

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 August 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 July 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

Mayor Barlow led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following answered present:

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

Jessica Jones, City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney, Troy Willcutt, Acting Police Chief, Jonathan Moss, Fire Captain, 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 August 6, 2024. Councilmember Little made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions

Firefighter Michael Caldwell was sworn in by Judge John Williams

Proclamations done before Council Meeting

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the merit of any society can and will be measured by the actions of those individuals who exhibit diligence, conviction and inspiration, and leave a legacy of truly caring and setting a standard that will prevail for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Mary Deas Pierce was part of the team of trailblazers who restored the old white schoolhouse, built in 1936, and opened the doors of Satsuma Public Library in August of 1996; and

WHEREAS, Mary Deas Pierce served as Satsuma Public Library Board of Trustees President from 1996-2018; and

WHEREAS, Mary Deas Pierce was a founding member of Satsuma Public Library Foundation which was established in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mary Deas Pierce Reference Room was dedicated in her honor in August 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mary Deas Pierce was driven and lived a life that is an inspiration to us all, and she left her mark on the small City of Satsuma; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Barlow, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council of the City of Satsuma, take great pleasure in recognizing the significant achievements of Mary Deas Pierce, and herewith express our sincere gratitude for the invaluable contribution she has made to the City of Satsuma.

/s/ Mark Barlow

Mark Barlow, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Jessica Jones

Jessica Jones, City Clerk

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the merit of any society can and will be measured by the actions of those individuals who exhibit diligence, conviction and inspiration, and leave a legacy of truly caring and setting a standard that will prevail for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Heathcoe first moved his family to Satsuma in the early 70's and he worked part-time along with his regular job as stock man for Cyril Pierce at his store on the corner of Bayou and Hwy 43 where he got to know the people of Satsuma; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Heathcoe worked as a full time police officer in Satsuma for a short time then gave his time as an auxiliary policeman for approximately 25 years under the direction of Pete Barlow; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Heathcoe loved working the Satsuma High School sporting events, helping with parades, backing up full time police officers, and other events in Satsuma; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Heathcoe served on the volunteer fire department for approximately 28 years and was instrumental in them getting the first jaws of life; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Heathcoe lived at and maintained International Paper Company's Supervisor's Club for 6 years before Satsuma took it over. ; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Heathcoe worked for the Speedway Truck Stop in Satsuma where he took care of their maintenance when they first came to Satsuma Later Becoming Pilot Truck Stop; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Heathcoe was an active member of Generations Church of Satsuma for many years; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Heathcoe eventually moved to Creola, but his heart and work was always in Satsuma; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Barlow, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council of the City of Satsuma, take great pleasure in recognizing the significant achievements of Curtis Heathcoe, and herewith express our sincere gratitude for the invaluable contribution she has made to the City of Satsuma.

/s/ Mark Barlow

Mark Barlow, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Jessica Jones

Jessica Jones, City Clerk

Visitors

Phillip Sanderson, 5674 Park St, came before council to request a stop sign be added at Park and Pine Ave E.

Mayor and Council said they would have a look at the area and see if there is a need for the stop sign.

Cara, Grant Management, spoke in regard to her contract renewal. Cara stated she was requesting a 10% increase in her contract. Cara stated several grants have been awarded to the city in the past year and she looks forward to working with the city in the future.

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 Water/Sewer Project is progressing.

Mayor Barlow stated there have been some problems in the area of I-65 Service Road due to trucks and the Water/Sewer Project. Mayor Barlow stated work will have to be done to repair the roads.

Mayor Barlow stated a workshop is needed to discuss the upcoming budget.

Mayor Barlow stated the railroad crossings have been paved and look great. Mayor Barlow stated the lines are being put down now.

Mayor Barlow stated the first football game will be held this Friday August 23, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Barlow stated the restrooms at Wright Park look great and appliances will be needed which can be discussed at the workshop next week.

