

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 23, 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 23rd 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 Butler led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following answered present:

Mayor	Mark Barlow
Council Members	Randy Little
	Mike Butler
	Jason Skelton
	Emanuel Phillips
Absent	Allison Reese
Junior Council Members	Rayce McGuff

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 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 January 9, 2024. Councilmember Little made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions

Visitors

Richard Foreman came before council to announce he is seeking election for District Court Judge Place 6.

Johana Bucci came before council to announce she is seeking election for District Court Judge Place 6.

Judy Callen, 5603 Orchard St, came before council to request the rental fees for Steele creek be waived on May 14, 2024 for the Gator Guys Cookout.

Wes Vickers, Lyons Park/Boy's Baseball, came before council to discuss the needs and improvements needed for the park. Mr. Vickers stated the following improvements are need: press boxes tore down, new ice maker, new freezer, and storage building upgrades.

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 department heads did a great job preparing for the cold weather last week.

Mayor Barlow stated we received a quote from engineer GMC and contractor McElhenney Construction for the lower-level platform at Steele Creek. Mayor Barlow stated the cost of the project is around \$5,000.00 and gave the quote to council to view. Mayor Barlow asked if Council had any questions on this project.

Mayor Barlow stated he sent an email yesterday and one thing he addressed was the 3rd Street Project. Mayor Barlow stated the punch list for this project should be available soon and completion should be advertised in the next 30 days. Mayor Barlow asked if Council had any questions on this project.

Mayor Barlow stated the drainage issue on Teakwood in Gold Leaf that was brought to the attention of Council a couple of weeks ago by a citizen is being addressed. Mayor Barlow stated the culvert is in need of replacing. Travis Jones stated the 3 quotes he received: 4S- \$26,650.00, SC Stagner \$14,500.00, and Site Con \$10,520.00. Mayor Barlow asked if Council was good with this. Council stated yes.

Mayor Barlow stated the Media Com franchise is up for renewal. Mayor Barlow asked Jay Minus if he had time to review this. Jay stated yes briefly. Mayor Barlow stated they wanted the office to remain open in Satsuma a couple days a week. Mayor Barlow stated if Council wanted to look over the agreement or had any comments to let him know so Jay could be notified.

Mayor Barlow stated the AC unit at the lodge has been repaired several times and Shields has recommended replacing the unit. George Fralic gave the quote he received from Shields: \$12,200.00 for 3 phase and \$10,500.00 for single phase.

Mayor Barlow stated Civil Southeast has the sidewalk project out for bid and it will be opening for bid on February 15, 2024.

Mayor Barlow stated five trucks were received for the city: 1 Water Board, 1 Inspections, 1 Public Works and 2 for Police Department. Mayor Barlow stated that gives the city 4 new trucks, 1 van, 1 bus, and another vehicle should be arriving in the next couple of weeks.

Mayor Barlow stated George is working on finalizing the plans for the restrooms at Wright Park and Baldwin Square. Mayor Barlow stated by the 2nd meeting in February we should have some quotes to present to council. Mayor Barlow asked Council if they had any questions.

Mayor Barlow stated the additions at the trash ramp for the larger trucks is still being worked on. We have only received one quote and it was a little under \$60,000.00. Mayor Barlow stated half of the quote is material and we can look into the city purchasing the concrete at a government price and contract the work out. Mayor Barlow asked if Council had any thoughts. Councilmember Skelton stated maybe the price can be trimmed down.

Mayor Barlow stated the Police Department is looking to purchase another drug dog and Troy should have a recommendation on a dog by the next council.

Mayor Barlow stated the Circle K is currently remodeling the store.

Mayor Barlow stated Burr Foreman, Robert Matthews, sent in a quote for his services for Planning Board and Board of Adjustments. Mayor Barlow gave council the quote.

Mayor Barlow stated the sound system has been fixed and the bill is included in tonight's bills.

Mayor Barlow stated a new business, KJ Aesthetics, opened Saturday January 20, 2024.

Mayor Barlow stated the audit is still in progress and should be finished by the end of February and we should have it available by the first week of March. Mayor Barlow asked Council if they would like a special meeting or would like to come to council early. Councilmember Skelton stated coming in early before council should work. Mayor and Council decided on March 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Barlow stated we have an applicant for the Parks position and hopefully he will be introduced soon. Mayor Barlow stated the problems in the parks should be getting addressed soon.

Mayor Barlow stated the SARPC Annual Meeting will be held on February 29, 2024 and March 1, 2024. SARPC has gave us two additional rooms at the cost they receive. Councilmember Little and Councilmember Phillips stated they would like to attend.

Mayor Barlow asked Council if they had any questions on any matters or projects going on throughout the city.

Mayor Barlow stated the sashing on the windows for the library will also need to be replaced. Joe Tarver sent over a new quote for the windows. George Falic stated the original quote was \$28,000.00 and with sashes being added it would be \$48,280.00.

Mayor Barlow stated the Football Banquet was last night January 22, 2024 and it went great.

Mayor Barlow stated Driven Engineering is working on the crossings on Old 43 side and resurfacing of Baldwin Street. Mayor Barlow stated the estimated cost would be \$230,000.00. Councilmember Little asked if the paving would go up to the crossing and meet back at the highway. Mayor Barlow stated yes. Councilmember Little stated he was for this.

Public Services - Councilmember Little

Nothing to Report

Public Safety- Councilmember Butler

Nothing to Report

Administration - Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton stated the class you see on the items for consideration for Jessica is a clerk class she is looking at attending.

Councilmember Skelton asked that everyone use caution on purchasing in the next couple of weeks until the business license revenue starts coming in.

Parks & Recreation - Councilmember Reese

Absent

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 cutting limbs.

Councilmember Phillips stated Public Works hired a new employee.

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$77,347.18

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

B. Discussion and consideration of Jessica Jones attending training in Spanish Fort on March 21, 2024.

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 2024-01-03-Accepting grant from Firehouse Subs.

On a motion made by Councilmember Butler 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 8:00 P.M.

