

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 June 20, 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 20th day of June 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	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, Jay Minus, 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 Reese and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried unanimously the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 6th, 2023. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions

None

Visitors

Kyle Rutkoski came before council to discuss concerns with Wright Park bathrooms.

Shirley Presnall, Friends for Satsuma Schools, came before council to reserve March 2, 2024 for Swamp Fest.

Ashleigh Long came before council to introduce herself as she will be running for Circuit Court Clerk in Mobile County.

GOMESA

Mayor Barlow stated with the rain we have had throughout the city has slowed down the progress at Steele Creek for the last couple of weeks.

Mayor Barlow stated he spoke with Goodwyn, Mills, and Caywood and the punch list should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

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 several councilmembers and himself attended the Municipal Dinner last Thursday in Mobile.

Mayor Barlow stated the Women's Club held an event with singing from Bo Grant on Sunday June 11, 2023 at Steele Creek and it was a success.

Mayor Barlow stated we are continuing to work on the street paving project and the bid is out now and by the second meeting in July we should have some prices on that project.

Mayor Barlow stated that some drainage projects on Gilbert and 3rd St. and hopes to get with school board in the future to discuss an agreement that was made in the past.

Mayor Barlow reminded everyone that We Love Satsuma will be held this Sunday June 25, 2023.

Public Safety – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little stated his thanks to Public Works/Garbage for working and getting the trash picked up on the holiday June 19,2023.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Butler stated on July 4th there will be no council meeting and it has been moved to July 11, 2023.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton had nothing to report.

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese stated that the surfacing on the tennis courts is coming up and we are getting that addressed as soon as possible.

Councilmember Reese stated she attended the annual library dinner meeting at Chalkboard Kitchen last Monday to discuss the budget and upcoming events.

Councilmember Reese stated she has requested funding from the county for the Satsuma Youth Football Program.

Councilmember Reese stated the parks department has been busy throughout the city.

Councilmember Reese stated the new chairs and tables look great in the Community Center.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips stated Public Works has been busy throughout the city cleaning ditches, repairing drains, and cut grass when weather permitted.

Councilmember Phillips stated his thanks to Public Works Department.

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$50,326.34

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 the rezoning of 5274 Hartley Rd from R-1 to R-2.

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

C. Discussion and consideration of purchasing an ad in the football program for \$1,500.00. On a motion by Councilmember Butler and seconded by Councilmember Phillips to table discussion until next council meeting.

D. Discussion and consideration of signing a contract with Taylor Generator to service generators throughout the city.

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

E. Consideration of estimates received for the library window seals to be replaced.

Council received two quotes for the library. The first quote received was from Reid Remodels in the amount of \$13,350.00. The second quote received was from Joe Tarver Construction in the amount of \$26,000.00

On a motion by Councilmember Reese and seconded by Councilmember Little to accept all quotes and award Reed Remodels with the job, with Councilmember Butler abstaining, with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

F. Discussion and consideration of estimate received for painting of City Hall.

Tabled until July 18th, 2023 council meeting.

G. Discussion and consideration of opening a job for Parks Operations Coordinator

Tabled until job can be created with the Personnel Board.

H. Consideration of bids for two trees, one on Bayou Ave. and one on Orange Ave.

Councilmember Phillips and Councilmember Reese opened the sealed bids. The first bid is from Reed’s Tree & Lot Service for 173 E Bayou Ave in the amount of \$2,650.00 with stump grinding. The second bid is from Hammco Tree Service for 173 E Bayou Ave in the amount of \$3,326.00

Councilmember Phillips and Councilmember Reese opened the sealed bids. The first bid is from Reed's Tree & Lot Service for 67 Orange Ave E in the amount of \$8,450.00 The second bid is from Hammco Tree Service for 67 Orange Ave E in the amount of \$8,500.00.

On a motion by Councilmember Phillips and seconded by Councilmember Butler to accept all bids with all voting "aye" Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. Resolution 2023-06-02 – Authoring the purchase of two vehicles for the City of Satsuma off the state bid.

On a motion to suspend the rules by Councilmember Phillips and seconded by Councilmember Skelton with all voting "aye", 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. Executive Session to discuss good name and character of employee.

On a motion made by Councilmember Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Little, with all voting "aye", council went into executive session at 7:43 P.M. to discuss good name and character of city employee to last approximately 15 minutes. Council reconvened at 8:07 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 8:07 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