

MARK BARLOW
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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 December 6, 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 6th day of December 2022.

Invocation

Mayor Barlow welcomed everyone and reminded everyone in attendance to turn all cell phones in the off position.

Councilmember Little led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following answered present:

Mayor
Council Members

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

Not present:

Heather Davis, City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney, Ken Waites, Fire Chief, Travis Jones, Public Works 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 Skelton 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 November 15, 2022. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions

Key Students from Robert E. Lee Elementary were recognized. Each Student received a city seal pendant, a gift certificate from Best Little Chicken Joint and a free cookie from Satsuma McDonald's. Council went into recess at 7:24 PM and reconvened at 7:29PM.

Visitors

Al Haupt came before the Council to thank them for having the roadway paved at Maple and inquired as to when sidewalks would be available in the area. He also asked that the Council revisit the golf cart ordinance.

Jack Presnall came before Council to report that the Cemetery had been cleaned up and asked that they consider recognizing those who cleaned and maintained that property.

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 wanted to thank all of the departments in the city for decorating and a special thanks to The Little Shoppe for their assistance in decorating as well.

Mayor Barlow the Breakfast with Grinch was successful with over 200 people present at both sittings and wanted to thank all of the volunteers that helped with this project.

Mayor Barlow stated that the GOMESA grant was sent out for bids and the opening will be next week.

Mayor Barlow reported that documents had been signed with the Treasury Department for the Water and Sewer Project.

Mayor Barlow reported that the paving project on Maple, Park and Dogwood has been completed except for some painting of stripes.

Mayor Barlow stated that a workshop needed to be scheduled.

Mayor Barlow asked Council if they had anything that needed to be added to the calendar to please get with Trish Morra.

Mayor Barlow stated that hopefully a new building inspector will begin soon and the city will need to get the city truck ready for him. With that happening, Council needs to look at purchasing a vehicle for City Hall.

Mayor Barlow stated that the water board and the city audit will be ready in January 2023.

Mayor Barlow reminded everyone that the Safety Dinner for employees will be held on Monday December 12, 2022.

Mayor Barlow reminded everyone that the Tour of Homes is scheduled for Saturday from 5-8PM.

Mayor Barlow gave the police report for the past month for the Police Department.

Mayor Barlow gave thanks to all that attended and or participated in the Christmas Parade as well as the turnout for Baldwin Square.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little reported that 931 meals were delivered in November to 49 people within the city.

Councilmember Little reported that 12-15 seniors are attending the community center for activities on Tuesday and Thursday. The city van made 39 trips to medical calls.

Councilmember Little reiterated that interviews for Building Inspector had been done and hopefully a decision will be made soon.

Councilmember Little stated that some quotes for damages at the trash ramp are being requested at this time.

Councilmember Little reported that holiday schedule for sanitation for the holidays.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

none.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton gave the statistics for Fire Calls for the month of November. Councilmember Skelton reported that the winners from the Christmas Parade were as follows:

Claude Tubberville – 3rd place

Satsuma Family Dental – 2nd place

Satsuma Varsity Cheerleaders – 1st place

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese reported that the Reindeer Run will be held at 8Am at Baldwin Square.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips reported that the Nativity Scene had been set up at Baldwin Square and they helped put up the Christmas Tree at the Police Department.

Councilmember Phillips stated that public works removed a tree on Third Street and ran the leaf vacuum and stated that Travis Jones ran the sanitation truck.

Councilmember Phillips also thanked Mayor Barlow and Penny Byrd for the participation in the Grinch Breakfast.

Items for Consideration**A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$45,464.62.**

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 purchasing an ad in the Call News for a Christmas ad.

Council discussed and stated that if an ad for Thanksgiving was done, then do a ¼ page ad and if one was not done, then do a ½ page ad.

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business**A. Resolution 2022-12-01 – To authorize the State of Alabama to access the City ROW.**

On a motion to suspend the rules by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Reese with all voting “aye” on a roll call vote, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

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

Adjournment

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 7:59 P.M.

/s/ Mark Barlow
Mark Barlow, Mayor

/s/ Randy Little
Councilmember Randy Little

Absent
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