

MINUTES

March 23, 2010
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 23rd^h of March 2010.

Councilmember Williams gave the invocation.

Councilmember Monk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call the following answered present:

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

Robert Matthews sitting in for Jay Minus, City Attorney; Vicki Miller, City Clerk; James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor; David 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 beginning at 6:00 P.M. prior to the regular meeting and Mayor Stewart discussed with Council agenda items coming before Council. Marcelinia Speller and Jack Presnall presented a plan to add additional bricks around the Veterans Memorial. Ms. Speller stated that the bricks will be placed around the memorial and will be for in memory or in honor of a veteran. Mr. Presnall stated that this will be a good addition to the memorial. Ms. Speller asked council to come up with a cost so that she could get started on the project. Council agreed on costs of \$100.00.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting on March 2, 2010 for approval. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Williams questioned the city clerk about his copy of the minutes not reflecting the changes he requested from the draft copy. Ms. Miller stated that the copies were incorrect and that there were changes to the minutes as follows: Page 4, paragraph 8 to read “ *Councilmember Williams reported the police department participated in a Fire Arms Training system which is a hands on electronic fire arms training systems emphasizing both marksmanship and judgment. Each participating officer received a certificate of completion which will go in their personnel file. He stated that he would like to put in the budget for next year \$35.00 for each officer to participate in the FATS training.*” With that correction Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the special called meeting on March 16, 2010 for approval. Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

NO VISITORS

MAYOR’S REPORT

1) Renaming Spat Bridge to Norman John McConaghy Bridge.

Mayor Stewart stated that he would like to recommend renaming the bridge currently named Spat Bridge to Norman John McConaghy Bridge to honor Mr. McConaghy. He stated that Mr. McConaghy is a prominent citizen of the city and over the years he and his family have contributed to the growth of the city. With no further discussion, Councilmember Monk made a motion to rename Spat Bridge to Norman John McConaghy Bridge. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried. Mayor Stewart stated that he would set a time for the ceremony.

2). Appointment of voting delegate and alternate for the Alabama League of Municipalities at the 2010 Convention is May

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Monk made a motion to appoint Tom Williams as the voting delegate. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to appoint Councilmember Black as the alternate voting delegate. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

3) Mayor Stewart presented Resolution 2010-03-02, a Resolution granting permission for the city to apply for a Senior Citizen grant. The grant will provide funds for labor, fuel and maintenance to operate the Senior Citizen bus.

Councilmember Monk made a motion to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2010-03-02 up for immediate adoption. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and on roll call the following answered:

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| 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.

Councilmember Monk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-03-01. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

4) Proclamation for Jack Presnall as Satsuma’s First Citizen of the Year.

Mayor Stewart presented and read a proclamation for Jack Presnall. Mayor and Council congratulated Mr. Presnall on being selected as the first Citizen of the Year for the city. Mayor Stewart stated that Mr. Presnall will be honored at a Citizen of the Year banquet on Thursday March 25 at 6:30. Mayor Stewart stated that due to a previous engagement he will not be able to attend the dinner, but did treat Mr. and Mrs. Presnall to lunch.

5) Meeting with department heads

Mayor Stewart stated that he has had two staff meeting and the department heads have been asked to think of ways to improve city services including what more can be done for the seniors. He also suggested the department heads encourage the employees to have more awareness about the cleanliness of the city. It was also suggested that the city look at a new initiative regarding city workers usage of cell phones while in city vehicles, especially texting. Lastly the department heads were encouraged to monitor their spending.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Mayor Stewart stated that he would like to reverse the order of the committee reports and begin with Public Works. Council agreed.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black made a motion to appoint Charles Ziebach to Public Service Worker I. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black reported that Mr. Elmore and his crew finished preparing the pad for the shelter.

Councilmember Black reported that he has received a quote to purchase a new truck for the Public Works Supervisor, Mr. Elmore. He stated that Mr. Elmore's current truck will be put the fleet. He stated that he would discuss the issue further with his committee.

Councilmember Black reported that the Home of Grace will be having a night of inspiration on April 29th at 6:30 at the First Baptist North Mobile.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Williams thanked the council for allowing him to attend the National League of Cities convention in Washington DC. He stated that he had breakfast with Senator Shelby and Senator Sessions and appreciated the opportunity to meet them. He also had dinner with Congressman Bonner. Councilmember Williams stated that in his meeting with Congressman Bonner, Mr. Bonner suggested that our grant writer, Cara Stallman, get with his staff specifically Frazier Payne with any grants that the city is pursuing or any grants in the future.

Councilmember Williams reported that when the city decided to go with Mobile County dispatch, a contract was signed stating that the city agreed to pay \$10,000 yearly for this service along with a county ambulance present in the city. He stated that the city leaders agreed to this service in order to give the residents medically trained dispatchers at the 911 center and paramedics on the ambulance service. He stated that he is in receipt of a letter from the Board of Directors of Mobile County Emergency Management waving the \$10,000 fee for the next two years. He applauded Chief Miller for his efforts in getting this fee waived.

Councilmember Williams reported that on March 4, the fire truck left the city to carry the chief and three volunteer firemen to a training class at Mobile Gas on handling natural gas emergencies. The training was at no costs.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve the expenditure to send Officer Mike Smith and Officer Tim Byrd to a "Response to Active Shooter" class in Pascagoula, Mississippi on March 29 and 30 and usage of the Chief's credit card for food and gas. There is no cost for the class. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Monk expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the families of Bobbie Beasley, Mary Platt and Natalie Pipkins.

Councilmember Monk reported that he will meet with his committee regarding the purchasing of a new truck for the city inspector. He stated he will bring back the information at the next council meeting.

Councilmember Monk reported that he has received a request for a four-way stop sign at Plateau and 5th. He requested that the issue be looked at by James Elmore and Chief Benefield.

Councilmember Monk made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$1250.00 for rental of a bull dozer for the public works department for use at the trash ramp. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk made a motion to approve the expenditure of no more than \$1200 to purchase a 2" electric pump for the public works department. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Administration and Finance:

Councilmember O'Gwynn stated that in the bills this meeting, there are two invoices on the shelter; one to Sabel Steel for \$15,219.00 and one to Young-Blood Barrett, the contractor for \$14,060.29. She stated that both of this will be submitted for reimbursement. Councilmember O'Gwynn questioned the list of bill showing a payment to Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood for \$16,816.54. She stated that she could not locate the invoice and therefore requested that this invoice be removed for approval until further review. She then made a motion to pay the bills as presented with the removal of the GMC invoice. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember O'Gwynn reported that the six-month time period for reporting on the budget has arrived and she then made a motion to schedule a budget workshop on April 20th at 5:00 p.m. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$1500 for the North Mobile Relay for Life sponsorship. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried. Councilmember O'Gwynn reminded everyone that the event will be held in Satsuma on April 24 from noon until midnight.

Parks and Recreation:

Councilmember Jackson stated that Mr. Elmore received a several proposals to remove and trim several trees at Steele Creek Lodge. The lowest proposal was from Lunn’s Tree Service for a cost of \$2900.00. The others were Hamco at \$3435.00 and Fred Reed at \$5750.00. He stated that the proposal included grinding the stumps.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Jackson made a motion to accept the proposal from Lunn’s Tree Service for \$2900.00. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson reported that the Cory Landrum tournament was a huge success. They had 29 boats and awarded two scholarships

Councilmember Jackson reported that the sharks are returning this spring for another season. The agreement with them stated that unless otherwise cancelled, the city would sponsor the league for \$3500.00 with the payments going to Ms. Altman at Satsuma High School.

AGENDA
NO ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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 7:50 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