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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 December 17, 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 17th day of December 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 Little 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 Absent 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 Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Little, the motion carried unanimously the agenda was approved.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 3, 2024. On a motion by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Butler, with all voting "aye" Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Workshop held on December 10, 2024. On a motion by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, with all voting "aye" Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

### **Recognitions**

#### **Visitors**

Rodney Jordan, SHS Football Coach, came to council to request Steele Creek Lodge rental to be waived on Monday February 10, 2025.

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

#### 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 Parade that was held on December 7<sup>th</sup> was a success. Mayor Barlow stated Art in the Park in Baldwin Square and the Boat Parade at Steele Creek also went well.

Mayor Barlow stated the Safety Dinner was last Thursday. Mayor Barlow stated his thanks to everyone who had a hand in putting the dinner together. Mayor Barlow stated his thanks to all the employees who attended.

Mayor Barlow stated at the Workshop last week a lot of topics were covered. Mayor Barlow stated the topics were Frazer Lanier with the bonds, Civil Southeast with the I-65 Service Rd Project, American Rescue Fund Allocation, and Garbage truck loan.

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Mayor Barlow asked if council had any questions regarding what was discussed at the Workshop last week.

Mayor Barlow stated his thanks to the city employees that decorated the city for Christmas.

#### Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little gave the Building Inspection Report. 9 New Permits 62 Building and Trade Inspections 2 Nuisance Complaints 0 Citations Written 84 Active Permits 10 New Homes Being Built

Councilmember Little stated his thanks to Public Works for cleaning the drains throughout the city.

Councilmember Little stated the safety dinner was a success and the food was great.

#### Public Safety - Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Butler stated he hopes all the employees and citizens have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

#### Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton stated Merry Christmas to everyone.

Councilmember Skelton stated he had Junior Councilmember Colton Jones here and asked Colton if he had anything to announce. Colton Jones stated they are ready for Christmas Break.

#### Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Absent

#### Public Works - Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips stated that he brought up a couple of things at the workshop and they are not on the agenda. Councilmember Phillips stated the insurance for councilmembers and the dog leash ordnance were the things not on the agenda. Jessica Jones, city clerk, stated the insurance for councilmember is still being looked in. Mayor Barlow stated his condolences to Jay Minus, city attorney, for the death he had in his family. Mayor Barlow stated Jay was in and out of the office last week and the dog ordinance has not been checked into. Councilmember Phillips stated he would like to see the items on the next agenda.

Councilmember Phillips stated Merry Christmas to everyone.

#### **Items for Consideration**

## A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$65,618.69.

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 purchasing an ad from the SHS Tennis Team(\$200.00)

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

# **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business**

# A. Resolution 2024-12-02-Aproving The Frazer Lanier Company, General Obligation Warrants on behalf of The City of Satsuma

On a motion by Councilmember Phillips to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2024-12-02 up for immediate adoption and seconded by Councilmember Skelton.

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

# **B.** Resolution 2024-12-03- To Hire Civil Southeast, LLC for South Service Road Improvements

On a motion by Councilmember Phillips to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2024-12-03 up for immediate adoption and seconded by Councilmember Skelton.

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

# C. Resolution 2024-12-04- Renewal of \$500,000.00 Line of Credit with Regions Bank

On a motion by Councilmember Skelton to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2024-12-04 up for immediate adoption and seconded by Councilmember Little. 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 Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Little, with all voting "aye" Council unanimously approved and motion the carried.

#### D. Resolution 2024-12-05- Obligating American Rescue Plan Funds

On a motion by Councilmember Skelton to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2024-12-05 up for immediate adoption and seconded by Councilmember Butler.

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 Skelton and seconded by Councilmember Butler, with all voting "aye" Council unanimously approved and motion the carried.

#### E. Ordinance 563- General Obligation Warrant 2024 with United Bank

On a motion by Councilmember Little to suspend the rules and put Ordinance 563 up for immediate adoption and seconded by Councilmember Skelton.

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 motion the 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 7:13 P.M.

/s/ Mark Barlow\_\_\_\_

Mark Barlow, Mayor

<u>/s/ Mike Butler</u> Councilmember Mike Butler <u>/s/ Randy Little</u> Councilmember Randy Little

<u>/s/ Jason Skelton</u> Councilmember Jason Skelton

Councilmember Allison Reese

<u>/s/ E. L. Phillips</u> Councilmember E.L. "Bubba" Phillips

ATTEST: <u>/s/ Jessica Jones</u> Jessica Jones, City Clerk