

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 August 16, 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 16th day of August 2022.

Invocation

Mayor Barlow welcomed everyone and reminded everyone in attendance 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:

Mayor
Council Members

Mark Barlow
Randy Little
Mike Butler
Allison Reese
Emanuel Phillips
Jason Skelton

Absent was Council Member

Heather Davis, City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney, Chief Ken Waites, Fire Chief and Sgt. Troy Willcutt 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 to add an additional item “g” 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 August 2, 2022. Councilmember Little made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions

Mayor Mark Barlow read the proclamation for McConaghy Drugs on their 70th Anniversary.

Visitors

Crystal Sealey came before the council to request having the Satsuma High School Homecoming parade on Sept. 15, 2022. Councilmember Reese made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried unanimously.

Judy Callan came before council to request that all fees associated with renting Steele Creek lodge be waived for the Women’s Club Fundraiser November 13, 2022. Councilmember Phillips made the motion to approve and seconded by Councilmember Little, the motion carried unanimously.

Shirley Presnall came before council to express her gratitude and appreciation to all involved in renovating Steele Creek Lodge. It was recently used by the Friends of Satsuma for the Satsuma City Schools Institute Day.

Norman Dewbird of 501 South Oak Drive came before council to discuss the progress of the water and sewer expansion. Mayor Barlow stated that the County Engineering has been working on this project for about 2 years and he hopes to see it bid out within the next month.

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 before the next council meeting, we should be able to award the bids for the Rebuild Alabama Project.

Mayor Barlow reminded everyone that the Municipal Dinner would be held on Thursday August 18 in Citronelle.

Mayor Barlow reminded everyone that the Ceremony would be held at McConaghy Drugs August 17th at 10AM.

Mayor Barlow reported that the fuel has gotten low and we will need to purchase more fuel for the tanks located at public works.

Mayor Barlow asked for the progress on the id cards for city employees and requested that elected officials also receive one.

Mayor Barlow stated the signs came in for Juniper but not all of the hardware came with it.

Mayor Barlow addressed the City Council about allegations of neglecting the City Parks. After stating projects that he has completed in his 21 months of being sworn in as Mayor, he stated that he gave respect to each councilmember and he expected to have the same in return.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Nothing to report.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Nothing to report.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Nothing to report.

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese stated that the community center was needing some painting and new chairs and tables purchased.

Councilmember Reese stated she would like to request the library appropriations be increased on a request of Tiphani Clearman.

Councilmember Reese reported that the library would be able to support \$5000 for the electronic billboard.

Councilmember Reese reported that a concerned citizen called and was worried about the baseballs that are being hit into the yards and was worried someone may get injured. Councilmember Phillips asked that the citizens attend the meeting to address the council with their concerns.

Councilmember Reese stated that she would like to discuss the C&D field renovations before September. An email had been sent out for council's review.

Councilmember Reese reported all of the activities coming up with the library.

Councilmember Reese asked that the fall banners be hung around the city. Mayor Barlow stated he would get with Travis Jones and get back to Councilmember Reese.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips stated that he would like to thank Travis Jones on his work in the public works within the city and the good job that is being done.

Councilmember Phillips stated he would like to see pink lights in the park for October for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$45,447.46

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 purchasing a 5ton unit for Steele Creek Lodge.

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

C. Discussion and consideration of increasing the Business License Issuance Fee from \$12 to \$14.

On a motion by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Little with a roll call vote, Council approved and the motion carried. Roll Call as follows:

Councilmember Little – yes

Councilmember Butler – yes

Councilmember Reese – yes

Councilmember Phillips – no

Councilmember Skelton – absent

Mayor Barlow - no

D. Discussion and consideration of a 5% EMT increase for Jon Hanson and Alexander Miller effective August 27, 2022.

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

E. Discussion and consideration of a 5% Incentive Pay increase for Jon Hanson and Alexander Miller effective August 27, 2022.

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

F. Discussion and consideration of a claim from Jeremy Holley for damage to a mailbox by the garbage department in the amount not to exceed \$450.00.

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

G. Discussion and consideration of setting a workshop on August 23, 2022 to discuss the Budget for FY2023.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. Ordinance 544 - Annexation

On motion made by Councilmember Little to suspend the rules and set for immediate adoption and seconded by Councilmember Reese with all voting “aye” motion passed.

On a motion made by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Butler to approve Ordinance 544, with all voting “aye”, the motion carried unanimously.

B. Ordinance 545 – Business License Issuance Fee

On motion made by Councilmember Reese to suspend the rules and set for immediate adoption and seconded by Councilmember Little, a roll call vote was given.

Councilmember Little – yes

Councilmember Butler – yes

Councilmember Reese – yes

Councilmember Phillips – no

Councilmember Skelton – absent

Mayor Barlow - yes

Due to not having a unanimous vote, the ordinance did not pass and will be placed on next agenda for adoption.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Reese made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Little seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 848 P.M.

/s/ Mark Barlow
Mark Barlow, Mayor

/s/ Randy Little
Councilmember Randy Little

/s/ Mike Butler
Councilmember Mike Butler

absent
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