

MARK BARLOW  
MAYOR

JESSICA JONES  
ASSISANT CITY CLERK

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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 August 1, 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 1st day of August 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 Reese 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, Lieutenant Richard Dix, 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 July 18, 2023. Councilmember Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes for the Workshop Meeting held on July 25, 2023. Councilmember Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **Recognitions**

Girls 12U Softball All Star Team was recognized at council for winning several tournaments over the summer.

### **Visitors**

Shannon Wood came before Council to discuss having a fishing tournament at Steele Creek on August 19, 2023.

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

### **GOMESA**

Mayor Barlow stated advertisement of completion should be out soon. The project is 98% complete.

### **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 has been delivered to Birmingham and they are currently working on some issues and hopefully it will be delivered next week.

Mayor Barlow stated on August 21, 2023 the dirt will be removed from the dog park and on August 28, 2023 the surfacing will begin.

Mayor Barlow stated the project on the windows at the library is scheduled to begin next week.

Mayor Barlow stated the Chapel is being painted and the trim is being put up.

Mayor Barlow reminded everyone that school starts next Monday August 7, 2023

Mayor Barlow stated Goodwyn, Mills, and Caywood should have the bid out for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Drainage Project by the end of September.

Mayor Barlow stated the Satsuma High School football ad that Council sponsored has been completed.

Mayor Barlow asked about having a Workshop next Tuesday August 8, 2023 at 6:00. Council agreed

Mayor Barlow stated the Paving Project awarded to Pine City Contracting will begin in the next couple of months.

Mayor Barlow stated the ordinances for Steele Creek and other parks throughout the city are currently being worked on by Jay Minus, city attorney.

Mayor Barlow reminded everyone that there will be a Board of Adjustments and Planning Board meeting on Thursday August 3, 2023.

#### **Public Services – Councilmember Little**

Councilmember Little stated public works put new tires on #7 and #8 garbage trucks.

Councilmember Little stated the new sign is up at the trash ramp.

Councilmember Little stated the new driver for the garbage truck is currently being trained.

Councilmember Little stated trash pickup is back on track.

Councilmember Little stated the seniors meet every Tuesday and Thursday at the Community Center and have 12-15 participants.

Councilmember Little stated the painting at the Community Center will begin on August 13, 2023.

Councilmember Little stated the van is down and we are currently using the transport van from public works.

Councilmember Little stated the Inspection Department has been very busy.

#### **Public Safety – Councilmember Butler**

Councilmember Butler stated the Teacher Institute this morning was a success and Friends for Satsuma did a great job.

Councilmember Butler stated the radar signs for Hartley Rd. have arrived.

Councilmember Butler stated the Fire Department was awarded a Assistance to Firefighter Grant in the amount of \$194,408.80.

Councilmember Butler gave a report for the Police Department for the month of July: 507 calls for service, 8 felony cases, 62 misdemeanor cases, 4 felony arrests, 27 misdemeanor arrest, 4 accidents, and 60 citations.

Councilmember Butler gave a report for the Fire Department for the month of July: 63 calls for service, 45 emergency medical calls, 5 fire related calls, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 3 mutual aids given, 1 mutual aid received, 6 other calls, and 4 overlapping calls.

#### **Administration – Councilmember Skelton**

Nothing

#### **Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese**

Councilmember Reese stated Curtis, Public Works, installed pedestrian crossing sign at Juniper Ave. and Ryals St.

Councilmember Reese stated the Community Center and Steele Creek are being power washed.

#### **Public Works – Councilmember Phillips**

Councilmember Phillips stated Public Works is still very business cutting grass and weed eating throughout the city.

Councilmember Phillips stated his thanks to Public Works for their hard work in this heat.

Councilmember Phillips stated the radar signs are in for Baker Rd and Hartley Rd. and they will be installed soon.

Councilmember Phillips stated he would work on the scope of work for the electrical work that needs to be done at Steele Creek.

#### **Items for Consideration**

##### **A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$114,388.05.**

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 setting a public hearing to abate the nuisance at 134 DeWitt Ave.**

On a motion by Councilmember Little to set a public hearing on August 15, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

**Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business**

**A. Declaration of Emergency of 5650 Sixth St. Satsuma AL.**

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

**B. Declaration of Emergency of 110 DeWitt Ave. Satsuma AL.**

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

**C. Resolution 2023-08-01 Authorizes the City of Satsuma to dispose of unneeded personal property.**

On a motion by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Skelton, 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 Skelton seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:39 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

