

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 February 28, 2023

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 28th day of February 2023.

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	Mark Barlow
Council Members	Randy Little
	Jason Skelton
	Allison Reese
	Mike Butler
	Emanuel Phillips-absent
Junior Council Members	Kaitlin Ross - absent
	Amy Claire Lankford - absent

Heather Davis, City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney, Jessica Jones, Assistant City Clerk, Ken Waites, Fire Chief, Travis Jones, Public Works Supervisor, Acting Police Chief, Sgt. Troy Willcutt and George Fralic, Building Inspector were also in attendance.

A quorum was present and Mayor Barlow opened the meeting for the transaction of business.

Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 7, 2023. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions

None

Visitors

Betty McClain came before council to request waiver of rental fees for the use of Steele Creek Lodge on May 15, 2023 for the Gator Guys Luncheon. Mayor Baylor made a motion to accept the waiver of the rental fee and seconded by Councilmember Reese with all voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

Jackie Benson came before Council to request that Old 43 and Baker to Maple be closed down for Swamp Fest and Gator Drive starting at 8:30 until the end of the day.

Mike Davis came before Council to present a check to the Women’s Club for the Union Chapel and to request waiver of the rental fees for use of Steele Creek Lodge on April 27, 2023 for Citizen of the Year Banquet. Councilmember Little made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Reese, with all voting “aye”, council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

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 projects on sidewalks for repairs, adjustments completed 2/27/23.

Mayor Barlow stated that the project at the Pilot is moving along nicely and is on target to finish on time.

Mayor Barlow stated that the project at Steele Creek is slowed down due to weather but still on schedule to finish on time.

Mayor Barlow reminded everyone of Swamp Fest Saturday and to please attend.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little reported that Joe Tarver was at the trash ramp and work is progressing on project there.

Councilmember Little reported that there are 23 open building permits with 5 new construction plans pending. Nuisance calls were handled and they have also met with home owners.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Butler reported the calls for the Fire and Police Department for the month of February.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton stated welcomed Jessica Jones as the Assistant City Clerk.

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese asked about the workshop for the audit was at 5:30pm today and no one notified the council the workshop was canceled.

Councilmember Reese stated that George Fralic is working with her on the safety concerns at Lyon Park.

Councilmember Reese stated that softball opening day is this weekend.

Councilmember Reese stated that baseball opening day is next weekend, 3/11/23.

Councilmember Reese asking for progress for the flag poles at the entrance to the city.

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$111,860.23.

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 the resignation of Blake Russell as a police officer effective March 11, 2023 in good standing.

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

C. Discussion and consideration of approving the parade permit for Sunlight Missionary Baptist church on April 15, 2023

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

D. Discussion and consideration of authorizing a voting delegate following Mayor Barlow. 1st alternative, Councilmember Little and 2nd alternative, Councilmember Butler.

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

E. Discussion and consideration of purchasing of a permitting program, City Reporter, for the amount of, \$4,175.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. Executive Session

On a motion made by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Butler with all voting “aye” during a roll call vote, council went into executive session at 7:37 P.M. to discuss good name and character of a city employee to last approximately 5 minutes. Council reconvened at 7:42 P.M.

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 7:50 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