

MARK BARLOW
MAYOR

JESSICA JONES
ASSISANT CITY CLERK

TROY WILLCUTT
ACTING POLICE CHIEF

KENNETH WAITES
FIRE CHIEF



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 July 11, 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. 11th day of July 2023.

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

Invocation

Mayor Barlow 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
	Allison Reese

Absent on roll call were the following: Mike Butler
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 Phillips. The motion carried unanimously the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 20th, 2023. Councilmember Little made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions

None

Visitors

Sharla Knox came before council to introduce herself and talk about her experience and qualifications for the positions of Circuit Court Clerk in Mobile County.

Larry Landrum came before council to discuss the intersection at Juniper Ave. and Ryals St. and possibly getting a three way stop put there due to drivers not paying attention to the pedestrians crossing the street.

David Jarrell came before the council to discuss Avondale Ave. and the asphalt that was cut into repair a water line and possible getting the asphalt repaired. He stated that right now it is just filled with gravel and it becomes a muddy mess.

Mr. Tom Williams came before council to discuss the plaque that is to be placed in honor of Jack Presnall. He also stated a grant was received for the City of Satsuma for the engineering done by GMC for the 3rd St. drainage issue and that the School Board originally agreed to pay half for the project.

GOMESA

Mayor Barlow stated Goodwyn, Mills and Caywood only had a few items left on the punch list and the project would be complete.

Mayor's and Council Reports:

Mayor Report

Mayor Barlow expressed his condolences to several families on the death of their loved ones throughout the City of Satsuma.

Mayor Barlow stated the County Commission passed the Water/Sewer Project for the Satsuma Oaks area.

Mayor Barlow stated we are looking for different ways to purchase the vehicles needed for the city. The trucks we were looking at purchasing are not available. Troy is currently looking into this.

Mayor Barlow stated Civil Southeast has the contract regarding the sidewalk bid that we are hoping to get out soon.

Mayor stated that the street paving project mainly on 6th St., Baker Rd. 3rd St., Bayou West and Pine to Plateau bid should be in on July 18, 2023.

Mayor Barlow stated the dog park project contract was finalized last week. We should have a start work date on the project next week.

Mayor Barlow asked about having a workshop on July 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss budget, projects and other city matters. Councilmembers were in agreement with time and date.

Mayor Barlow stated older vehicles and other items owned by the city are being put on GovDeals to get a few areas throughout the city cleaned up. A resolution will be drafted soon for these items.

Mayor Barlow stated that GreenCo contract for debris cleanup in the event of a hurricane is listed on the agenda for tonight.

Mayor Barlow stated the city employees have the city prepared in the event of a hurricane.

Mayor Barlow stated the ribbon cutting at Barron Express Bakery last Friday July 7, 2023 was a success.

Mayor Barlow stated Travis Jones, Public works, was able to hire a few employees for summer work.

Mayor Barlow stated the Police Department hired dispatcher that is starting on July 24, 2023.

Mayor Barlow stated the Police Department is moving forward on hiring another Police officer.

Mayor Barlow stated the tire store behind the Pilot is moving along.

Mayor Barlow gave the Satsuma Fire Department report for the month of June, 44 emergency medical calls, 20 fire related calls, 3 motor vehicle accident, 5 mutual aids given, 1 mutual aid received, 7 other calls, 1 hazardous materials incident, 1 water rescue with a total of 82 calls.

Mayor Barlow gave the Satsuma Police Department report for the month of June 547 total call, 7 felony cases, 2 felony arrest, 67 misdemeanor cases, 40 misdemeanor arrest, 4 traffic accidents, 118 traffic citations.

Public Services-Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little stated his thanks to Cedric Dennis and Travis Jones for garbage pick-up on July 4, 2023 and also to other work employees for working on the holiday.

Councilmember Little gave the seniors report, 861 meals delivered and 67 trips made for the seniors.

