

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 May 2, 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 2nd day of May 2023.

Invocation

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

Dr. Troy Bland led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following answered present:

Mayor	Mark Barlow
Council Members	Jason Skelton
	Allison Reese
	Mike Butler
	Randy Little
	Bubba Phillips

Absent on roll call were the following:
Junior Council Members

Amy Claire Lankford
Kaitlin Ross

Jessica Jones, Assistant City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney, Ken Waites, Fire Chief, Acting Police Chief, Sgt. Troy Willcutt, Travis Jones, Public Works 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

On a motion made by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Reese, the motion carried unanimously the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 18th, 2023. Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions

Key Students

Visitors

Judy Callen from the Women's Club came before Council to request waiver of rental fees for Steele Creek Lodge on June 11, 2023.

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve, seconded by councilmember Phillips, with all voting "aye", council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

Rodney Hicks with Satsuma High School Baseball came before Council to request waiver of rental fees for Steele Creek Lodge on June 7, 2023.

Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve, seconded by councilmember Phillips, with all voting "aye", council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

Tom Williams came before Council to request that Jack Presnall and Robert Young be added to the Veteran's Memorial at City Hall.

John Cain came to Council to request an application for volunteer firefighters. Mayor Barlow told him to get with Chief Waites to get an application.

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 we recently had a Workshop to discuss ongoing and upcoming projects throughout the city.

Mayor Barlow stated that Driven Engineering is working on the proposal for the paving between Old Hwy 43 and Hwy 43 around the railroad crossings.

Mayor Barlow stated that we are waiting on a final cost estimate for a couple of dirt roads repairs.

Mayor Barlow stated that drainage work is being done throughout the city.

Mayor Barlow stated that we had a culvert collapsed on Gilbert Drive and needs fixing.

Mayor Barlow stated that the sidewalk project is moving along nicely with the grant the city received from SARPC.

Mayor Barlow stated that GOMESA project is moving along and the fishing tournament is still scheduled for Saturday May 6, 2023.

Mayor Barlow stated that the Water/Sewer Grant is still out for bid.

Mayor Barlow stated that Magnolia Park bid process had to be rescheduled from last Thursday to this Thursday, May 4, 2023.

Mayor Barlow stated that senior van that escorts senior citizens to appointments should arrive at the beginning of next month.

Mayor Barlow stated that the SCDO along with other city organizations hosted the Citizen of the Year banquet that Dr. Joe Walters was awarded along with Melvin Robinson being presented with a lifetime achievement award.

Mayor Barlow stated that Matt Erikson from ALDOT will have a crew at the Pilot this Sunday, May 7, 2023 to work on a few drainage issues.

Mayor Barlow stated that Department Head Meeting was this past week where hurricane preparation was discussed and the city is preparing for the upcoming season.

Mayor Barlow stated his thanks for all the ladies in the office for putting together the promotion ceremony.

Public Safety – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little gave the building department report, 16 open building permits, 20 open stand-alone trade permits, closed 12 permits, 32 site visits/inspections, 6 ordinance/nuisance inspections, and George attended code official meeting location at Home Builders' Association building.

Councilmember Little stated that sanitation department is working on a few vehicles and replacing tires on another.

Councilmember Little stated that the seniors are doing well.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Butler state that Fire Department had 66 emergency medical calls, 10 fire related calls, 5 mutual aid was given with a total of 81 calls for the month of March.

Councilmember Butler stated that the Police Department had 394 calls of service, 17 felony cases, 3 felony arrests, 40 misdemeanor cases, 26 misdemeanor arrests, 5 traffic accidents, 71 traffic citations with a total of 472 calls for the month of March.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton stated that we would like to thank Brett Rawson, First Baptist of Satsuma, for donating the bibles for the promotion ceremony.

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese stated that she wanted Amy Claire to talk about her work as a Red Ribbon Representative.

Councilmember Reese stated that we need to configure where the new flags are going to be placed at the north end of the city.

Councilmember Reese stated that she had the honor of being a Senior Project Judge at the High School.

Councilmember Reese stated we just wrapped up National Library Week and they had the traveling exhibit on display.

Councilmember Reese stated Satsuma Cheer is starting registration this Thursday May 4, 2023.

Councilmember Reese stated that the Satsuma girls' All-Star team is having a fundraiser selling crawfish plates at Wright Park this weekend.

Councilmember Reese stated that Mr. Kyle invites council out to their end of the season party, Sunday May 21, 2023.

Councilmember Reese stated football is starting soon and a quote is needed for new football helmets and pads.

Councilmember Reese stated that Trish Morra said thanks for the tables, chairs, and we are still waiting for one more quote for the painting of the Community Center.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips stated that the fishing tournament is this weekend, May 6, 2023, if anybody wants to come by around 12:00 to view the weigh in.

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$33,947.62

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

B. Consideration of Threat Advice Policies.

On a motion by Councilmember Butler 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 7:56 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/ Jessica Jones
Jessica Jones, Assistant City Clerk