

MARK BARLOW
MAYOR

JESSICA JONES
CITY CLERK

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ACTING POLICE 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 7, 2025

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 7th day of January 2025.

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 Allison Reese Emanuel Phillips
Absent	Mike Butler
Junior Councilmembers	Absent
	Colton Jones Ava Davis

Jessica Jones, City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney, Troy Willcutt, Acting Police Chief, Jonathon Moss, Fire Captain, Dennis McCann, Parks Supervisor, and Chris Bowdoin, Public Works Supervisor 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 Reese 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 December 17, 2024. On a motion by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Skelton, with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

Recognitions

Key Students were recognized before Council.

Visitors

Bob Williams came before council to discuss adding a stop sign at the intersection of T Phillips Drive and Chattanooga Drive.
Mayor and Council discussed. An Ordinance will be drafted for the next council meeting.

Dylan Burton to request annexation of property. (I-65 Service Road)
On a motion by Councilmember Skelton to set a public hearing on February 4, 2025 at 6:20 p.m. and seconded by Councilmember Little with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

Chris Singleton, 5452 Barbara Drive, came to council to discuss a possible water problem in the area. He wants to know if ADEM can test the water and soil.
Mayor and Council discussed. Mayor Barlow stated the Water Board meeting is next Monday if he would like to attend. Councilmember Skelton stated that ADEM can come out and test the water.

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 Christmas Holidays were great. Mayor Barlow stated his thanks to all the city employees that helped decorate the city.

Mayor Barlow stated the projects discussed at the last workshop and council meeting are underway. Mayor Barlow stated the press boxes at Lions Park have been taken down by city employees. Mayor Barlow stated the fencing at the C & D fields at Wright Park has been taken down by Joe Tarver and Joe has made progress on the new fencing. Mayor Barlow stated Troy has placed the order for the building that is going at the shooting range. Mayor Barlow stated the library electrical work will be done on January 20, 2025.

Mayor Barlow stated the I-65 Service Rd Project that is being engineered by Civil Southeast is in the beginning stages.

Mayor Barlow stated the audit should be ready by the next council meeting.

Mayor Barlow stated if anyone had any questions to let him know.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little gave the monthly Building Inspection Report.

14 New Permits

46 Building and Trade Inspections

4 Nuisance Complaints

73 Active Permits

8 New Homes Being Built

307 Permits in 2024

556 Inspections for 2024

Councilmember Little stated the new garbage truck is in the shop with a few problems. Councilmember Little stated #8 garbage truck also had some work down in the last couple of weeks.

Councilmember Little gave the monthly Senior Report.

Bus Total Medical Trips-15

Bus Total Social Trips-2

Bus Total Trips-17

Bus Total Miles-362

Van Total Medical Trips-15

Van Total Social Trips-10

Van Total Shop/other-2

Van Total Trips-27

Van Total Miles-466

Meals On Wheels Number of Clients-41

Meals on Wheels Number of Meals Delivered-656

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Absent

Mayor Barlow gave the monthly Police Department Report.

Calls of Service- 570

Felony Cases-8

Felony Arrests-5

Misdemeanor Cases-61
Misdemeanor Arrests-25
Traffic Accidents-10
Traffic Citations-59
Traffic Warning Citations-2
Calls of Service Previous Month-555
Calls of Service this Month Last Year-609

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton gave the monthly Fire Department Report.
Calls of Service-88
Emergency Medical Calls-70
Fire Related Calls -2
Structure Fire – 1
Motor Vehicle Accident-2
Mutual Aid Received -1
Other Calls-12
Hazardous Materials Incidents -1

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese stated that Parks has been busy throughout the city.
Councilmember Reese stated Parks has been cleaning the parks, putting up Christmas decorations, setting up for the Safety Dinner, and helping with the Reindeer Run.

Councilmember Reese stated Lions Park looks great with the press boxes down.

Councilmember Reese stated Parks has also been cleaning Union Chapel, Community Garden, and the Disc Golf Course.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips stated that Public Works has been busy the last couple of weeks.
Councilmember Phillips stated Public Works has been cutting grass throughout the city, repaired sink holes, cut and maintained sidewalks, picked up trash and limbs throughout the city, put up Christmas decorations, and the county road grader was out off the I-65 Service Road on December 20, 2024.

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$96,233.42.

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 accepting the resignation from Larry Scruggs, Police Officer, in good standing.

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

C. Discussion and consideration of accepting the resignation from Jerry Miller, Firefighter, in good standing.

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

D. Discussion and consideration of Brittany Allen and Morgan Waller attending Alabama Judicial College on May 1 ,2025 and May 2, 2025. (\$480/Court Account).

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

E. Discussion of adding insurance premiums to be paid by the city for mayor and council and revise Ordinance 562.

Mayor and Council discussed. Tabled to next council meeting

F. Discussion of cat and dog ordinance.

Mayor and Council discussed. Tabled to next council meeting.

G. Discussion and consideration of moving the March 4th council meeting to March 3rd due to March 4th being a holiday for city employees.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

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

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