

MARK BARLOW
MAYOR

HEATHER DAVIS
CITY CLERK

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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 January 4, 2022

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 4th day of January 2022.

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
	Mike Butler
	Jason Skelton
	Allison Reese
	Emanuel Phillips

Heather Davis, City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney; Chief Kenneth Waites 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 Reese and seconded by Councilmember Little, the motion carried unanimously and the agenda was passed.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2021. Councilmember Randy Little made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Recognitions

None

Visitors

Judy Callen with the Women's Club came before council to request an update on the agreement between the Women's Club and the City of Satsuma. After discussion, Mayor Barlow asked that they return to the February 1, 2022 meeting for a hopeful resolution.

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 that there would be a tournament at Steele Creek this coming weekend held by the Alabama Bass Federation.

Mayor Barlow reported that a tree fell in Baldwin Square and it had to be attended to in as an emergency to prevent anything happening to anyone.

Mayor Barlow stated that he would prepare a letter of agreement with Civil Southeast on the TAP project.

Mayor Barlow stated that the water and sewer project on I65 Service Road and South Oak Drive is still ongoing.

Mayor Barlow reported that the contract with Cara Stallman as the grant writer had been corrected and would be signed.

Mayor Barlow stated that the city employees did a great job during the previous holidays and wanted to thank them for a job well done.

Mayor Barlow stated that the project at Steele Creek has gotten started and going well.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little reported that the seniors are still meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays and have about 12-15 people participating currently. He also stated the Covid

situation is still being watched and the city may have to address the attendance if things change.

Councilmember Little stated that meals on wheels delivered 714 meals, that two new applications have been received and the senior van made 35 trips to various appointments.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Butler stated that there were 950 calls for fire during the 2021 year.

Councilmember Butler also stated he had received a donation from a local citizen and that gift of \$10 would be donated to a local Church.

Councilmember Butler reported that the Fire Department had submitted a grant and hopefully they will hear something soon.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton stated that at this time he had nothing to discuss.

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese reported that renovations began at Steele Creek Lodge.

Councilmember Reese gave an update on the repairs at the tennis courts. The contractor will be getting with us on the start date soon.

Councilmember Reese stated that she had gotten a quote and design for the sign at the Bark Park.

Councilmember Reese stated that she had asked Mayor Barlow to get some assistance at the Babe Ruth field to have the fence moved to allow for more parking.

Councilmember Reese reported that on Thursday January 6, 2022 there will be a book signing at the library at 11AM. There will also be a Medicare education class on Tuesday January 18, 2022 at several different times.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips reported public works department has been cleaning up around Steele Creek landing and surrounding area. The piers and pavilion were pressure washed and the azaleas were trimmed. The outside of the Community Center was pressure washed as well as the gate and post at the entrance. Public Works also took down the old wooden fence at Steele Creek Lodge.

Councilmember Phillips reported that public works leveled off the parking lot at the kayak launch and noticed that over the weekend it had been messed up. He asked Police Chief Harrell to close patrol the area for anyone damaging the parking lot.

Councilmember Phillips stated that the repairs to the Ford F-550, leaf vacuum, chipper truck were made.

Councilmember Phillips also stated that the road grader had been scheduled to come to do some work around the city. He also stated that as previously mentioned by Mayor Barlow, the tree at Baldwin Square was taken down as an emergency after it fell.

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$42,046.52

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

B. Discussion and consideration of ratifying the hiring of Mark Strong as a full-time police officer effective Jan 1, 2022.

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

C. Discussion and consideration of approving a transfer of Christel Grimes as a full-time jailer/dispatcher from the City of Creola.

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

D. Discussion and consideration of proposed settlement in Satsuma vs. Endo.

On a motion by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Butler to go into executive session to discuss a litigation matter to not last longer than 15 minutes. With all voting “yes” at a roll call, Council unanimously approved and the motion was passed. Council returned from executive session at 7:42P.M. With a motion by Councilmember Reese to accept the settlement in the amount of \$8,303.00 and seconded by Councilmember Phillips with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

E. Discussion and consideration of incentive pay for three contract employees and two professional service employees.

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

F. Discussion and consideration of resignation from Ofc. Christopher McLean in good standing effective December 31, 2021.

On a motion by Councilmember Reese 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 Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:46 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