

MINUTES

September 16, 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 16th day of September, 2008.

Councilmember Black led the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

On roll call the following answered present:

Mayor	Not present on roll call
Council Members	Patricia Hicks
	Mark Barlow
	Larry R. Landrum
	E.L. Phillips
	Bill Black

Vicki Miller, City Clerk, Jay Minus, City Attorney, Tom Briand, Building Inspector, James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor, David Benefield, Police Chief were present. A quorum was present and Mayor Pro Tem Hicks 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 Pro Tem Hicks presented the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of September 2, 2008 for approval. Councilmember Barlow made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 2, 2008. Councilmember Phillips requested that the minutes reflect his reading of the letter be written verbatim (See attached addendum A) He then made a motion to approve the minutes with that addition. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks presented the minutes of the Workshop Session of September 9, 2008 for approval. Councilmember Landrum made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Barlow seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Bush arrived at 7:10.

VISITORS

Morris Jones of 114 Pine Avenue came before Council to request the support of the Council to replace the pump on 3rd and Pine. Councilmember Black stated that the City has received one quote to replace the pump and they are waiting to get another to have a comparison.

Elivira Crook Lane came before Council to request that the Council consider renaming Williams Avenue to Crook Avenue. She presented Council with a petition showing the names of those who favor the change. Mayor Bush requested that Tom Briand check with all the neighbors. Jay Minus stated that even though a public hearing is not required, he recommend that Council hold a public hearing to give all the neighbors a chance to voice their opinion.

Councilmember Hicks made a motion to post for a public hearing to rename Williams Avenue to Crook Avenue for October 14, 2008 at 6:45. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

Delane Tindle as President of the Satsuma Youth football program came before Council to request a scoreboard for the football field at Lions Park. She stated that the current scoreboard does not work and is over 10 years old. She stated that the park does not have the funds to purchase an updated board. She stated that she has gotten a price of \$3700. Councilmember Hicks stated that she has some money in her budget and not much has been spent to help the football program. Council discussed the costs of installation and upgrade to the electrical.

Councilmember Hicks made a motion to spend up to \$5000.00 for a scoreboard including installation and upgrades. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

Roxanne Lilly of 63 Orange Avenue came before Council to ask if anyone could tell her how much the new bond issue was going to costs the citizens specifically how much was the sewer and water rates going to be increased.

Mayor Bush stated that an exact amount has not been set for the bond and the Water and Sewer Board has not discussed any increases in rates. He stated that the board is hoping not to have to increase the fees.

AGENDA

1- Open Bids for Chipper.

Councilmember Landrum reported that one bid was received . He opened the bid from Vermeer SE Pensacola, FL with a price of \$39,141.50 for a BC1500 Vermeer Chipper.

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to accept the bid from Vermeer SE Pensacola in the amount of \$39,141.50 and turn the bid over to the street committee for review. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and it carried.

2- Opening proposals for a slab at the trash ramp

Councilmember Landrum reported that two proposals were received. The first from Wilson & Sons for \$8800.00. The second was received from Joe's Construction for \$5875.00.

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to accept the proposals and turn over to the sanitation committee for review and tabulation. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and it carried.

Kim Cain spoke and stated that RSI was not given an opportunity to put in a proposal. Councilmember Barlow stated that he thought the City gave preference to local companies. Council advised that any proposals for work should be put on the web site.

3- Resolution 2008-09-03- Resolution for a cash advance to Charles (Chase) Moye for travel and meal expenses during fire fighter training in Tuscaloosa, Al beginning September 9.

Councilmember Barlow made a motion to suspend the rules and allow for immediate adoption of Resolution 2008-09-03. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and on roll call the following answered:

Councilmember Hicks	Yes
Councilmember Barlow	Yes
Councilmember Landrum	Yes
Councilmember Phillips	Yes
Councilmember Black	Yes
Mayor Bush	Yes

Councilmember Barlow made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-09-03. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and it carried.

- 4- Resolution 2008-09-04- A Resolution authorizing a one-time lump sum payment of \$1.00 per month for each year of service for retirees per ACT 2008-555.

Councilmember Hicks made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-09-04. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried. Councilmember Barlow abstained.

- 5- Resolution 2008-09-06- A Resolution to approve the purchase of John Deere Backhoe, which has been leased, for an amount of \$21,963.27.

Councilmember Black made a motion to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2008-09-06 up for immediate adoption. Councilmember Barlow seconded the motion and on roll call the following answered:

Councilmember Hicks	Yes
Councilmember Barlow	Yes
Councilmember Landrum	Yes
Councilmember Phillips	Yes
Councilmember Black	Yes
Mayor Bush	Yes

Councilmember Black made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-09-06. Councilmember Barlow seconded the motion and it carried.

- 6- Consideration of request for SHS girls softball use of Steele Creek Lodge on 2/7/09 and the fee be waived.

