

MARK BARLOW  
MAYOR

JESSICA JONES  
CITY CLERK

TROY WILLCUTT  
ACTING POLICE CHIEF

MICHAEL CALDWELL  
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 April 15, 2025

### Regular Meeting

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in regular public session at City Hall in said city at 6:32 p.m. the 15th day of April 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  
Council Members

Mark Barlow  
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, 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 April 15, 2025. On a motion by Councilmember Little and seconded by Councilmember Butler, with all voting “aye” Council unanimously approved and the motion carried.

### **Recognitions**

Swearing in ceremony for new firefighters, fire chief, police officer, and dispatcher was held before council. Mayor Barlow and councilmembers welcomed all new employees to the city.

### **Visitors**

Cleston Roberts, SHS Baseball, came before the council to request the waiver of fees for Steele Creek Lodge for the baseball banquet on June 23, 2025.

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

Dena Zehner came to council to discuss, the “Y” at Baker and 43, the senior home on Baker being vacant for more than 2 years, the demolition of the senior home to make a park, Marlow Drive/Baker needing a crosswalk and 3-way stop, Marlow Drive needing paving, sidewalks down Marlow Drive, and neighbors not picking up dog poop after the dog poops in yards.

### **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 refinancing of the bonds should be finalized in the next couple of weeks.

Mayor Barlow stated Chris, Public Works Supervisor, is looking into the signs at North Gate and Baldwin Road area. Chris stated three additional signs are needed for that area.

Mayor Barlow stated a 3-way stop may be needed in that area. Mayor Barlow stated that it can be discussed at the workshop next week.

Mayor Barlow stated last summer the city had a clean up day. Mayor Barlow stated if everyone would like to have the event again, we can look into it. Mayor Barlow asked Jessica Jones to look into putting this event on again this year.

Mayor Barlow stated Tracy Robertson has expressed interest in serving on the Board of Adjustment and Mayor Barlow stated there is an open position.

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

Mayor Barlow stated Goodwyn, Mills, and Caywood did a possible concept on the Community Garden Park in Vaughns. Mayor Barlow stated the map was in your packet if everyone would like to look it over and discuss it further at the workshop.

Mayor Barlow stated Thursday will be a busy day around the city. Mayor Barlow stated court will be held at 2:00 p.m., Planning Board has a workshop at 6:30 p.m., and the Municipal Dinner will be held in Chickasaw at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Barlow stated the Satsuma School Board opening will need to be published soon.

#### **Public Services – Councilmember Little**

Councilmember Little stated he had been at the Community Center last week and some of the seniors request that the door be cleaned. Chris Bowdoin stated he would have it cleaned.

Councilmember Little stated he received a request for more patrols around the Baker Road area due to four wheelers. Troy Willcutt, acting police chief, stated he would take care of that.

#### **Public Safety – Councilmember Butler**

Councilmember Butler had nothing to report.

#### **Administration – Councilmember Skelton**

Councilmember Skelton had nothing to report.

#### **Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Reese**

Councilmember Reese had nothing to report.

#### **Public Works – Councilmember Phillips**

Councilmember Phillips asked Chris Bowdoin if any houses got flooded with all the rain we had last week. Chris stated no houses to his knowledge flooded. Chris stated yards flooded but no homes.

**Items for Consideration****A. Consideration of payment of the bills in the amount of \$91,511.29**

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 hiring Benjamin Moses as a police officer.**

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

**C. Discussion and consideration of selecting voting delegates for the Annual Convention of the Alabama League of Municipalities.**

On a motion by Councilmember Little for Councilmember Reese, voting delegate, Councilmember Butler, 1<sup>st</sup> alternate voting delegate, and Mayor Barlow, 2<sup>nd</sup> voting delegate, and seconded by Councilmember Skelton, 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 7:04 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

/s/ Allison Reese

Councilmember Allison Reese

/s/ E. L. Phillips

Councilmember E.L. “Bubba” Phillips

ATTEST: /s/ Jessica Jones

Jessica Jones, City Clerk

