year.

Mayor Barlow reported that the public hearing that was to be held about the water and sewer project was postponed due to Hurricane Ida and a new date has not been set at this time.

Mayor Barlow reported that there will be a home game for Satsuma High School Gators and encouraged attendance.

Mayor Barlow reported that there was a legal name change to GMC and that the city attorney had reviewed the paperwork and approved for it to be signed.

Mayor Barlow stated that dispatching for Creola Police Department has been working out great and hopefully will continue to be a positive relationship to help another municipality.

Mayor Barlow stated that in pre-council it was discussed that huge piles of trash/debris that are being left along the roadways need to be smaller as we only pick up 2 cubic yards at a time.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little reported that there are 13 to 14 seniors every Tuesday and Thursday and 861 meals were delivered within the city and we have a waiting list as well for this service.

Councilmember Little reiterated that with dumping fees becoming very expensive, he is requesting that the maximum of 2 cubic yards be picked up per household as our current policy states. If possible, please use the trash ramp to dispose of other household items.

Councilmember Little reported that he and Crystal Johnson are looking into getting quotes for roll off fees and when it is received, he will report back to council.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Butler reported there was a total of 102 calls for the month for fire department which included 25 fire and 77 EMS calls.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton reported Heather Davis, City Clerk has completed the Certified Municipal Clerks Certification at the University of Alabama, August 4, 2021.

Councilmember Skelton stated that he and Heather Davis had been working on the budget and we will need to set a budget workshop for September 16, 2021 at 5:30P.M.

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese reported the Municipal Association dinner in September has been canceled due to Covid.

Councilmember Reese stated that the league leadership conference will be held in Montgomery November 1-3, 2021, with registration opening September 7, 2021. She stated that she was interested in going.

Councilmember Reese also requested that all meetings that are opened to the public be live streamed for the public who can't attend. With no objection from council members, all agreed for pre-council, workshops and council meetings be live.

Councilmember Reese stated that she had requested the use of the bucket truck to have banners put up around the city.

Councilmember Reese stated there will be a tournament at Wright Park on September 4, 2021 and she had requested extra port o lets be put out for use.

Councilmember Reese reported that The 911 Exhibit is currently going on at the Satsuma Library.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips expressed his appreciation to Crystal Johnson and the employees in public works for their hard work and the strides they are making with all of the storm clean up.

Councilmember Phillips reported that storm debris was removed from the right of way, low limbs were trimmed at Dale Drive, 4th Street and Oak Ave and various other locations around. Cleaned ditches on Scanlan Way and Yew Street. Public Works also did grass cutting and weed eating as the weather allowed and filled potholes throughout the city.

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$36,416.41

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

B. Consideration of the resignation from Courtney Wilson as a full-time jailer/dispatcher effective August 9, 2021 in good standing.

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

C. Consideration of hiring Stephanie Malone as a part time dispatcher effective September 17, 2021.

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

D. Consideration of calling for a list of 2 full time police officers from the Mobile County Personnel Board.

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

E. Consideration to apply for a scrap tire grant with ADEM in the amount of \$71,000 for the Bark Park.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. Ordinance 539 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of a \$350,000 City of Satsuma, Alabama General Obligation Warrant 2021.

On a motion made by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Reese to suspend the rules and put up for immediate adoption, with a roll call vote the following answered as follows:

Councilmember Little - aye

Councilmember Butler - aye

Councilmember Skelton- aye

Councilmember Reese- aye

Councilmember Phillips - aye

Mayor Barlow - aye

Council approved and the motion carried.

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve Ordinance 539, seconded by Councilmember Little, with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

B. Resolution 2021-09-01 – Introduce Resolution to adopt rules and regulations of Satsuma Dog Park.

On motion made by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Butler to introduce Resolution 2021-09-01, with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

On a motion made by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Skelton to go into executive session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss legal matter, to last approximately 10 minutes with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

Mayor and Council returned from executive session at 8:22 p.m.

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 8:23 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

