

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 April 5, 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 5th day of April 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 Randy Little led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following answered present:

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| Mayor | Mark Barlow |
| Council Members | Randy Little |
| | Jason Skelton |
| | Allison Reese |
| | Emanuel Phillips |

On roll call, the following were absent:

Mike Butler

Heather Davis, City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney; Travis Jones, 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 items “h ”and “i” and seconded by Councilmember Little, the motion carried unanimously and the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

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

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the work session held on March 2, 2022. Councilmember Reese made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions

None

Visitors

Kathy Gifford came before Council to discuss the use of city land to start a community garden. After lengthy discussion, council decided that she begin using that land for said purposes.

Shawna Alvarez came before council to request waiver of rental fee for Steele Creek Lodge on May 10, 2022 to hold a band banquet.

Shirley Presnall came before Council to request waiver of rental fee for Steele Creek Lodge on April 7, 2022. Motion was made by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Skelton, with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved.

Sallie Woodard came before Council to discuss right of way near 5852 Old Hwy 43. After lengthy discussion, Mrs. Woodard and Council agreed to get more information and come back to this discussion.

Tracy Nolfé came before Council to discuss a meeting to be held April 26, 2022 at 6:30 at FBCS to address concerns of residents from Creola and Satsuma about annexation.

Linda Robbins came before Council to request waiver of rental fee of Steele Creek Lodge on May 2, 2022 for the Saraland, Satsuma, and Chickasaw Education Council & Scholarship Foundation.

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 Robbie Strom with GMC had workers at the Lodge working around the wetlands and will pursue the GOMESA project.

Mayor Barlow reported Josh Pope with Spa & Tub came to clean up the Splash Pad and get it ready to open. Public works had completed the pressure washing.

Mayor Barlow reported that the fence at Plateau at the park have been removed with the help of public works. Mayor Barlow also reported that there is a leak in the wall at restrooms at Splash Pad. He also stated that requested dirt had been brought to the ball parks.

Mayor Barlow stated work had begun at the tennis courts.

Mayor Barlow stated that the audit was in hand and asked council to review.

Mayor Barlow stated that two more state inmates had been reporting to public works to help and gives a total of 7 inmates currently being used.

Mayor Barlow stated that school board interviews will be held on Monday April, 18, 2022 beginning at 4pm at city hall.

Mayor Barlow reported 50-year class reunion for 1972 was held at Steele Creek Lodge this past weekend.

Mayor Barlow reported that the MS\$ ADEM report has been executed and sent off.

Mayor Barlow stated that the lighting contactor that he spoke to last month should have a quote soon to go to LED lighting at the parks.

Mayor Barlow reported that the financials would be ready at the next council meeting.

Mayor Barlow reported that Chief Harrell had received a \$5K grant from Shell Chemical for the police department.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little reported that 50 new garbage cans have been ordered for the sanitation department.

Councilmember Little reported that the seniors are still maintain around 12-15 people on Tuesdays and Thursdays. That the last quarterly gift card had been given to Gayle Crownover on March 29, 2022 to purchase things for the seniors.

Councilmember Little stated 839 meals had been delivered on the Meals on Wheels program and that there is still a waiting list for people to get meals delivered to them. The senior transportation van made 36 trips to appointments and 2 shopping days.

Councilmember Little also reported that the new van will cost approximately \$49K and the city will owe 20% which will be approximately \$9800.00.

Councilmember Little reported that permits are still being issued regularly at city hall.

Councilmember Little reported that the scrap metal was taken to be recycled and over \$500 was made on scrap prices.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Mayor Barlow reported that there were 46 EMS calls and 34 Fire calls and there are currently two fire recruits in training. Chief Harrell reported that he had submitted one applicant for referral for hire. He also reported that a 2019 murder trial was being held and in May of this year, he will have one recruit in the academy in Selma for 15 weeks.

Mayor Barlow reported that there were 449 calls for service last month. 6 felony cases, 21 misdemeanor cases along with 101 traffic citations issued.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

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

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

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

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

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

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$110,244.14

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 of the request from Satsuma High School to waive the rental fee for Steele Creek Lodge on May 19, 2022 for the senior breakfast.

On a motion by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting "aye" Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

C. Discussion and consideration of bids for cleaning services at Steele Creek Lodge.

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

D. Discussion and consideration of increasing rental fee amounts at Steele Creek Lodge.

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

E. Consideration of resignation of Michelle Greiner as Senior Aide effective April 15, 2022.

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

F. Discussion and consideration of bids to remove a tree at 5556 2nd Street.

On motion by Councilmember Little to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, HAMCO, with all voting “aye” council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

G. Discussion and consideration of signing the agreement for engineering services with Civil Southeast for resurfacing of roads. ALDOT # RALG 49-2022-444.

On motion by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, with 3 voting “aye”, 1 voting “nay” and 1 abstaining due to being able to use the access to get to his house, council approved and the motion carried.

H. Discussion and consideration allow Band Boosters to use Steele Creek Lodge on May 10, 2022 and waive the rental fee.

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

I. Discussion and consideration of setting a work session on April 18, 2022 at 4:00 to have school board interviews.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. Resolution 2022-04-01 to consider acceptance of Mobil County’s offer to donate a ROW on Old Hwy 43 to the City of Satsuma.

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

B. Resolution 2022-04-02 to hir Civil Southeast, LLC for roadway improvements. ALDOT project No 49-2022-444.

On motion by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, with 3 voting “aye”, 1 voting “nay” and 1 abstaining due to being able to use the access to get to his house, council 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 8:13 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