

MINUTES

(Minutes approved by Council on June 10, 2008.)

June 3, 2008

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 June, 2008.

Councilmember Black led the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

On roll call the following answered present:

Mayor	William L. Bush
Council Members	Patricia Hicks Mark Barlow Larry R. Landrum E.L. Phillips Bill Black

Vicki Miller, City Clerk, Tom Briand, Building Inspector and Jay Minus, City Attorney, were present.. A quorum was present and Mayor Bush 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 Bush presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 27, 2008 for approval. Councilmember Barlow made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and it carried. Councilmember Barlow requested that the Agenda reflect the date of June 3, 2008 instead of June 8, 2008.

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VISITORS

A representative from the SYA 10 & under girl's softball came before Council to request permission to have a bucket drive to raise funds. She asked if they could have the bucket drive at the red light at Oak and Baker. She stated that it would be adults only. Mayor Bush explained that since the red lights are on a State Highway, they will have to give approval. However, the State does not usually give permission. Mayor Bush stated that they could set up on private property or a city street. Councilmember Phillips stated that he was against them using Thomas due to the traffic.

Merlin Miller of 451 Landing Drive came before Council to complain about the four wheelers and dirt bikes that are being used on the city property in Vaughns. He requested that the city post "No motorized vehicles allowed" signs on the property. Councilmember Hicks stated that the city did have signs posted; however, the signs were stolen. Mayor Bush stated that more signs will be posted and the police will start issuing fines to the parents. Councilmember Hicks stated the property will continue to have problems unless it is developed.

Rodney Waltman came before Council to thank them for hiring an animal control officer. He suggested that the officer change his hours so that people will not know when he will be patrolling.

Lonnie Lassiter came before Council to compliment Officer DuJuan Washington for his assistance during an accident that involved Mr. Lassiter and a small child. He stated that Officer Washington took control of a potential volatile situation.

Kevin Kidd approached Council and stated that he is purchasing a piece of property off Juniper and understands there is an unnamed public road running in the back. Councilmember Barlow stated that he thought the road was already vacated. Tom Briand stated that the owner was going to request the road be vacated, but backed out since she was not sure if she would land lock an adjacent landowner. Mayor Bush asked Tom to look into the matter.

Kay Howell came before Council to ask about the procedure to annex her property into the City. She stated that the property is at the end of Juniper. After discussing the matter, Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the annexation pending the property paperwork. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

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Mayor Bush commented on the fact that the city has made huge progress over the last 8 to 10 years. Over the past years the City has added numerous facilities including Steele Creek Lodge and Park, renovated and added new bathrooms, completed additions to the Satsuma Library, received grants for sidewalks, drainage and improvements to parks

including a new tennis court, and constructed a \$2.3M City Complex . With a total sum of over 7 million being spent in the City.

Jack Presnall came before Council to give an update on the progress of the Veterans Memorial. Mr. Presnall stated that the project has projected to cost approximately \$60,000. To date, he has collected \$15,000. He stated the County Commission has agreed to match the amount collected. Mr. Presnall stated that if he can raise a total of \$30,000 and the County matches that, then he will have the funds needed. Mr. Presnall asked the City if they could help. Mayor Bush questioned whether the City could donate to the project. Council discussed the issued and agreed to make a donation pending review by Jay Minus.

Councilmember Phillips made a motion to donate \$10,000 to the Satsuma Veterans Memorial Monument contingent upon review and statement from Jay Minus that the City can donate to this project. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried.

AGENDA

1. Approval to purchase Gasboy pump with pulser:

Mayor Bush stated that at pre-council the matter was discussed and the issue will be tabled until Council can get more information. Councilmember Hicks stated that she would like for the Mayor to meet with Mike Hoffman to resolve the situation and see what needs to be done. Councilmember Barlow stated that due to gas prices increasing, the City needs accountability for the gas used and whatever it takes to get the system working correctly needs to be done. Council approved Mayor Bush discussing the matter with Mike Hoffman who installed the fuel system.

