

MARK BARLOW
MAYOR

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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 November 19, 2024

Public Hearing

The city Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in a Public Hearing at City Hall in said city at 6:17 p.m. the 19th day of November 2024. Those present were Mayor Barlow, Councilmembers Randy Little, Jason Skelton, Allison Reese, and Bubba Phillips, and City Clerk, Jessica Jones.

Mayor Barlow noted that the public hearing was to hear public comments on 5310 Grant Application with SARPC. Mayor Barlow stated this grant helps fund our senior citizen department and travel.

Shirley Presnall stated she was in favor of the grant.

No other public comments were made.

On a motion made by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Skelton the public hearing closed at 6:21 p.m.

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 5th day of November 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 Skeleton 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, Chris Bowdoin, 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 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 November 5, 2024. Councilmember Reese made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Workshop held on November 12, 2024. Councilmember Little made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Recognitions**Visitors**

Casie Smith, Woodland Ave., came before council to discuss her driveway. Ms. Smith stated George Fralic had come by last week to look at it. Mr. Fralic stated he called the Water Board to inform them. Ms. Smith stated the drainage is backing up into her yard. Mayor Barlow stated to give the city a couple of weeks to research this matter.

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 Christmas decorations are going up throughout the city.

Mayor Barlow stated the Veteran's Day Program went well. Mayor Barlow stated his thanks to the city employees and volunteers that make this program a success.

Mayor Barlow stated a workshop is needed to discuss the allocation of American Rescue funds.

Mayor Barlow stated he had a meeting last week with Bob Young and David Langham with Frazier Lanier to discuss the current bonds obtained by the city. Mayor Barlow stated this would help the city to get out of the variable rate bond. Mayor Barlow stated this would also help with upcoming projects for the Water Board and the City. Mayor Barlow asked if Council had any questions on the bonds. Mayor Barlow stated he would bring this back to council once he has more information.

Mayor Barlow stated the Women's Club had a lunch last Sunday at the Chapel and it went great.

Mayor Barlow stated the municipal dinner will be Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Barlow stated the guest speaker will be Senator Greg Albritton.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little stated the new garbage truck came in on Friday and was taken down to Explosive Signs to have the city logo added.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Absent

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton stated the Police and Fire Departments will be doing a bucket drop on Saturday at the red light by the Chevron from 8-11. Councilmember Skelton stated this will be for the Christmas fundraiser for the kids.

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese stated the flags have been found.

Councilmember Reese stated she would like the library to be included in the safety gifts.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips had nothing to report.

Items for Consideration

A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$68,917.18

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 purchasing safety gifts for all city employees. (\$11,000.00)

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

C. Discussion and consideration of purchasing jackets for Mayor and Council. (\$300.00)

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

D. Discussion of General Obligation Warrant with United Bank.

On a motion by Councilmember Skelton for the seven (7) year term and seconded by Councilmember Little, with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and motion the carried.

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. Resolution 2024-11-01- 5310 Grant

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

B. Resolution 2024-11-02- Opening an Opioid Settlement Bank Account with Regions Bank

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

C. Resolution 2024-11-03- Appropriation Contract between Mobile County Commission and the City of Satsuma.

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

D. Resolution 2024-11-04- Agreement with Avenu Insights and Analytics.

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

E. Resolution 2024-11-05- Line of Credit with Regions Bank

Tabled until next Council

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Reese made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Skelton seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 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