Mayor Barlow asked if there are any questions from the council.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little had nothing to report.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Absent

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton had nothing to report.

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Absent

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips had nothing to report.

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$44,135.85.

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 donating to North Mobile County Soccer Club.

No Action was taken

C. Discussion and consideration of quote received for drum removal and disposal for Satsuma Fire.

No Action was taken

D. Discussion of tree removal cost for the FY24.

Mayor and council discussed the tree removal cost and would like this item to be put into next years budget.

E. Discussion and consideration of streetlights needed in the city. (Juniper Ave. and 3rd Street)

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

F. Discussion and consideration of accepting resignation of Michell Bryars, Police Officer, in good standing.

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

G. Discussion and consideration of accepting resignation of Jared May, Firefighter, in good standing.

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

H. Discussion and consideration of scheduling workshop to discuss the budget FY25.

On a motion by Councilmember Little to set the workshop for August 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

I. Discussion of Holiday Schedule for FY25.

Mayor and Council discussed, and item will be put on the next agenda.

J. Discussion of City Council Schedule for FY25.

Mayor and Council discussed, and item will be put on the next agenda.

K. Discussion of damage at Steele Creek pier/boardwalk.

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

L. Discussion and consideration of quote received to replace sound system in council room.

Mayor and council are going to get a couple more quotes.

M. Discussion of hiring a tree expert.

Mayor and council discussed and will discuss more at the workshop next week

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. Resolution 2024-08-02-Contract for Professional Consulting Service with Grant Management LLC

On a motion by Councilmember Phillips to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2024-08-02 up for immediate adoption and seconded by Councilmember Little.

Roll Call was given.

Councilmember Little – Yes

Councilmember Butler- Absent

Councilmember Skelton- Yes

Councilmember Reese- Absent

Councilmember Phillips- Yes

Mayor Barlow- Yes

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

B. Resolution 2024-08-03-Line of Credit

On a motion by Councilmember Skelton to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2024-08-03 up for immediate adoption and seconded by Councilmember Little.

Roll Call was given.

Councilmember Little – Yes

Councilmember Butler- Absent

Councilmember Skelton- Yes

Councilmember Reese- Absent

Councilmember Phillips- Yes

Mayor Barlow- Yes

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

C. Ordinance 558- An Ordinance enacting a curfew for all youth under the age of 17 during Satsuma High School Homecoming Week.

On a motion by Councilmember Little to change dates to September 7, 2024- September 14, 2024 12:00 a.m.- 6:00 a.m. and seconded by Councilmember Skelton, with all voting ‘aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

D. Ordinance 559- Electronic Vote Counting System

On a motion by Councilmember Skelton to suspend the rules and put Ordinance 559 up for immediate adoption and seconded by Councilmember Little.

Roll Call was given.

Councilmember Little – Yes

Councilmember Butler- Absent

Councilmember Skelton- Yes

Councilmember Reese- Absent

Councilmember Phillips- Yes

Mayor Barlow- Yes

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

E. Ordinance 560- Franchise Agreement with Mediacom Southeast LLC.

On a motion by Councilmember Skelton to suspend the rules and put Ordinance 560 up for immediate adoption and seconded by Councilmember Little.

Roll Call was given.

Councilmember Little – Yes

Councilmember Butler- Absent

Councilmember Skelton- Yes

Councilmember Reese- Absent

Councilmember Phillips- Yes

Mayor Barlow- Yes

On a motion by Councilmember Skelton to change agreement from 15 years to 5 years and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, 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 Little seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

/s/ Mark Barlow
Mark Barlow, Mayor

/s/ Randy Little
Councilmember Randy Little

ABSENT
Councilmember Mike Butler

/s/ Jason Skelton
Councilmember Jason Skelton

ABSENT
Councilmember Allison Reese

/s/ E. L. Phillips
Councilmember E.L. “Bubba” Phillips

ATTEST: /s/ Jessica Jones
Jessica Jones, City Clerk