2. Discussion of Lucas property.

Jay Minus stated that he has been in contract with Mr. Lucas' attorney regarding the swap of a portion of the property owned by the City across from the high school with the property owned by Mr. Lucas across from the library. Mr. Lucas would like to place a building on the property and needs a variance from the Board of Adjustment. He does not want to make the swap until he has approval for the building. If the variance is approved then Mr. Lucas will pay the assessment on his portion of the property. Mr. Minus explained that the longer this continues, more legal expense will incur. Councilmember Hicks stated that matter needs to be resolved.

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3. Approval for Officer Donny Merren to attend 80 hour re-certification course, July 7-17 in Anniston.

Councilmember Phillips made a motion to approve the training. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Discussion of widening and repaving of International Drive (entrance to Steele Creek Lodge)

Councilmember Hicks reported the contractor has not begun the work per the contract. He has moved a piece of equipment on the property. Jay Minus presented a letter he has drafted which states that the contractor will be substantially complete by June 12, 2008. If not, the Council has the right to cancel the contract and award to another contractor. Council agreed to send the letter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Hicks stated that she would like to get prices on re-doing the baseball hitting facility/ She stated that she is getting the information prepared to present to Commissioner Ludgood to see if the County Commission will help with funds for the parks.

Councilmember Barlow reported the account balance sheet was distributed.

Councilmember Barlow reported that the fire report was distributed. There has been 271 calls as of the end of May.

Councilmember Barlow expressed condolences on behalf of the Council to Mr. Gary West in the loss of his son and son-in-law. Mr. West was the contractor on the City Complex.

Mayor Bush questioned whether there had been any more discussion on the County paging system. Councilmember Barlow stated that he is skeptical and does not want to get into something that will create more problems. Councilmember Barlow stated that he would like to investigate a little more before making a recommendation.

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Councilmember Landrum reported the service for the roll off/front end loader containers needs to be re-bid due to the rejection of the bids previously. Councilmember Landrum made a motion to re-bid the service with bids due back to City Hall July 17 by 4:30. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion.

Councilmember Landrum stated that he would like to discuss requiring utility companies to purchase permits before cutting in right-of-way in the next workshop.

The workshop was set for June 10, 2008 at 6:00.

Councilmember Phillips reported that the new police car was picked up.

Councilmember Black reported that public works is doing routine work.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Hicks stated that on the agenda the SHS Girls Softball is requesting use of the lodge for a banquet and waiver of the fee. She made a motion to allow usage of the lodge on June 17, 2008 and the fee be waived for the SHS Girls Softball banquet. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Hicks reported that the surveying has begun for the drainage grant.

Councilmember Hicks stated that she would like to have a resolution prepared showing the Council's disapproval with the Mobile County School Board building a new middle school on Salco Road.

Councilmember Hicks reported that the voting was 3 to 1 difference between City Hall and Blackwell Lodge. She stated that Ms. Robbins, the inspector, has requested that the city look at putting a sidewalk out the back door near the school to the parking and make it handicap accessible.

Councilmember Barlow questioned the progress on getting Hilltop paved. He stated that the residents are concerned. The City Clerk stated the engineers are working on the project and the County is being provided the right-of-ways as requested.

Councilmember Landrum stated that he had nothing to discuss under new business.

Councilmember Phillips stated that he had nothing to discuss under new business.

Councilmember Black stated that he had nothing to discuss under new business.

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Mayor Bush reported that he has received notification from ALDOT the City has been approved for a grant for Phase III of the sidewalk project. He stated Tom Briand, James Elmore and Vicki Miller will be attending the kick-off meeting on June 25, 2008.

Jay Minus stated that he done a preliminary search into whether the Council can use unencumbered park property for collateral on the loan with Regions. He stated that the City might have to look into an alternate way.

Councilmember Barlow made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and it carried.

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Barlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Mayor Bush

Councilmember Hicks

Councilmember Barlow

Councilmember Landrum

Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Black

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk