

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 October 15, 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 15th day of October 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 Councilmembers	Colton Jones
	Ava Davis

Jessica Jones, City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney, Troy Willcutt, Acting Police Chief, Ken Waites, Fire Chief, 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 Executive Session to the agenda 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 October 1, 2024. Councilmember Butler made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Little seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions

Visitors

No visitors came before Council.

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 a Water Board meeting was held last night and the FY25 budget was passed. Mayor Barlow stated the Water/Sewer Project is still progressing and should be done soon.

Mayor Barlow stated Councilmember Skelton attended a pre-bid meeting this morning for the Water Board.

Mayor Barlow stated Satsuma High School football team travels to Escambia County this Friday.

Mayor Barlow asked if any of the Councilmembers had any questions.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little stated everything is going well at the Community Center with the Seniors.

Councilmember Little stated everything is also going well in the Building Inspections department.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Butler stated he would not be here for pictures on October 29, 2024

Councilmember Butler stated Chief Waites has turned in his resignation. Councilmember Butler stated it was an honor to work with Chief Waites whom he considers a friend, and he will miss him.

Councilmember Butler stated a list for firefighters and a Fire Chief will be needed.

Councilmember Butler stated the Police Department will hold a bucket drop for a fundraiser for Christmas gifts for children in this area a week before Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Butler stated the Police Department is also working on the yearly donation from Commissioner Ludgood for the Christmas gifts also.

Councilmember Butler asked about the trailer that was at the trash ramp. Councilmember Phillips stated that is what the executive session later will be about.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton stated his appreciation to Chief Waites for all of his hard work and dedication over the years. Councilmember Skelton stated Chief Waites will be missed.

Councilmember Skelton stated Junior Councilmembers, Colton Jones and Ava Davis had a couple of announcements.

Junior Councilmember Colton Jones stated the Spirit of Satsuma is doing a fundraiser at Top Golf in order to raise money for new instruments and equipment. Colton stated the cost is \$25 per person and you can receive 2 hours of unlimited game play, unlimited drinks, and lifetime Top Golf Membership.

Junior Councilmember Colton Jones stated his thanks to Senator Greg Albritton for his continued support of Satsuma High School. Colton stated the generous monetary donation continues to assist all students in achieving academic success.

Junior Councilmember Ava Davis stated the Satsuma High School student council helped gather supplies to send for hurricane relief to areas in need.

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Absent

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips stated interviews for a Public Works Supervisor will be held tomorrow October 17, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and also on Thursday October 18, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$24,772.56

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

B. Discussion of SARPC Annual meeting at the Grand Hotel on January 23rd and 24th.

Mayor and council discussed. Mayor Barlow stated he would be attending. Councilmember Skelton and Councilmember Phillips stated they would like to attend the meeting.

C. Discussion of NLC Congressional City Conference in Washington D.C. on March 10th-12th.

Mayor and council discussed. Mayor Barlow stated he would be attending. Councilmember Phillips expressed he would also like to attend.

D. Discussion and consideration of sponsoring Satsuma High School Baseball. (\$400.00)

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

E. Discussion and consideration of purchasing Christmas Parade banners.

On a motion by Councilmember Skelton to purchase 4 Christmas banners approximately \$380.00 and seconded by Councilmember Little, with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

F. Discussion and consideration of accepting Chief Waites resignation in good standing with last day of service being October 25, 2024.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. Resolution 2024-10-04-Approved the contract between the City of Satsuma and Dealfow Networks.

On a motion by Councilmember Little to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2024-10-04 up for immediate adoption and seconded by Councilmember Skelton, a Roll Call was given.

Councilmember Little- yes
 Councilmember Butler-yes
 Councilmember Skelton-yes
 Councilmember Reese-Absent
 Councilmember Phillips-yes
 Mayor Barlow—yes

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

B. Ordinance 562- Mayor and Council Salaries.

On a motion by Councilmember Butler to suspend the rules and put Ordinance 562 up for immediate adoption and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, a Roll Call was given.

Councilmember Little- yes
 Councilmember Butler-yes
 Councilmember Skelton-yes

Councilmember Reese-Absent

Councilmember Phillips-yes

Mayor Barlow—yes

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

C. Executive Session-5-10 minutes

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

Council entered executive session at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Little-entered executive session

Councilmember Butler-entered executive session

Councilmember Skelton-entered executive session

Councilmember Reese-absent

Councilmember Phillips-entered executive session

Mayor Barlow-entered executive session

Mayor and Council reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Skelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 7:22 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

ABSENT

Councilmember Allison Reese

/s/ E. L. Phillips

Councilmember E.L. “Bubba” Phillips

ATTEST: /s/ Jessica Jones

Jessica Jones, City Clerk