Councilmember Hicks made a motion to approve the SHS girls softball use of Steele Creek Lodge on February 7, 2009 and the waiver of the fee. Councilmember Barlow seconded the motion and it carried.

- 7- Consideration of the FY 2009 City Council Meeting Schedule

Council reviewed schedule and then Councilmember Hicks made a motion to adopt the FY 2009 City Council Meeting Schedule. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried.

- 8- Reschedule October 7 council meeting to October 14 due to municipal election

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to change the October 7 council meeting to October 14. Councilmember Barlow seconded the motion and it carried.

9- Consideration of the FY 2009 Holiday Schedule.

Council reviewed schedule and then Councilmember Barlow made a motion to adopt the FY 2009 Holiday Schedule. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and it carried.

10- Resignation of Officer Wayne Miller

Councilmember Phillips read the resignation from police officer Wayne Miller and then made a motion to accept his resignation in good standing and payment of any unused vacation effective September 22, 2008. Councilmember Barlow seconded the motion and it carried.

11- Approval to call for a certification list for police officer I.

Councilmember Phillips stated that due to the resignation, he would like to call for certification list for police officer I.. He then made a motion to call for the police officer I certification list. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried.

12- Approval for Jailer/Dispatcher Charlene Williams to attend Jailer Certification School, October 13-23 in Foley at a cost of \$200.00

Councilmember Phillips made a motion for approve Charlene Williams to attend Jailer Certification School in Foley with registration fee of \$200.00. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

13- Approval of Resolution 2008-09-05- Approving a cash advance of \$80.00 to Charlene Williams for travel expenses during certification school.

Councilmember Phillips made a motion to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2008-09-05 up for immediate adoption. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and on roll call the following answered:

Councilmember Hicks	Yes
Councilmember Barlow	Yes
Councilmember Landrum	Yes
Councilmember Phillips	Yes
Councilmember Black	Yes
Mayor Bush	Yes

Councilmember Phillips made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-09-05. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried.

14- Discussion of FY2009 Budget

Councilmember Barlow stated that the budget was briefly discussed in the pre-council and most things are in order, however he cautions against a 10% increase. He stated that he is optimistically hoping for growth. He also stated that the new administration could modify if necessary.

Mayor Bush requested that everyone review and make any suggestions before the next meeting.

Council recognized Cara Stallman for a report on the grants. Ms. Stallman reported that the sidewalk grant will begin construction Monday. She stated that there is a meeting on September 24 at 3:00 P.M. to discuss the preliminary plans for the drainage. Councilmember Phillips asked if she was still looking at a grant for a dog kennel. She replied that she has found some small grants but nothing that will help with a dog kennel. Ms. Stallman stated that the shelter grant is in Atlanta for review. Councilmember Landrum questioned about the remaining ALDOT funds. Ms. Stallman replied that that funding is probably 6-8 months away.

15- Resolution 2008-09-02- Purchase of property from Virginia Station LLC.

Councilmember Phillips requested an executive session to discuss negotiations for the purchase of property. Councilmember Black seconded the motion. Council went into executive session at 8:05

Council reconvened at 8:20.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Hicks stated that she had nothing to discuss under old business.

Councilmember Barlow states that he had nothing to discuss under old business.

Councilmember Landrum requested Tom Briand have information on the ordinance to permit work done in right of ways by utility companies by the next council meeting.

Councilmember Landrum requested that the sanitation committee meet at 6:15 to tabulate and review the bids received.

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

Councilmember Black reported that he and James Elmore have looked at the ditch at Hummingbird and found that there are about 30 property owners who will have to give an easement. He stated that there will be legal fees and some engineering that will have to be done.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Hicks reported that she discussed in pre-council about hiring someone to clean Steele Creek Lodge after events and to prepare for the next events. She stated that she would like to consider an outside source to do the cleaning. She stated that it is difficult to find someone because of the cleaning times are inconsistent. Council requested that the information be put on the web page to get several quotes.

Councilmember Barlow questioned charging churches for use of the lodge/pavilion during the week. Councilmember Hicks replied that there is a charge for the pavilion for parties over 50. She stated that there was a problem allowing use of the pavilion for large parties for no charge and they were not cleaning. The charge is for the additional cleaning. She then stated that she would look at the policy and rework to consider waiving the fee for small groups.

Councilmember Barlow reported that he has received a complaint about the lighting on Norton Drive. He requested that Tom Briand look at adding more lights or trimming the trees.

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

Councilmember Phillips stated that he did not have anything to discuss under new business.

Councilmember Black reported that he has been informed about a dead tree at 69 McCoy Avenue. He stated that he would have to get with his committee to discuss the removal.

Councilmember Black reported that work is being done on the ditches on Orchard.

Mayor Bush stated that he hoped the Council would move forward and approve the resolution to purchase the property for Virginia Station LLC.

Mayor Bush presented the bills for payment. 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 Hicks seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Mayor Bush

Councilmember Hicks

Councilmember Barlow

Councilmember Landrum

Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Black

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk