

MARK BARLOW
MAYOR

JESSICA JONES
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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 September 3, 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 3rd day of September 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	

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 to add an executive session to the agenda, and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried unanimously the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 20, 2024. Councilmember Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Little seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Workshop held on August 27, 2024. Councilmember Little made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Reese seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions

Mayor and Council recognized the key students from Robert E. Lee.

Visitors

Shirley Presnall came before council to request to display an MIA flag at city hall during MIA Recognition Day to recognize U.S. Arm Staff Sgt. Benjamin A. Thompson of Satsuma who went missing in action during the Vietnam War.

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 the sidewalk/drainage project around Gilbert Drive and Powers Rd in Vaughns is progressing and the final checklist will be soon.

Mayor Barlow stated the equipment for the restrooms/concessions at Wright Park has been ordered. Mayor Barlow stated the building at the C&D field will need to be moved once the restrooms/concessions are complete.

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

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

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little gave the Inspections Department Monthly Report.
New Permits-31

Building & Trade Inspections-64
Nuisance Complaints-13
Citations Written-3
Active Permits-74
New Homes Being Built-11

Councilmember Little gave the Sanitation Department Monthly Report. Councilmember Little stated the #1 Boom Truck had a new motor installed.

Councilmember Little stated the seniors at the community center are doing good and the Meals on Wheels are making daily deliveries.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Butler gave the Police Department Monthly Report.

Calls of Service-800
Felony Cases- 5
Felony Arrests-5
Misdemeanor Cases- 89
Misdemeanor Arrests -69
Traffic Accidents- 5
Traffic Citations- 139
Traffic Warning Citations- 136
Municipal Ordinance Citations- 3
Calls of Service Previous Month- 662
Calls of Service this Month Last Year-630

Councilmember Butler gave the Fire Department Monthly Report.

Calls for Service -88
Emergency Medical Calls-57
Fire Related Calls-6
Structure Fire-0
Motor Vehicle Accident-3
Other Calls-19
Water Rescue/Boater in Distress-1
Overlapping Calls-2

Councilmember Butler stated that Chief Waites will be out longer that what he originally stated.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton stated he got a message from the high school about junior councilmembers. Councilmember Skelton stated the junior councilmembers are Colton Jones and Ava Davis and they would be at the next council meeting.

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese asked when the Fall flags/banners would be hung because officially it is Fall.

Councilmember Reese stated she hopes when the items for discussion and consideration are before council that council should consider each item carefully due to over spending.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips gave the Public Works monthly report. Councilmember Phillips stated Public Works has been busy cutting the grass, cleaning ditches, installing signs, and weed eating.

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$74,561.43.

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 Holiday Schedule for FY25.

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

C. Discussion and consideration of City Council Schedule for FY25.

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

D. Discussion and consideration of quotes received for the damage to Steele Creek boardwalk.

Mayor and Council discussed. Councilmember Phillips requested sealed bids at the workshop next week due to him stating his quote amount being discussed at last week’s workshop.

E. Discussion and consideration of demolition of press boxes at Lions Park.

On a motion by Councilmember Skelton to proceed with the removal of the electrical in the amount of \$5,650.00 and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, with Councilmember Reese voting “no”. Council approved and the motion carried.

On a motion by Councilmember Little to proceed with the demolition of the press boxes in the amount of \$4,200.00 and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, with Councilmember Reese voting “no”. Council approved and the motion carried.

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

On a motion by Councilmember Skelton to use Capital Funds in the amount of \$4,140.60 and seconded by Councilmember Little, with Councilmember Reese voting “no”. Council approved and the motion carried.

G. Discussion and consideration of quotes received for fence replacement at Wright Park.

Mayor Barlow stated this could be discussed at next weeks Workshop.

H. Discussion and consideration of scheduling a workshop on September 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. Resolution 2024-09-01-Annual Transportation Plan

On a motion by Councilmember Skelton to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2024-09-01 up for immediate adoption and seconded by Councilmember Phillips.

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.

B. Executive Session

On a motion by Councilmember Reese to go into executive session for approximately 10 minutes and seconded by Councilmember Skelton. A roll call was given. Council went into executive session at 7:24p.m.

Councilmember Little – Yes

Councilmember Butler- Yes

Councilmember Skelton- Yes

Councilmember Reese- Yes

Councilmember Phillips- Yes

Mayor Barlow- Yes

Council reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

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 7:35 P.M.

/s/ Mark Barlow

Mark Barlow, Mayor

/s/ Randy Little

Councilmember Randy Little

/s/ Mike Butler

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, City Clerk