

MINUTES

April 6, 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 6th of April 2010.

Councilmember Black gave the invocation.

Councilmember Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call the following answered present:

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

Jay Minus, City Attorney; Vicki Miller, City Clerk; Tom Briand, Building Inspector; 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.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting on March 23, 2010 for approval. Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the workshop session held on March 23, 2010 for approval. Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the public hearing held on March 23, 2010 for approval. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

1. Melvin Horton- 120 E. Plateau came before the Council to discuss a request which was presented to the planning board to build apartments across from his property. Mr. Horton stated that the survey presented to the planning board was inaccurate and he presented an old plat which showed an 8’ difference in where the road is located. Mayor Stewart informed Mr. Horton that the planning board denied the application for the apartments and therefore did not see where this was an issue to further discuss.

2. Sonya Smith with the Satsuma High School Band Booster came before Council to request usage of Steele Creek Lodge and the fee be waived for the Gator Band Boosters on Thursday, May 20, 2010. She also stated that in the recent state competition, Satsuma Band scored a superior rating and won 13 separate awards.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the waiver of the fee for the requested date. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried. Councilmember Jackson reminded Ms. Smith that there will still be a \$100 cleaning fee.

3. John Waller of 157 Plateau Avenue came before Council to question when the city was going to pave the portion of Plateau Avenue where he resides. Mayor Stewart explained that the streets that are getting paved are being done under the county Pay-As- You-Go program which was requested by the last council. Mayor Stewart stated that he would look into the matter and suggested that Mr. Waller contract Mobile County Commissioner Merceria Ludgood.

4. Parker Holley of Woodland Avenue came before Council and asked what would happen to the Woodland paving project if all the property owners did not sign for the easements. Jay Minus stated that the city could condemn the property if a voluntary settlement could not be reached.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1) Approval of the FY2009 Audit- Mayor Stewart stated that he and the Council met with the city auditor, Will Betancourt, in a workshop session on March 23. He stated that the audit reflected a net gain of approximately \$200,000 which was a large improvement from the FY2008 audit which showed a loss of approximately \$300,000. He stated that if anyone would like to review the audit, they could contact the city clerk.

2). Appointment of voting delegation for the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corp at the league convention- May 15, 2010.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to appoint Tom Williams as the delegate and Bill Black as the alternate. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

3) Letter of recommendation from Planning Board recommending the Council amend the zoning ordinance to regulate Adult Entertainment Enterprises.

Mayor Stewart stated that this amendment will regulate the location of any business that fall in this category. He stated that a public hearing is required. Jay Minus stated that the council could go ahead and introduce the ordinance and then could vote after the public hearing.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to hold a public hearing on May 4, 2010 at 6:45 for public comments on the proposed amendment. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk made a motion to Introduce Ordinance 452- amending zoning Ordinance 303 to regulate entertainment enterprises. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation:

Councilmember Jackson reported that he received a request from Satsuma Public Library to waive the rental fee for Steele Creek Lodge on November 15, 2010 for the Iron Bowl Tailgating Party. He then made a motion to approve the waiver of the fee as stated above. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson acknowledged that the bleacher covers at Lions Park were donated by a grandfather, who wished to remain anonymous, of one of the children playing baseball at the park. He stated that the donation was estimated at approximately \$20,000.

Councilmember Jackson reported that the Satsuma Youth Football has asked that the city help with the purchase of uniforms and equipment in the amount of \$12,000. He stated that the organization is planning on having several fund raisers which they plan to donate 25% of the proceeds back to the city to cover the purchase.

With no comments, Councilmember Jackson made a motion to purchase the uniforms for the youth football for the next year. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson reported that the City Park will once again host the 15 Year Old State Tournament the last weekend in July and he has received a request for the city to sponsor the event in the amount of \$3000. With no comments, he made a motion for an expenditure of \$3000 to sponsor the tournament. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Administration and Finance:

Councilmember O'Gwynn stated that in the listing of the bills, there is a charge for \$1025.12 for AT&T that is listed in error and also the amount being paid to Allied Waste should reflect \$37,927.73 instead of \$75,855.46. With those corrections, she made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried. She also stated that there is an invoice on the shelter to Young-Blood Barrett, the contractor, for \$22028.40 which will be submitted for reimbursement.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Monk expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the families of Agnes Synder, Olivia Godwin and Mr. Pope.

Councilmember Monk stated that after meeting with the Municipal Services Committee regarding the purchase of a new vehicle for the inspection department, the committee was in agreement to move forward with the purchase. He then made a motion to purchase a 2010 Ford F1-150 extended cab truck off the State Bid List for the Inspection Department from Atkinson Motors for \$19,623 and to be financed through Regions Bank. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk reported that the Municipal Service Committee met and are making a recommendation to the council for the city to begin the process of purchasing garbage equipment to begin a city run garbage service instead of using an outside contractor. Mayor Stewart commented that after doing the research, he believes the city can do a better job and have surplus revenue. With no further comments, Councilmember Monk made a motion to begin the process of establishing specifications and bidding out the necessary garbage trucks and equipment. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk stated that there is an item on the agenda to discuss repealing the existing burn ordinance; however he would like to table this matter pending further research.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Williams read a letter of resignation from Officer Karen Delane Lee and then made a motion to accept the resignation in good standing. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams reported that the city has received the ISO reevaluation of the fire protection class and the results did not change. The city is still classified as a class 5.

Councilmember Williams reported that the Fire Department service truck was recently used to deliver meals when the van had mechanical problems. He stated that would explain the increase in gas consumption for the month.

Councilmember Williams reported the Fire Department made 57 calls; 10 fire with a 4.5 minute response time and there were two assistance calls to Calcedeaver and Creola. The Police Department had 1921 assignments with 198 cases for the month of March.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black made a motion to establish a Public Service Supervisor II position to promote James Elmore due to the addition of new responsibility with the city garbage service. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black made a motion to purchase a 2010 Ford F-150 Crew Cab Truck for Public Works Department from Atkinson Motors for \$24,151.00 to be financed with Regions Bank. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black stated that he has received a request for a four way stop sign at Plateau Avenue West and Fifth Street and a three way stop sign at Fifth Street and Pine Avenue West. He then requested that Jay prepare the ordinances for the next council meeting. Councilmember Black also requested that James Elmore and David Benefield look at a three way stop for Magnolia and Old Highway 43.

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 into 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.

AGENDA
NO ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Monk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Black seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 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