

MARK BARLOW
MAYOR

JESSICA JONES
CITY CLERK

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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 February 20, 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 20th day of February 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 Skelton 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
	Allison Reese
	Emanuel Phillips
Absent	
Junior Council Members	Ashland Ross

Jessica Jones, City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney, 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 Skelton, the motion carried unanimously the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 6, 2024. Councilmember Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions

Visitors

Birdie Jone came before council to request Steele Creek Lodge on April 8, 2024 and to waive the cleaning fee. Councilmember Reese stated she would pay the cleaning fee for Ms. Jones.

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

Judy Callen, Women’s Club, came before council to give an update on the Chapel. Ms. Callen stated the money the Women’s Club received for the RC& D Grant will be spent on a sign and lighting at the Chapel.

Shane Townes, Deep South Bass Club, came before council to request using the launch and pavilion at Steele Creek for a kid’s bass tournament.

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 Bubba Hamblin was a former councilmember, volunteer firefighter and also served on the Planning Commission. Victoria Lowery and Mrs. Thompson also were a part of the Satsuma community.

Mayor Barlow stated that Jessica put together a packet of all the projects completed in the last month or so. Mayor Barlow stated this project include 3rd Street, 6th Street, Bayou, Teakwood, the step down at Steele Creek and a new ac unit at Steele Creek Lodge.

Mayor Barlow stated Osprey Initiative installed the litter trap last Thursday February 15, 2024.

Mayor Barlow stated George has the plans for the restrooms at Wright Park and Baldwin Square complete and is working on getting bids for both. Mayor Barlow stated the bid opening date will be March 5th.

Mayor Barlow stated the Water/Sewer Project is still progressing.

Mayor Barlow stated the kiosk from Mobile County License Commission has been installed at City Hall and several citizens are already taken advantage of this convenience.

Mayor Barlow stated George received an update on the doors at City Hall. George stated the doors should be in at the end of the week.

Mayor Barlow stated Driven Engineering is working on the crossings on Old 43 side and resurfacing of Baldwin Street. Mayor Barlow stated the advertisement for bids would be out this month and the opening bid would be March 13, 2024.

Mayor Barlow stated Alan with Civil Southeast is here tonight to discuss sidewalks and upcoming roadway projects. Alan stated the bids for the sidewalks went well and construction should be complete around August. Alan stated the various roadway project would include several streets, 3rd St., Hartley, Maple, Pine, Laurel, and Widden, in Satsuma. Mayor Barlow asked if Council had any questions.

Mayor Barlow stated there is a state grant opportunity For Baldwin Rd.

Mayor Barlow stated several appointments need to be made for Board of Adjustments and Planning Board. Mayor Barlow stated if council has anybody in mind to please let him know.

Mayor Barlow asked if council had any questions about anything discussion.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little stated the seniors requested a tv with local channels.

Councilmember Little stated this had been taken care of.

Councilmember Little asked how the improvements are going at the trash ramp. George stated the trash ramp plans went out with the bathrooms so hopefully we will see how the bids go in a couple of weeks. Councilmember Little stated that was great and the improvements were highly needed at the trash ramp.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Nothing to Report

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Nothing to Report

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese stated Public Works has cleaned the parks, restrooms at the parks, and trash throughout the parks.

Councilmember Reese stated she attended the Library Foundation dinner last night and it went very well.

Councilmember Reese stated baseball and softball is underway at both Lyons and Wright Park.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips stated Public Works has been busy throughout the city with the following: cleaning ditches and drains, trimming bushes, leaf vac throughout the city, replacing and repairing signs, cutting limbs, and litter trap project.

Items for Consideration**A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$31,738.21**

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

B. Discussion and consideration of endorsing Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act.

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

C. Discussion and consideration of Deep South bass Club’s request to use the launch and pavilion for Kids Fishing Tournament on October 26, 2024.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business**A. Resolution 2024-02-02-Agreement between City of Satsuma and DIRECTV**

Tabled until more discussion

B. Resolution 2024-02-03- Award Sidewalk Improvements

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

C. Resolution 2024-02-04- Hire Civil Southeast for Various Roadways Projects

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 Skelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Reese seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Mark Barlow, Mayor

Councilmember Randy Little

Councilmember Mike Butler

Councilmember Jason Skelton

Councilmember Allison Reese

Councilmember E.L. "Bubba" Phillips

ATTEST: _____
 Jessica Jones, City Clerk