

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 February 18, 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 18th day of February 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

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
	Allison Reese
	Emanuel Phillips
Junior Councilmembers	Absent
	Colton Jones
	Ava Davis

Jessica Jones, City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney, Michael Caldwell, Fire Chief, 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 Butler, the motion carried unanimously the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Work Session held on February 3, 2025.

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

Mayor Barlow presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 4, 2025. On a motion by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

Recognitions

Visitors

Birdie Jones came before the council to discuss the use of Steele Creek lodge on April 28, 2025 and would like the fee waive for the lodge and the cleaning fee.

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

Dr. Bill Williams, University of South Alabama, came before council to discuss the Coastal Weather Research Center. Dr. Williams stated the Coastal Weather Research Center is a self-supporting division of the University of South Alabama and is a full-service weather forecast, and climate center located on the main campus in Mobile, Alabama. Dr. Williams stated the Weather Center is able to monitor world-wide weather activity through an array of computer that display the latest satellite and radar imagery along with data products. Dr. Williams stated the city would receive services at a reasonable cost. Dr. Williams stated the Center focuses solely on the meteorology of weather events resulting in longer range projections for its subscribers. Dr. Williams stated the price for the service is \$250.00 and month or \$3,000.00 a year. Mayor Barlow asked Dr. Williams to send a contract over and it will be presented at the council meeting in two weeks.

Wes Vickers, Satsuma Boys Baseball, came before council to announce opening day on March 8, 2025. Mr. Vickers stated the league has 180 registered kids this year which is 40% higher than last year.

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 South Oak and West Oak where the Water/Sewer Project taking place is being paved though grant funds and American Rescue funds through the city. Mayor Barlow stated Chris Bowdoin and Richard Peterson are going to speak on the options to add paving to these streets. Chris stated option A will pave 2/3 of South Oak Drive and a small amount of West Oak for no additional cost to the city. Chris stated option B paves $\frac{3}{4}$ of South Oak and $\frac{1}{4}$ of West Oak for no additional cost to the city. Chris stated option C paves 100% of South Oak and $\frac{1}{2}$ of West Oak for a cost of \$47,000.00. Chris stated option D paves 100% of South and West Oak for a cost of \$71,000.00. Mayor and council discussed and will discuss at next council meeting.

Mayor Barlow stated the budget reports are in council's packet.

Mayor Barlow stated the Library Banquet on February 10, 2025 was great. Mayor Barlow stated the football banquet on the same night also had a great turn out.

Mayor Barlow stated Swamp Fest is March 8, 2025 starting at 9:00. Mayor Barlow stated the Gator Run would be that morning at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Barlow stated Satsuma Boys Baseball opening day would also be March 8, 2025.

Mayor Barlow stated the Water Board will have a special meeting tomorrow night at 5:30 to discuss the bond issue. Mayor Barlow stated the bond refinancing is almost complete.

Mayor Barlow stated CPR classes are done and Michael Caldwell would be holding a make-up day at city hall on March 12, 2025.

Mayor Barlow asked George Fralic about the closing of ROW on Orange Ave.

Mayor Barlow stated advertising is needed for the Chapel, Steele Creek, and the Community Center.

Mayor Barlow stated the March calendar is in everyone's packet.

Public Services – Councilmember Little

Councilmember Little had nothing to report.

Public Safety – Councilmember Butler

Councilmember Butler stated he would like to see raises for the police and fire departments.

Administration – Councilmember Skelton

Councilmember Skelton had nothing to report.

Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese

Councilmember Reese stated she was excited to hear about the upcoming baseball season. Councilmember Reese stated her thanks to Wes Vickers for running the baseball program.

Public Works – Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips stated he has been working with Troy Willcutt on the dog ordinance, and he would get the city clerk to get mayor and council copies so they could look it over. Councilmember Phillips stated he would like to see this on the agenda in two weeks.

Items for Consideration**A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$148,670.77**

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

B. Discussion and consideration of sponsoring Satsuma Youth Baseball.

On a motion by Councilmember Little to do a gold sponsor in the amount of \$325.00 and seconded by Councilmember Reese, with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

C. Discussion and consideration of Morgan Waller attending Magistrate classes in July. (\$250.00)

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

D. Discussion and consideration of Jessica Jones attending Summer Clerks Conference on April 23-25. (\$350.00)

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 2025-02-03- Appointing Michael Caldwell as Fire Chief.**

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

B. Executive Session-Good name and character

On a motion by Councilmember Reese to hold an executive session for approximately 10 minutes, and seconded by Councilmember Skelton, with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

Roll Call was taken.

Councilmember Little-yes

Councilmember Butler-yes

Councilmember Skelton- yes

Councilmember Reese- yes

Councilmember Phillips-yes

Mayor Barlow- yes

Mayor and Council entered executive session at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor and Council reconvened at 7:41 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 7:42 P.M.

Mark Barlow, Mayor

Councilmember Randy Little

Councilmember Mike Butler

Councilmember Jason Skelton

Councilmember Allison Reese

Councilmember E.L. "Bubba" Phillips

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Jones, City Clerk