

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 July 18, 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 18th day of July 2023.

Mayor Barlow welcomed everyone and reminded everyone in attendance to turn all cell phones in the silent or off position. Everyone was requested to stand for pledge.

Invocation

Councilmember Skelton 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
	Mike Butler

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 Phillips and seconded by Councilmember Skelton, the motion carried unanimously the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on July 11, 2023. Councilmember Little made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions

None

Visitors

Diane Alford came before council to discuss the possible annexation with Creola. She stated the meeting in April of 2022 had several citizens in attendance and the support for the annexation/merger was very positive. She asked that councilmembers show support to the annexation/merger. She asked where council stood on this matter. She also noted that nothing has been done since that meeting.

Mike Battiste came before council to discuss the possible annexation with Creola. He stated if Satsuma does nothing, the city will be blocked in. He stated Saraland is annexing land in the area and Satsuma will not have enough revenue coming in.

Casie Smith came before council to discuss the possible annexation/merger with Creola. She stated she 100% supports the annexation. She asked if the annexation was taking longer due to Satsuma or Creola.

Mayor Barlow stated the council attended several meetings with Creola and citizens and it is now in their hands. He stated he could not speak for Creola on this matter.

Councilmember Phillips stated the City of Satsuma has already stated what they could offer Creola in the annexation. He also stated he was for the annexation.

Councilmember Butler also stated he was for the annexation.

Councilmember Little stated there are many unanswered questions. He stated what was presented was for a merger and not an annexation. He stated there are many pending circumstances on what will be next.

Councilmember Skelton stated what comes next and are the schools over flowing are a few questions we need answered.

Councilmember Reese stated at this moment she doesn't know what she would be agreeing too. She stated there are too many questions that need to be answered.

Mayor and council agreed to discuss this further in the Workshop next Tuesday July 23, 2023

GOMESA

Mayor Barlow stated the project would be complete soon and once the Chapel is complete, we would hold a grand opening.

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 the van should be delivered to Birmingham tomorrow and then be delivered to the city next week.

Mayor Barlow stated SARPC gave an update on the twelve plus two bus. It has been ordered and should be delivered in 6-8 weeks.

Mayor Barlow stated we are looking for different ways to purchase the vehicles needed for the city. Troy is currently looking into this.

Mayor Barlow stated the bid closed this morning at 9:00 a.m. for the various street paving. The bid would be awarded tonight.

Mayor Barlow stated council would discuss the 3rd St. ditch project at the workshop next week then they could meet with school officials.

Mayor Barlow reported that we are just waiting for a start date for the dog park.

Mayor Barlow stated they would discuss the Christmas parade, promotions, 3rd St. project and other city business at the upcoming workshop.

Mayor Barlow reported the painting at the Community Center would be starting soon and the Community Center would be all set with new chairs, new tables, generator fixed, new AC unit, and windows fixed.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little asked to please be patience with Public Works. The garbage truck went down and both boom trucks are down.

Councilmember Little stated Public Works is out now getting the rest of the trash picked up throughout the city.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Nothing

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Nothing

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese stated the playground equipment in the parks needs updating throughout the city.

Councilmember Reese stated Public Works cleaned the bathrooms at all the parks and cleaned the Splash Pad area.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips stated Public Works has been busy cleaning ditches and picking up limbs throughout the city.

Councilmember Phillips stated crossing signs have been ordered and should be delivered in 7-10 day.

Councilmember Phillips stated Reed’s Tree Service cut down the tree on Bayou.

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$92,183.61

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 of Police and Fire responding outside of the city limits.

Mayor Barlow stated that Satsuma’s citizens are the main responsibility. Council agreed. On a motion by Councilmember Butler and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

C. Discussion and consideration of setting a public hearing for the property located at 110 DuWitt Ave.

No action needed from Council after speaking with city attorney, Jay Minus.

D. Discussion and consideration of setting a public hearing for the property located at 5650 6th St.

No action needed from Council after speaking with city attorney, Jay Minus.

E. Discussion and consideration of Jessica Jones attending the Municipal Clerk fall Institute at University of Alabama.

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

F. Discussion and consideration of Brittany Allen attending the Magistrate Orientation.

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

G. Discussion and consideration of a reappointment of Anna Gardner to the Satsuma Public Library Board.

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

H. Discussion and consideration of a reappointment of Roma Little to the Satsuma Public Library Board.

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

I. Discussion and consideration of the retirement of Edith butler effective October 6, 2023.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. Resolution 2023-07-06- Various Roadway Improvements awarded to the low bidder

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

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Little made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 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