

MARK BARLOW
MAYOR

JESSICA JONES
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 January 9, 2024

Regular Meeting

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in regular public session at City Hall in said city at 6:30 p.m. the 9th day of January 2024.

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
	Allison Reese
	Emanuel Phillips
Absent	Mike Butler
Junior Council Members	Ashlyn Ross

Jessica Jones, City Clerk, Jay Minus, 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 Little and seconded by Councilmember Reese, the motion carried unanimously the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2023. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Little seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions

Judge John Williams swore in Firefighter Jared May and Police Officer Larry Scruggs. Mayor and Council welcome both May and Scruggs to the city.

Visitors

Dena Zehner, Marlow Dr., came before council to discuss unleashed dogs running at large in the city. Ms. Zehner also stated more signs are needed throughout the city regarding the dog awareness. Ms. Zehner also stated the ditches near her house are clogged and trash is everywhere. Mayor and Council stated they would check on her concerns.

Judge Chris Callaghan came before council to announce his running for Circuit Court Judge.

Judge Vicki Davis came before council to announce her running for Circuit Court Judge.

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 Matthew Childers, Public Works, passed away and will be greatly missed.

Mayor Barlow stated 3rd Street Project is moving along.

Mayor Barlow stated the windows for the library are still being built and we should see some progress soon.

Mayor Barlow stated work at City Hall is continuing.

Mayor Barlow stated Alan with Civil Southeast is working on the sidewalks and should have that out for bid soon.

Mayor Barlow stated George is working on the restrooms at Wright Park and Baldwin Square and the upgrades to the trash ramp. George, Building Inspections, came before council to present the plans for the restrooms and trash ramp. George stated we hope to have this project out for bid soon. George stated he is also getting prices for playground equipment.

Public Services - Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little stated the sanitation trucks had minor repairs done and they are up and running.

Councilmember Little stated the trash ramp is in need of some upgrades and repairs.

Councilmember Little gave the Building Inspection report for the month of December.

- 14- New Building Permits
- 34- Building and Trade Inspections
- 12- Nuisance Complaints
- 31- Open Permits

Public Safety - Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Butler was absent.

Mayor Barlow gave the Police and Fire Reports for the month of December

Police Report

609- Total Calls

3- Felonies

54- Miscellaneous cases

22- Arrest

166-Citations

6,065 calls in 2023

Fire Report

901- Total Calls

548- Emergency Medical Cases

108 Fire Related Calls

12 Structure Fires

14 Grass/Woods Fires

6 Motor Vehicle Fires

44 Motor Vehicle Wrecks with Injury

Administration-Councilmember Skelton

Nothing to Report

Parks & Recreation-Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese stated Public Works cleaned all the restrooms at Wright and Lyons Park and the Library and City Hall. Councilmember Reese stated Public Works also cleaned up storm debris in all the parks.

Public Works- Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips stated Public Works has been busy the last couple of weeks with the following: cleaning ditches and drains, trimming bushes, leaf vac throughout the city, replacing and repairing signs, and removing Christmas decorations.

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$82,972.14

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

B. Discussion and consideration of approval for graphics on the van.

Council discussed and approved.

C. Discussion and consideration of purchasing furniture for City Hall.

Council discussed and approved

D. Discussion and consideration of License Commissioner putting a kiosk at City Hall.

E. Discussion and consideration of making a donation of \$100,000.00 to Satsuma City Schools to assist with capital improvement projects.

On a motion by Councilmember Phillips and seconded by Councilmember Little. Council discussed what the funds would be used for. Councilmember Reese suggested having Dr. Quinn come to the next council to discuss where and how the funds would be used.

Councilmember Little- nay

Councilmember Skelton- nay

Councilmember Reese- nay

Councilmember Phillips- aye

Mayor Barlow- aye

F. Discussion and consideration of closing the GOMESA account with Regions Bank.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. Resolution 2024-01-01- Authorizing Civil Southeast, LLC to make application to ALDOT for Roadway Improvements.

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

B. Resolution 2024-01-02-Authorize the purchase of one truck for the Police Department.

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

