

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 December 21, 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 21st day of December 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
	Emanuel Phillips

Those absent were Council Members Mike Butler and Allison Reese.

Heather Davis, City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney; and Chief Clint Harrell were also in attendance.

A quorum was present and Mayor Barlow opened the meeting for the transaction of business.

Agenda

On a motion made by Councilmember Skelton to approve the agenda with the addition of item “g”, and seconded by Councilmember Little, the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 7, 2021. Councilmember Jason Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Recognitions

None

Visitors

None

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 also expressed his wishes for Councilmember Little’s mother as she currently ill.

Mayor Barlow reported Robbie Strom with GMC was unable to attend the meeting tonight to give an update on the GOMESA project and it would be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little reported the hours of the trash ramp and garbage services for the Christmas and New Year’s Holiday.

Councilmember Little wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Chief Clint Harrell reported on the recent auto burglaries in the city and reminded everyone to not leave valuables in plain view and to lock their vehicles accordingly. Chief Harrell also asked if any citizens that have cameras and notice anyone being around their vehicles or homes, please report any suspicious activity to the police department.

Chief Harrell also reported the police department will be hiring one employee soon and there is potential for a second hiring as well within the next couple of weeks.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton stated that he and his family enjoyed spending time with the city employees December 17, 2021. Lunch was provided by his family to the city employees

as a thank you for all of their hard work done during the year. Councilmember Skelton wished each and every one a Merry Christmas.

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Mayor Barlow reported that demolition will start soon on Steele Creek Lodge for the upcoming renovations.

Mayor Barlow stated that there was a complaint recently about the bathrooms at Steele Creek and that has been corrected. He also stated that the kayak launch has been worked on and leaned up.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips reported public works department has been cleaning up around the department by pressure washing the building, re-stripping the parking lot and repainted the eaves around the building.

Councilmember Phillips reported that public works cleaned out the inside of the building at public works that has fire and police department stuff still inside with the help of Chief Waites and Lt. Dix. The generator at public works was repaired and serviced as well as the leaf vacuum.

Councilmember Phillips stated that the restrooms at steel creek lodge had been bleached and cleaned. The parking lot lights were also repaired after finding a faulty timer. There were five loads of slag delivered and put down at the kayak launch. Public works also cut down the shoulder of the road beginning at the south service road to allow for water drainage.

Councilmember Phillips also stated that the nativity scene had been placed in Baldwin Square as requested. He also mentioned that some complaints had been posted on Facebook about the public works department and asked that those citizens posting this information to get out and ride around the city and look closer.

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$19,541.55

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

B. Discussion and consideration to purchase a renewal ad with the Satsuma High School Tennis Team in the amount of \$100.00.

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

C. Discussion and consideration of to purchase an ad for the Satsuma High School Baseball Team in the amount of \$150.00.

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

D. Discussion and consideration of contract with Cara Stallman for grant writing.

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

E. Discussion and consideration of Alabama Bass Federation to sponsor two rooms not to exceed \$500.00.

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

F. Discussion and consideration of opening the position of clerical aide position the start at grade A Step E.

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

G. Discuss amending the ARP Resolution to include additional employees.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Skelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

/s/ Mark Barlow
Mark Barlow, Mayor

/s/ Randy Little
Councilmember Randy Little

Absent
Councilmember Mike Butler

/s/ Jason Skelton
Councilmember Jason Skelton

Absent
Councilmember Allison Reese

/s/ E. L. Phillips
Councilmember E.L. “Bubba” Phillips

ATTEST: /s/ Heather Davis
Heather Davis, City Clerk