

MARK BARLOW  
MAYOR

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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 March 8, 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 8th day of March 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 Jason Skelton 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

Edith Butler, Jay Minus, City Attorney; Chief Ken 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 Skelton to add item “f” to go into executive session to discuss a contract, and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried unanimously and the agenda was passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 15, 2022. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Recognitions**

None

**Visitors**

Tiphani Clearman from the Satsuma Public Library Foundation came before council to discuss the butterfly garden and outdoor reading area that will be created with the funds received in the amount of \$7000.00. The council was all in agreement with the placement of the garden and reading area.

**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 stated that the Swamp fest was a big success and is very excited to the event next year.

Mayor Barlow reported there is a vacancy with Satsuma City School Board. The applications will be available until March 31, 2022 at 5P.M. at City Hall.

Mayor Barlow reported there were two firemen hired for the Fire Department and will now give them a total 8 Full-Time fireman and 5 Part-Time firemen. The Police Department was able to hire a part time employee as well.

Mayor Barlow stated the he spoke with Civil Southeast and the TAP project is still going as planned.

Mayor Barlow stated the project at Steele Creek Lodge has been completed and under budget. He thanked everyone involved in the project.

Mayor Barlow stated the water sewer project is still ongoing.

Mayor Barlow reported that the county side cutter had been out in the city and done a tremendous job in public works and he appreciated the efforts of everyone.

Mayor Barlow stated that work on North Oak Drive would be done so the access to the homes in that area could be better.

Mayor Barlow stated that letters would be going out to residents about properties that need to be cleaned up and have adequate time to do so.

Mayor Barlow also stated that the Municipal Dinner would be held March 17, 2022 at Dauphin Island.

#### **Public Services – Councilmember Little**

Councilmember Little reported that the inspections department had been very busy with permits.

Councilmember Little stated that meals on wheels delivered 777 meals in the month and a waiting list is still ongoing with this program. Several trips were also maid during the month for medical, and various other trips for the citizens.

Councilmember Little stated the sanitation trucks are usually rotated and that currently number 8 truck is out getting brake work done on it. He stated that number 7 truck could be possibly traded and a new truck ordered as soon as possible.

Councilmember Little also wanted to thank everyone for the successful event at Swampfest this year.

#### **Public Safety – Councilmember Butler**

Councilmember Butler didn't have anything to report at this time.

#### **Administration – Councilmember Skelton**

Councilmember Skelton stated he didn't have anything to report at this time other than what Councilmember Little had discussed.

#### **Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese**

Councilmember Reese stated the splash pad will be tentatively opened on Saturday, April 2, 2022.

#### **Public Works – Councilmember Phillips**

Councilmember Phillips asked Edith Butler what account the tractor and lawn mowers would come out of and Ms. Butler said it would come out of the 7cents account.

A motion by Councilmember Phillips was made to purchase a tractor to replace the old tractor in the public works department, in the amount of \$39,868.80 out of 7cents account and seconded by Councilmember Reese.

A motion by Councilmember Phillips was made to purchase two zero turn lawnmowers in the amount of \$11,694.92 each out of 7cents account. The motion died for a lack of a second.

### **Items for Consideration**

**A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$54,458.72**

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

**B. Discussion and consideration of purchasing two vehicles out of the court fund for the police department.**

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 allowing CUBB bowling to use Steele Creek Lodge on April 25, 2002 with only the clean up fee to be collected.**

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

**D. Discussion and consideration of the voting delegates for the Annual League Convention May 11-14, 2022 in Tuscaloosa.**

On motion by Councilmember Butler for Mark Barlow to be the voting delegate and two alternatives to be Councilmembers Little and Skelton, and seconded by Councilmember Reese with all voting “aye” council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

**E. Discussion and consideration of giving Travis Jones a 5% special merit increase.**

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

**F. Executive session to discuss an employee contract for approximately 30 minutes.**

On motion made by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Reese with all voting “aye” council went into executive session at 7:40P.M. Council reconvened at 8:12P.M. No action taken at this time.

### **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business**

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 8:14 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