Councilmember Little stated the new van should be here in a couple of weeks and that will be great.

Councilmember Little asked about the air conditioner at the Community Center and Travis stated it had been fixed.

Councilmember Little gave the building department report, 32 new permits, 16 closed permits, 25 building inspections, 8 nuisance complaints and 45 total open permits.

Public Safety - Councilmember Butler

Absent

Administration-Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton stated the granite that was damaged has been replaced at the Veteran's Memorial.

Councilmember Skelton stated the rental facilities are being booked daily and the splash pad is very busy.

Councilmember Skelton stated that several plats had been approved by the city engineer, Goodwyn, Mills and Caywood, last week.

Councilmember Skelton stated the ladies at city hall extend their thanks to public works for always keeping the grounds looking nice.

Parks & Recreation-Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese stated the football players from the Satsuma Youth Program came to pre-council to take a few photos to extend their thanks to Commissioner Ludgood and Mobile County Commission for their support.

Public Works- Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips stated his thanks to the public works department for their hard work in the heat.

Councilmember Phillips gave a report for the public works department for the month of June. They cleaned ditches and drains, removed a fallen tree, and grass cutting throughout the city. SIS cleaned drains throughout the city.

Councilmember Phillips Stated that Brittany Allen placed old vehicles from public works on Gov/Deals, public works hired two new employees, and the culvert on Gilbert replaced and resurfaced.

Items for Consideration**A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$155,624.29**

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 to waive the rental fees for Steele Creek on July 31, 2023 and August 1, 2023.

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

C. Discussion and consideration of purchasing a sponsorship for the Satsuma Lady Gators Softball Golf Tournament held on July 21, 2023.

On a motion by Councilmember Reese to purchase two holes for \$300.00 for the Satsuma Lady Gators Softball Golf Tournament and seconded by Councilmember Little, with all voting "aye" Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

D. Discussion and consideration of the quotes received for the painting of the Community Center. Supreme Painting awarded the bid in the amount of \$8,650.00

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

E. Discussion and consideration of the quotes received for the painting of the city hall. Supreme Painting awarded the bid in the amount of \$9,350.00.

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

F. Discussion and consideration of opening Parks Operations Coordinator, approved by Personnel Board on July 6, 2023.

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

G. Discussion and consideration of Liberty Board Appointment renewals.

Tabled until the next council meeting.

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. Resolution 2023-07-01- Appropriation contract between Mobile County Commission and the City of Satsuma

On a motion by Councilmember Reese to suspend the rules and set for immediate adoption and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, a roll call was given.

Councilmember Little-yes

Councilmember Butler-absent

Councilmember Skelton-yes

Councilmember Phillips-yes

Mayor Barlow-yes

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

B. Resolutions 2023-07-02- Accept financial grant agreement from SARCP

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

C. Resolutions 2023-07-03-Adopt internal policies for employees of the City of Satsuma

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Resolutions 2023-07-03-Adopt internal policies for employees of the City of Satsuma

On a motion by Councilmember Skelton to suspend the rules and set for immediate adoption and second by Councilmember Reese, a roll call vote was given.

Councilmember Little-yes

Councilmember Butler-absent

Councilmember Skelton-yes

Councilmember Phillips-yes

Mayor Barlow-yes

F. Resolutions 2023-07-04- Approve the renewal of the contract between the City of Satsuma and Greenco.

Councilmember Little-yes

Councilmember Butler-absent

Councilmember Skelton-yes

Councilmember Phillips-yes

Mayor Barlow-yes

G. Resolutions 2023-07-05- Enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama acting by and through ALDOT for sidewalk improvements adoption and seconded by Councilmember Little, a roll call vote was given.

Councilmember Little-yes

Councilmember Butler-absent

Councilmember Skelton-yes

Councilmember Phillips-yes

Mayor Barlow-yes

/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/ Jessica Jones
Jessica Jones, Assistant City Clerk