

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 August 15, 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 15th 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 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
	Allison Reese
Absent	Mike Butler

Jessica Jones, Assistant City Clerk, Nick Patti, City Attorney, Ken Waites, Fire Chief, Troy Willcutt, Acting Police Chief, 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 August 1, 2023. Councilmember Little made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes for the Workshop Meeting held on August 8, 2023. Councilmember Little made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions

Visitors

Judy Callen with the Women's Club came before council to request waiver of rental fees for Steele Creek Lodge on November 19, 2023 for Thanksgiving Dinner.

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

Judy Callen spoke on behalf of Mike Davis, SCDO, to request waiver of rental fees for Steele Creek Lodge on December 2, 2023 for the Grinch Breakfast.

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

Mr. Reid, Reid's Remodeling, came before council to discuss the window repair at the library. He stated that below the windows in the walls and the windows themselves are in worst shape than originally accessed. Mayor and council told him to get with George on any additional expenses.

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 Municipal Dinner will be held in Citronelle Thursday August 17, 2023 and to let Jessica know if you will be attending.

Mayor Barlow stated Katie Britt sent in a picture taken with her and council.

Mayor Barlow asked to please send your shirt sizes to Jessica so, she could order shirts for Mayor and Council.

Mayor Barlow stated the van had an alternator problem and it should be delivered soon.

Mayor Barlow stated his support for the I-10 Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project and a Resolution would be presented tonight for councilmembers.

Mayor Barlow stated Alabama Power will need to come in on Laurel to take trees down for power to be run to the Chapel.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little addressed comments made in the Public Hearing by Mr. Mitchell about the problem properties on DeWitt. Councilmember Little stated the city is working on several of the properties and hope to have that area cleaned up soon.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Absent

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton reminded department heads to get their budgets in for FY23/24.

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese asked about getting the walk-in portable toilets for Wright Park. Mayor and council asked that we get a quote.

Councilmember Reese stated the community garden park needs some attention due to trash being thrown out throughout the park.

Councilmember Reese asked if we received the list from the personnel board for the Parks Coordinator and if so, are we scheduling interviews soon. Mayor Barlow stated he would get with Jessica to set the interviews up if the list has been released from the personnel board.

Councilmember Reese stated public works has been busy throughout the city in the parks, cleaning bathrooms, grass cutting, limbs trimmed, trash picked up, and Splash Pad cleaned.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips stated Public Works is very busy cutting grass, cleaning ditches, cutting limbs for the school buses, and weed eating throughout the city.

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$89,172.41.

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 abatement of nuisance at 134 DeWitt Ave.

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

C. Discussion and consideration of purchasing garbage truck in the amount of \$419,184.00 and trading in the 2019 Peterbilt garbage truck for the amount of \$105,000.00

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

D. Discussion and consideration of purchasing an ad with the Call news for football season.

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

E. Discussion and consideration of the Annual Christmas Parade on December 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the route being reversed.

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

F. Discussion and consideration of the Christmas Tree lighting on December 2, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

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

G. Discussion and consideration of appointing Jessica Jones as city clerk.

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

H. Discussion and consideration of appointing Brittany Allen as assistant city clerk.

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

I. Discussion and consideration of Brittany Allen attending Municipal Court Summit in Birmingham.

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

J. Discuss ADECA hosting FY2024 LWCF Grant Application Workshop on Wednesday August 30, 2023.

On a motion by Councilmember Skelton to send City Clerk and another city employee and seconded by Councilmember Little, with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

K. Discuss nominations for the County Board Equalization

No action taken

L. Discussion and consideration of Unti Fiber quote for City Hall

After receiving quotes for the monthly cost of \$292.00 for 60 months. Councilmember Skelton asked what the installation cost would be. Mayor Barlow stated Jessica will check into that.

No action taken

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. Resolution 2023-08-02-Supporting the Alabama Department of Transportation's Grant for funding I-10 Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project.

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

Councilmember Little – yes

Councilmember Butler – absent

Councilmember Skelton – yes

Councilmember Reese – yes

Councilmember Phillips – yes

Mayor Barlow – yes

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

B. Resolution 2023-08-03 – Rebuild Alabama

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

Councilmember Little – yes

Councilmember Butler – absent

Councilmember Skelton – yes

Councilmember Reese – yes

Councilmember Phillips – yes

Mayor Barlow – yes

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

C. Ordinance 549 – Satsuma's Municipal Police Jurisdiction

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

Councilmember Little – yes

Councilmember Butler – absent

Councilmember Skelton – yes

Councilmember Reese – yes

Councilmember Phillips – yes

Mayor Barlow – yes

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

D. Ordinance 550- Steele Creek

On a motion made by Councilmember Skelton to introduce Ordinance 550 and seconded by Councilmember Reese, 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 Reese seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

/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