

MINUTES

August 4, 2009

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 4th day of August, 2009.

Councilmember O’Gwynn gave the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Black.

On roll call, the following answered present:

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

Absent: Billy Jackson

Vicki Miller, City Clerk; Jay Minus, City Attorney; Tom Briand, Building Inspector; and Lt. Jana Dukes, 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 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 of July 21, 2009 for approval. Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

1. Larry Landrum- 5826 Chattanooga Drive.

Mr. Landrum came before Council with several concerns 1) He stated that he appreciated the minutes being on the web page; however, he asked that the minutes be put on in a more timely manner. 2) He requested that council look into re-stripping Juniper and Old Highway 43. 3) He complimented the council for moving the funds out of Colonial Bank.

Mayor Stewart commented on the re-stripping issue by saying that he thought the city has looked into the matter before and had even received proposals. Councilmember Black made a motion to revisit the issue. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Stewart commented that he received an email from Dan Todd of the Satsuma Sharks stating that the Sharks are the Southeast Regional champions; placed nine out of 200 and are No. 1 in the Premier League. He stated that are playing Saturday night in Satsuma.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation: No comments.

Administration and Finance:

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

Councilmember O’Gwynn stated that council needs to hold a workshop to discuss the FY 2010 budget. After discussing the dates, Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to hold the workshop on August 11, 2009 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Monk stated that he has a request from Tom Briand to attend the COLA conference in Orange Beach on September 15-18 at an approximate cost of \$765 which includes registration fee, hotel and meal expense. With no comments, Councilmember Monk made a motion to approve the expenditure of approximately \$765 for training for Tom Briand. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk expressed condolence on behalf of the council to the family of George Davenport , a long-time resident of Satsuma. He stated that his son-in-law, James Henderson, and grandson, Paul Henderson, are both volunteers with the fire department. Councilmember Monk also expressed his appreciation to Chief Miller for his efforts in the situation. Councilmember Monk also commented on the loss of Rev. Steve Norman's mother and expressed condolences to the family.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Williams stated that he has a recommendation from Chief Benefield to hire Timothy Bryd as a police officer I. He stated that Mr. Bryd is a certified police officer and will not need additional training. With no further discussion, Councilmember Williams made a motion to hire Timothy Byrd as a police officer I effective August 15, pending a drug and physical screen. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams reported that the city was not chosen in the first round of the COPS grant awards. He stated the application was not rejected and the city is still on the list, if there is future funding. He stated that the consensus is that the city does not have a high enough crime rate and therefore did not score high enough in that area.

Councilmember Williams reported that he has been informed that the animal control officer is picking up unwanted animals from citizens and the city is being charged with the fees. He stated that he does not think the city should have to pay to have an animal destroyed just because an owner no longer wants the animal. Council agreed and requested that Jay Minus look at the current ordinance and make recommendation on amending.

Councilmember Williams reported that the monthly reports reflect that the fire department made 51 calls with 43 being rescue calls and the police department had 1626 assignments with 188 cases.

Public Works

Councilmember Black reported that he has a request from James Elmore to update the communications within the public works department by going to push to talk phones. He stated that there is a minimum increase of approximately \$26 per month. He stated that some of the phones will be dual function phone and walkie-talkie features for those that require a phone. He stated that this system is the same as the fire and water departments are using. With no comments, Councilmember Black made a motion to approve the changing of the phone system to Nextel and the issuance of push to talk phones for all the public works employees. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black reported that Mr. Elmore has received quotes for the removal of the three trees on Bayou Avenue and Lunn's Tree Service has given the lowest quote of

\$2290.00 for the project. This includes cutting the trees, grinding the stumps and removal of the debris. Councilmember Black then made a motion to approve Lunn’s Tree Service to remove the trees on Bayou Avenue per the proposal. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black reported that there were several trees at the end of the football field which public works were able to handle.

AGENDA

1. Motion to adopt Resolution 2009-08-01- an agreement with RDS for cross-examination of business license.

Jay Minus stated that the city has an agreement with RDS for this service and this resolution is to renew the agreement. He stated that RDS looks for companies or individuals doing business in the city that have not purchased a business license. If they find one the initial fee is split. After that, the city gets the full amount. He stated that since this is the first introduction, the council would need to suspend the rules for immediate adoption.

Mayor Stewart stated that his recommendation is to go ahead and adopt the resolution.

With no further discussions, Councilmember Williams made a motion to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2009-08-01 up for immediate adoption. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and on roll call the following answered”

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 made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-08-01. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Whereas, The City of Satsuma, Alabama desires to engage PRA Government Services LLC d/b/a RDS. to perform business license cross-checking effective beginning the period of August 4, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Satsuma is authorized to enter into a contract with PRA Government Services LLC d/b/a RDS. to provide business license cross-checking.

THEREFORE, Pratt Monk, a Council member, made the motion and Pamela O’Gwynn, a Council member seconded the motion that said resolution be approved, and said resolution passed by majority vote of the Council and the Mayor declared the Resolution so passed.

ADOPTED this 4th day of August, 2009.

/s/ William F. Stewart, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Vicki L. Miller
Clerk

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 7:20. P.M.

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

absent
Councilmember Billy Jackson

/s/ Pam O’Gwynn
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/s/ Pratt Monk
Councilmember Pratt Monk

/s/ Tom Williams
Councilmember Tom Williams

/s/ Bill Black
Councilmember Bill Black

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk