

MINUTES

June 1, 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 Satsuma Public Library in said city at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st day of June 2010.

Mayor Stewart gave the invocation.

Councilmember O’Gwynn 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

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

Council met in a pre-council meeting 6:00 P.M. Mayor Stewart discussed with Council agenda items coming before Council.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting on May 18, 2010 for approval. Councilmember Monk made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

1. Adrienne Carlisle- 462 Margiana.

Ms. Carlisle came before Council to complain about the ditch running beside and in back of her home. She stated that she is concerned for the safety of her child since there is an open pipe that goes to the road that is dangerous. She stated that she had discussed the problem with James Elmore and Councilmember Black and they suggested that a solution would be to put up a privacy fence. Mayor Stewart stated that he and the Council had a lengthy discussion in pre-council concerning this matter. He said that it is not the consensus of the council to put up a fence since this could lead to a precedent of putting fences on easements and ditches. Jay Minus commented that the City is not required to put fences along ditches. Mayor Stewart stated that Mr. Elmore has come up with an alternative solution to correct the problem by closing in the side ditch with a 24" pipe, putting in a safety grate at the rear of the property to prevent access and grading the back ditch to keep the water flowing.

Mayor Stewart also discussed that other land owners have put up fences in the drainage easement which are collecting debris and obstructing the water flow. He said the city has to have access to the easement to keep the drainage area clear. Mayor Stewart asked Tom Briand to contact the other landowners about clearing any obstructions off the easement.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor Stewart stated that he received a letter from Mobile County Commissioner Merceria Ludgood regarding the 2010 Pay-as-you-go program. He asked the city clerk to read the letter. The letter states that the county is requesting a list from the city by June 18 of any streets that need resurfacing. Mayor Stewart asked Council to consider their recommendations and get back with him before the deadline.

Mayor Stewart informed the Council that he has received confirmation that the Juniper sidewalk project has been released by the State and the next step will be bidding out the project.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation:

Councilmember Jackson stated that he received an exemption request from the Mobile Area Council Boy Scouts for Steele Creek Lodge for March 10, 2011. He then made a motion to recommend waiving the rental fee. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried. Councilmember Jackson noted that they will still be responsible for the clean up fee.

Councilmember Jackson reported that at a previous meeting council approved spending \$12,000 for the Satsuma Youth Football uniforms. He reported that the actual amount spent was \$10,023.00.

Councilmember Jackson reported that he has received a request form the Satsuma Athletic Club to purchase a football ad for the upcoming football season. He stated that Council previously approved not to exceed \$250.00 for any ads. He then made a motion to purchase an ad with the Satsuma Athletic Club for \$250.00. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Administration and Finance:

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

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Monk stated that since the Council has approved for the city to start collecting garbage and debris effective January 1, 2011, he would like to put a motion on the table for the Mobile County Personnel Board to create two (2) operator III positions. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Williams commented on how successful the Memorial Day celebration was and thanked everyone who helped with the event.

Councilmember Williams reported that at the league convention he spoke with Alabama Municipal Insurance regarding the city getting a quote to change the deductibles for property coverage. He stated that they have since sent in the proposal which he will review and get back with the Council to see if there is a cost savings by increasing the deductibles on the property covered by AMIC. He stated that this would not affect the liability coverage.

Councilmember Williams reported that the Fire Department made 56 fire and medical calls with a response time of 4.5 minutes for the month of May. The police department had 1634 assignments of which 186 became cases.

Councilmember Williams stated that interviews for police officer I are set for tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

Councilmember Williams reported that he is working on setting a meeting with Cara Stallman and Frazier Payne, a representative with Congressman Jo Bonner’s office. He stated that Congressman Bonner suggested that our grant writer meet with his officer to see if they could help with any available grants.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black made a motion to hire a laborer for the Public Works Department. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried

Councilmember Black requested that James Elmore get a couple of more prices for the spraying of the ditches and stated that he would like for his committee to meet and discuss the matter.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS

1. Resolution 2010-06-01- Awarding the bids for the garbage trucks and carts.

Councilmember Monk made a motion to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2010-06-01 up for immediate adoption. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion 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 declared the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Monk then made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-06-01. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTION 2010-06-01

A Resolution to purchase one (1) 20 Cubic Yard Automated Side Loader, ONE (1) 27 Cubic Yard Automated Side Loader, ONE (1) Knuckle boom Trash Loader and Dump Body and 2550-96 Gallon Curbside Carts.

WHEREAS, The City solicited, advertised for and received sealed bids for the purchase of one (1)20 cubic yard automated side loader, one (1) 27 cubic yard automated side loader, one (1)knuckle boom trash loader and dump body and 2550-96 gallon curbside carts ; and

WHEREAS, the bids were opened publicly May 11, 2010 at 2:00 PM at City Hall with eight (8) bids submitted; and

WHEREAS, the committee has reviewed and tabulated the bids and has determined that Truck Equipment, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications for all items.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City awards the bids for the purchase of one (1) 20 cubic yard automated side loader, one (1) 27 cubic yard automated side loader, one (1) knuckle boom trash loader and dump body and 2550-96 gallon curbside carts to Truck Equipment, Inc.
2. The City agrees to finance the garbage equipment through Regions Bank or a comparable financial institution.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Truck Equipment, Inc. for the equipment described in this resolution.
4. This Resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 1st day of June, 2010

/s William F. Stewart, III
William F. Stewart, III

ATTEST:

/s./ Vicki Miller
Vicki Miller, City Clerk

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Monk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

not present to sign
Mayor William F. Stewart III

not present to sign
Councilmember Billy Jackson

/s/ Pam O’Gwynn
Councilmember Pam O’Gwynn

/s/ Pratt Monk
Councilmember Pratt Monk

/s/ Tom Williams
Councilmember Tom Williams

/s/ Bill Black
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ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller
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