

MINUTES

February 3, 2009
The Regular Meeting of the Satsuma City Council

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in the regular public session at City Hall in said city at 7:00 p.m. the 3rd day of February , 2009.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Jackson.

Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilmember O’Gwynn.

On roll call, the following answered present:

Mayor	William F. Stewart, III
Council Members	Billy Jackson
	Pamela B. O’Gwynn
	Pratt Monk
	Tom Williams
	Bill Black

Vicki Miller, City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney, Tom Briand, Building Inspector, James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor, and Chief Benefield, Police Department were present. A quorum was present and Mayor Stewart opened the meeting for the transaction of business.

A pre-council meeting was held prior to the regular meeting to discuss issues coming before Council.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 2009 for approval. Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

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Jennifer Bowden introduced herself as the Satsuma Girls Varsity Coach and asked that the Council consider purchasing an ad in the 2009 program. She stated that the previous Council purchased an ad last year. She stated that the centerfold is \$500.00. She was asked what the council purchased last year and she stated that the inside front cover was purchased for \$150.00. She also asked council to consider replacing the perimeter fence. She stated that the fence is an eyesore. She stated that they have gotten a quotes ranging from \$5000 to \$7000. Ms Bowden informed the Council of a draw down which will be held on February 7 at Steele Creek Lodge and the cost of the ticket is \$65.00.

Ms. Bowden introduced Randy Campbell as the father of two of the girls on the softball team and as the principal of the North Mobile Middle School. Mr. Campbell commented on the girls' softball team and asked that the city consider purchasing a 4X6 field sign for \$300.00. He stated that the price is over a 3-year period.

Mayor Stewart stated that they have presented several items for consideration and asked that they give Councilmember Jackson time to review the issues.

2. Lisa Sanderson follow up to request for waiver of the lodge rental fee for a "Share the Love" benefit.

Ms. Sanderson came before Council to ask if a decision was made regarding the request to waive the lodge rental fee for a benefit to aid the Williams family. She stated that this family is suffering financial difficulties due to medical expenses and the death of their daughter.

Ms. Sanderson stated that this will be an ongoing event each year with the organization helping families in need. She stated that 100% of the profits would benefit the families.

Mayor Stewart stated that this is a heartwarming story and that even though this is a good cause there are legal limitations that prohibit the city from waiving the fee. Jay Minus stated that since this benefit is private in nature and does not serve a public purpose, the council could not legally waive the fee.

Mayor Stewart stated that as council could donate as individuals.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Councilmember Jackson reported that he as gotten a quote to put a sign at the entrance of Steele Creek. Lodge for approximately \$2500. He stated that this price includes a meter socket, which can be used for lighting in the future.

He then made a motion for the expenditure of \$2500 toward a sign and electrical box for the entrance of Steele Creek. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson stated that it is time to update the park contracts with the athletic associations that are using the public parks. He stated that the contracts call for drug testing of the individuals involved in coaching the children. He said that the associations have asked if the city could pay ½ of the drug-testing fee. He said that the police department could do the background checks as required by the contract. Jay Minus stated that the city has a drug policy and this might need to be added to the policy, which he will look into.

Councilmember Jackson stated that a revised contract with the Satsuma Sharks as been presented to the Council. He stated that the only responsibility for the city is to purchase advertising for \$3500.00.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to accept the contract as corrected and authorize the mayor to execute it. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember O’Gwynn stated council needs to hold another financial workshop to discuss the finances of the city. After discussing the date, Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to have a workshop session on January 27 at 5:30. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk reported that he has an application for discontinuance of garbage for 152 Dewitt. He stated that the house is vacant and up for sale. He then made a motion to approve the discontinuance of garbage for 152 Dewitt. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the family of Shirley Keyser.

Councilmember Williams stated that at the last meeting council voted to call for bids for a police cruiser. Councilmember Williams stated that three (3) bids were received. The bids received were as follows:

Treadwell Ford- 2009 Crown Vic Interceptor	\$22,337.64
Coastal Ford- 2009 Crown Vic Interceptor	\$22,030.50
Chuck Stevens- 2009 Crown Vic Interceptor	\$21,849.00

Councilmember Williams made a motion to accept the bids and turn over to the public safety committee for review and tabulation.

Councilmember Williams reported that the fire department made 37 rescue calls and attended to seven fire alarms in the month of December. The police department had 135 cases and recovered \$42,000 in stolen material.

Councilmember Black reported that James Elmore will be attending a workshop on trees and contruction on March 6, 2009 at a cost of \$35.00.

Councilmember Black reported that the public works has been purchasing uniforms on a yearly basis, however this has not worked well and Mr. Elmore is asking that the city go back to rental uniforms. The will cost about \$1000 extra, however it will work better for the employees. Councilmember Black made a motion for the public works to switch to rental uniforms through Unifirst. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

AGENDA

1- Discussion of bridge inspections and selection of engineering firm.

Mayor Stewart stated that the city was informed that the bridge on Baker Road has been downgraded due to deterioration of a couple of pilings. He stated that he and James Elmore have talked with several engineering firms. Scott Todd with Civil Systems has presented the best price. He will do the inspection and drawing for the bridge repair.

With no further discussions, Councilmember Jackson made a motion to use Civil Engineering for the bridge inspections and drawing of the Baker Road Bridge. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Stewart presented the bills for payment. Councilmember Monk made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Monk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor William F. Stewart III

Councilmember Billy Jackson

Councilmember Pam O’Gwynn

Councilmember Pratt Monk

Councilmember Tom Williams

Councilmember Bill Black

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk