

MINUTES

August 3, 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. on the 3rd day of August, 2010.

Councilmember Jackson gave the invocation.

Councilmember Black 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 Lt. Jana Dukes. Mayor Stewart stated a quorum was present and opened the meeting.

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 July 20, 2010 for approval. Councilmember Monk made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

1. Josh Shirley- Present Eagle Scout project

Mr. Shirley came before Council stating that he is a scout with Troup 227 and is working on his Eagle Scout designation. He stated that for his project, he would like to work on a disc golf course in the city. He would like to start with nine holes and later expand to 18 holes. Mayor Stewart stated that he has spoken with Josh about this project and also has received a letter from Grayson Parker, a student at Satsuma High School, who would also like to help. Josh stated that as he role he will manage the project, get volunteers and raise the necessary funds. Mayor Stewart requested that Josh move forward with his plans and come back to Council with a drawing of course.

2. Mr. Barfoot of Thomas Road came before Council to complain about the fire hydrant and drainage on his street. Mr. Barfoot stated that there are weeds around the fire hydrant and the blue marker on the road is missing. He stated that water is standing in his yard due the ditch being overgrown and a culvert that is too small. James Elmore stated that the ditch goes across private property and the city does not have a right of way. Mayor Stewart request that Mr. Elmore draft a letter to the property owner to see if the city could access the drainage ditch and told Mr. Barfoot that the fire department would take care of the hydrant. Councilmember Jackson suggested that the city engineers be contacted to see if they could add this area to the long range drainage plan.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor Stewart reported that Congressman Bonner will hold a town meeting at Satsuma City Hall on August 23, 2010 at 2:30 P.M.
2. Mayor Stewart reported that his has received a request from Satsuma First Baptist to hold a turkey shoot on November 13th as a fund raiser. The shoot will be held on Mr. Little's property off Highway 43. Mayor Stewart stated that he requested that a representative from the church get in contact with Chief Benefield.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation:

Councilmember Jackson reported that he received an exemption of rental fee request for Steele Creek Lodge from Satsuma Public Library. He then made a motion to approve the waiver of the rental fee, but not the cleaning fee. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson reported that the baseball/softball association has elected new officers. He reported that as of this date 75 children have signed up for the football program.

Administration and Finance:

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

Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to hold a budget workshop session on August 24, 2010 at 4:00 P.M. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Monk expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the families of Donald Sprague, Jessie Baldwin, Mary Brannon and Thomas Matchem, Jr.

Councilmember Monk reported that at the last meeting he requested that Jay Minus look into what needs to be done to close the south end of 5th street. Mr. Minus stated that there are several owners that are adjacent to the right of way and all owners must sign the petition to vacate the property. Tom Briand stated that Mr. Mead has signed the necessary documentation and he has dropped off the paperwork at the Dollar Store and The Pantry (Shell Station).

Public Safety:

Councilmember Williams stated that at the last meeting there was discussion about the fire alarm system at city hall. He stated that there are still questions concerning the matter and he would like to table this issue until the next meeting.

Councilmember Williams reported that at the last meeting Council approved Justin Jarvis to attend an EMT class. However due to scheduling conflict, Firefighter Clayton Horton will be attending the EMT class instead.

Councilmember Williams gave the monthly fire and police reports:

Fire- 74 calls with 15 fire and the remainder medical

Police- 1585 assignments with 232 cases.

Councilmember Williams reported that the fire department received a \$14,500 grant from the Mobile County Association of Volunteer Departments. The Fire Department also received a donation of \$100 from Ms. Roy Mitchell.

Councilmember Williams reported that Fire Chief Clyde Miller will be conducting a certification class for the volunteer fire fighters sponsored by the Alabama Fire College. The classes will be held once a week. He stated that there will also be volunteers from other municipalities attending.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that Josh Yeend has presented a letter of resignation and in the resignation he stated that he was unable to give a two week notice due to his new employer needing him immediately. Councilmember Black stated that Josh was an good

employee and would like to make a recommendation to waive the two week notification requirement. With an agreement on this, he then made a motion to waive the two week notification and accept the resignation in good standing. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black reported that James Bankston also submitted a letter of resignation. Councilmember Black made a motion to accept the resignation of James Bankston in good standing. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black made a motion to promote James Blaylock to PSWI effective August 14, 2010. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS

1. *Resolution 2010-08-01- A Resolution authorizing off-duty employment for city police officers.*

Mayor Stewart stated that this resolution will allow for off duty employment with the approval of the police chief. .

Councilmember Williams made a motion to introduce Resolution 2010-08-01.

Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

2. *Ordinance 475- An Ordinance prohibiting sexual offenders from loitering near or on the child safety zone.*

Mayor Stewart stated that this ordinance will create child safety zones and keep sexual offenders away from children.

Councilmember Monk made a motion to introduce Ordinance 475. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

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 7:35 P.M.

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

/s/ Billy Jackson
Councilmember Billy Jackson

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

/s/ Pratt Monk
Councilmember Pratt Monk

/s/ Tom Williams
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/s/ Bill Black
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ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk