

MARK BARLOW
MAYOR

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ASSISANT CITY CLERK

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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 June 6, 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 6th day of June 2023.

Invocation

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

Councilmember Reese led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following answered present:

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

Absent on roll call were the following:
Junior Council Members

Jessica Jones, Assistant City Clerk, Nicholas Patti, City Attorney, Ken Waites, Fire Chief, Acting Police Chief, Sgt. Troy Willcutt, Travis Jones, Public Works Supervisor 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 Little, the motion carried unanimously the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 16th, 2023. Councilmember Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions

None

Visitors

Hunter Trotter came before Council to discuss a mission fundraiser fishing tournament on September 30, 2023

Brent Rawson, First Baptist Satsuma, came before Council to discuss “We Love Satsuma” on June 25, 2023, Reindeer Run on December 9th, 2023, Port City Pacers on August 12, 2023.

Paul Rankin came before Council to discuss Woodmen of the World and how it could benefit the city.

GOMESA

Mayor Barlow stated Steele Creek is progressing and near the end. Once finished work on the parking lot will begin.

Mayor Barlow stated a payment in the amount of \$303,822.87 is due and will be paid this week to McElhenney Construction Company LLC.

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 his thanks to Principal Diaz for inviting Council to graduation on May 23, 2023 and it was an honor to attend.

Mayor Barlow stated he received a thank you letter from Mrs. Shirley Presnall thanking the council and city employees for their condolences after the death of her husband, Jack Presnall.

Mayor Barlow stated the Memorial Day Ceremony was a success and guest speaker, Major Bernard Holt- Retired U.S. Army, did a great job.

Mayor Barlow reminded everyone tomorrow, June 7, 2023, the Water/Sewer Bid will be out at 10:00 a.m. at Mobile County Court House and Councilmember Skelton and myself will be attending.

Mayor Barlow stated the Water Board Meeting is next Monday June 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Barlow stated the Senior Van will be delivered around mid-July.

Mayor Barlow stated the Chapel looks great and work is progressing.

Mayor Barlow reminded everyone the Women's Club is hosting Bo Grant on Sunday June 11, 2023 and they still have tickets for sale.

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

Mayor Barlow stated that Civil Southeast is currently working on sidewalk and paving projects and the paving project should be ready to bid by the first of the month.

Mayor Barlow stated we are waiting on ALDOT and Regional planning for the sidewalk project and will keep everyone updated.

Mayor Barlow stated he enclosed the monthly calendar to all councilmembers.

Mayor Barlow stated the Planning Board recommended the approval of a zoning request of property, located on Hartley Rd. between Hummingbird and Avondale to R1 to R2, and a public hearing will be scheduled for June 20, 2023 at 6:45 before the next council meeting

Mayor Barlow stated he enclosed current financial statements to all councilmembers.

Mayor Barlow stated the Municipal Dinner hosted by Mobile County Commission will be June 15, 2023.

Public Safety – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little stated we purchased 2 tires for #8 garbage truck, 4 tires for #2 boom truck, one load of scrap metal was hauled, and several other repairs to sanitation trucks.

Councilmember Little stated Michael Whisenhant, public works, resigned effective June 6, 2023 without notice.

Councilmember Little stated that we have been busy in the inspection department with 35 open building permits, 16 open trade permits, 29 closed permits, and 54 site visits/inspections, 10 ordinance/nuisance inspections.

Councilmember Little stated Southern Tire Mart at the Pilot broke ground on May 30, 2023.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Butler gave a monthly report for the Fire Department, with 55 medical calls, 2 fire related calls, 4 motor vehicle accident, 4 mutual aid given, 14 other, with a total of 79 calls for the month of May.

Councilmember Butler gave a monthly report for the Police Department, 8 felony cases, 4 felony arrest, 39 misdemeanor cases, 29 misdemeanor arrests, 7 traffic accidents, 72 traffic citations, with a total of 425 calls for the month of May.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

None

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese asked if the city is prepared for Hurricane Season.

Councilmember Reese stated that youth football registration is still going on and more information is available on Facebook.

Councilmember Reese stated the Women's Club did a great job on the decorations at the entrances to the city.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips stated Travis Jones, Public Works Department is requesting to purchase one new or two used trucks for the department.

Councilmember Phillips stated a workshop is needed to review the quotes Travis has received for trucks.

Councilmember Phillips stated the covered benches throughout the city look great.

Councilmember Phillips stated public works cleaned the undergrowth under the W.C Cain Bridge and repaired the wooded bridge on Juniper.

Councilmember Phillips stated public works has been busy throughout the city, cleaning ditches, removing trees, cutting grass, and cleared he limbs from the retention pond.

Councilmember Phillips stated public works is preparing for Hurricane Season.

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$85,676.61

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 the resignation for Brian Woods as supernumerary firefighter effective May 24, 2023 in good standing.

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

C. Discussion of quotes received for the window seals located at the library.

On a motion by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Phillips to table discussion until next council meeting.

D. Discussion to approve Threat Advice Policies.

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

E. Consideration of buying football equipment in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the youth football program.

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

F. Consideration of having public hearing to rezone property, located at Hartley Rd. between Hummingbird and Avadale, from R1 to R2 on June 20, 2023 at 6:45 p.m.

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

G. Consideration of purchasing a sponsorship for “We Love Satsuma” in the amount of \$500.00

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

H. Consideration of the resignation of Reginald Lee as public service worker effective June 2nd, 2023 not in good standing.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. Resolution 2023-06-01 – Grant agreement between the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and ADEM

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

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

B. Ordinance 548 – Authorizing joint purchasing agreement with Mobile County, Alabama

On a motion made by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Phillips 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 Little seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 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