

MINUTES

March 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 March, 2009.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Monk.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Williams.

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 Lt. Jana Dukes, 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 February 17, 2009 for approval. Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

1. Patrick Pledger- representing Satsuma Boy Scouts.

Mr. Pledger read a letter thanking Mayor Stewart for attending their meeting on February 24. Mayor Stewart recognized the Boy Scouts from Troup 32 and presented with city pins.

2. Lisa Sanderson- not present

3. Sandra Leon- requesting business license at 5120 Highway 43.

Ms. Leon came before Council to request s business license at 5120 Highway 43 for a resale consignment store. Council approved and requested that Ms. Leon get with the building inspector and city hall.

4. William Case- requesting business license at 5485-A Seventh Street

Mr. Case came before Council to request a business license to open a real estate closing office. Council approved

5. Ray VanSlyke came before Council to thank the council for having the Bass Federation fishing tournament. He did state that there was not enough advertisement.

Councilmember Jackson stated that this was a learning experience for both groups.

6. Jack Presnall came before Council to state that he has gotten all the funds necessary to begin construction on the Satsuma Veterans Monument. He stated that he and Mr. Elmore have staked out the location and requested that each councilmember look at the location to make sure they are in agreement.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Councilmember Jackson gave a report on the Bass Federation fishing tournament held at Steele Creek and stated that there were approximately 75 boats with 150 anglers participating. There were over 400 fish caught and released. The winner caught an 11.9 pound bass. Councilmember Jackson reported that the owner of the LaQunita Inn, which has not yet opened, was able to provide other accomadations at his hotel in Saraland.

Councilmember Jackson reported that James Elmore has gotten a quote to do some small repairs on the asphalt at the tennis courts at a cost of \$349.00. He then made a motion to approve the expenditure. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson reported that opening day for the SYA baseball is this Saturday at 8:00 a.m. He stated that there have been questions about the parking due to the new sidewalks. Mr. Elmore explained that there is no parking for approximately 100' to 200' starting at Plateau and going north, but beyond that point, they can park behind the sidewalk.

Councilmember Jackson stated that Jay Minus has prepared the drug policy for the coaches at the parks and there are still a few issues that need to be addressed before passing.

Councilmember Jackson reported that there has been an issue with the usage of the varsity baseball building and to clarify the matter he would like for Jay Minus to draw up a lease between the city and Satsuma High School. He stated by doing this, the decision of the usage will be left up to the principal of the high school. Council agreed to a lease for two years.

Councilmember O'Gwynn stated that a special workshop session needs to be set to discuss the city's grants. She then made a motion to hold a workshop session on Monday, March 9 at 5:00. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk stated that he received a request for discontinuance of garbage for 5561 Third Street. He explained that the home is vacant. He then made a motion to discontinue the garbage at 5561 Third Street. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk expressed condolences on behalf of the mayor and council to the families of Mary Hollingsworth, Ms. Grace and Nell Floyd.

Councilmember Williams reported the fire department has been notified by the Forestry Department that they are eligible to receive a used brush truck at no cost. He stated that the truck is a 1988 1 ton Chevrolet with low mileage. The only cost at this time will be insurance and diesel fuel to get the vehicle back to the city from Montgomery.

Councilmember Williams reported that he has a request to put a stop sign at Hannah Chase Way and Powers Road. He stated that after reviewing the location with the Police Chief, it was determined that there is a stop sign within 200' and it would not be prudent to put up another sign.

Councilmember Williams reported that our police force was involved in a countywide illegal gambling sting. He reported that there were no illegal gambling devises found in the city.

Councilmember Williams reported that the ceremony for renaming Williams Avenue to Willie Crook Avenue was a success and he thanked The First Baptist Church of Satsuma for allowing the ceremony to take place in their sanctuary due to weather conditions.

Councilmember Williams reported that the police department had 1308 assignments with 147 cases for the month of February. He stated that the fire department made 54 calls with an average response time of 4.8 minutes. To date they have made 101 calls year to date

Councilmember Black reported that the public works department is continuing to do routine work.

AGENDA

- 1- Resolution 2009-03-01- A Resolution authorizing an application to apply for a grant for financial assistance from Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a comprehensive plan.

Mayor Stewart stated that the grant request is for \$30,000 with the city's match being \$15,000. He stated that we could use office staff time for in-kind contributions. He stated that the grant is due March 9, 2009.

Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to suspend the rules and allow for immediate adoption of Resolution 2009-03-01 and on roll call, the following answered:

Councilmember Jackson	yes
Councilmember O'Gwynn	yes
Councilmember Monk	yes
Councilmember Williams	yes
Councilmember Black	yes
Mayor Stewart	yes

Mayor Stewart stated that the motion passed unanimously. He then called for a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-03-01.

Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-03-01.
Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-03-01

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR GRANT AND EXECUTION OF NECESSARY ASSURANCES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES (ADCNR), STATE LANDS DIVISION (SLD), COASTAL SECTION GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Satsuma, Alabama is interested in the development of a viable community which will provide for its residents decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resource, State Lands Division, Coastal Section is excepting proposals for funding through the Alabama Coast Area Management Program for local governments to address the need for a comprehensive plan; and,

WHEREAS the City of Satsuma, Alabama intends to make application to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, State Lands Division, Coastal Section for assistance in the amount of \$15,000, with the City committing \$15,000 as match to the requested funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event a grant is awarded, the City of Satsuma authorizes the Mayor to sign all assurances and contracts and to comply with all applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations.

Adopted this 3rd Day of March 2009

Mayor

City Clerk

- 2- Acceptance of addendum to change the closing date on the purchase of property from Virginia Station, LLC from March 5 to no later than April 30, 2009

Mayor Stewart stated that due to the delay in getting the bond funds the city needed to amend the closing date of the purchase of the property.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to extend the contract and approve the addendum with Virginia Station. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

3. – Resolution 2009-03-02-Approval of contract with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood for construction inspection on Phase II of the sidewalk project.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to introduce Resolution 2009-03-02. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

4. – Resolution 2009-03-03- A Resolution approving a contract with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood for preliminary engineering on sidewalks Phase III (along Juniper)

Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to introduce Resolution 2009-03-03. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

5. – Resolution 2009-03-04- A Resolution approving a contract with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood for preliminary engineering on sidewalks for Safe Route to School Program

Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to introduce Resolution 2009-03-03. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Cara Stallman came before Council to remind them of the bid opening on the drainage project, Wednesday at 2:00.

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 7:55 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

