

MINUTES

January 4, 2011
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 City Hall in said city at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th day of January, 2011.

Councilmember Black gave the invocation.

Councilmember Williams 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, Inspector; James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor; and Chief Benefield of the Police Department. Mayor Stewart stated a quorum was present and opened the meeting.

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

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting on December 21, 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. Mary Lou Coate came before Council to introduce herself as the owner of Welcome Neighbors which is a business that welcomes new people and businesses to the community. She stated that the business was previously named Welcome Friends. Ms. Coate asked if Mayor Stewart would compose a letter with information about the city and city leaders which she could include in the welcome packets. Mayor stated that he would.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor Stewart expressed condolences on behalf of himself and the Council in the death of Mayor Ken Williams of Saraland. He stated that the city flags were lowered to half-staff on Friday in his memory.

2. Mayor Stewart reported that a public hearing needs to be set to hear comments regarding the abatement of a nuisance at 52 Oak Avenue. Mayor Stewart reported that the owner has been notified by registered letter to clean up the property and has failed to conform. Therefore by following the city's nuisance ordinance the next step is to hold a public hearing.

With no further comments, Councilmember Monk made a motion to hold a public hearing on January 18, 2011 at 6:30 to hear comments or questions on the abatement of the nuisance at 52 Oak Avenue. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Mayor Stewart stated that due to the public hearing, he is requesting that the pre-council be moved up to 5:00 P.M. on January 18.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to change the time of the pre-council to 5:00 P.M. on January 18, 2011. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation:

1. Councilmember Jackson stated that he has received a quote from Black's Cabinets to redo the cabinets and replaced the countertop at Steele Creek Lodge in the amount of \$4813.00. He then made a motion to approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed 4813.00 for new cabinets and countertops at Steele Creek Lodge. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Councilmember Jackson reported that the chairs have been ordered for Steele Creek Lodge and now the tables need to be ordered. He then made a motion to

approve the expenditure not to exceed \$4000.00. 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 expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the families of Ms. Goldman, Joe Ray Stringer and David Criswell.

Councilmember Monk made a motion to discontinue the garbage at 107 Maple Avenue West since the house is vacant and for sale. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk reported that Ace Electric is requesting a payment on the work that has been completed on the wash down ramp and shed in the amount of \$20,000. He stated that that the total project is for \$46,000 and should be completed by the end of the week. He then made a motion to approve the draw of \$20,000. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk opened the bids for the front end loader and roll/off containers as requested at the last meeting. The Bids were sent out as Bid A being the roll/off containers and Bid B being the front end loader containers. The following bids were received.

	Bid A	Bid B
	Per haul	Annual
Waste Management	\$231.50	\$6933.60
Allied Waste	\$204.00	\$6334.00
Advance Disposal	\$275.00	\$5280.00

Councilmember Monk made a motion to accept the bids and turn them over to the sanitation committee for review. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Williams reported that the police department is again being allowed the use of the FATS (Fire Arms Training System) as a training tool and is requesting it be set up at city hall since the system has be stored in a secure location. The system will be used February 17 through Feb 23. Councilmember Williams then made a motion to allow the usage of the council chambers for the system to be set up and used. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams reported that the police calendars are now available. He reminded everyone that the local businesses purchased ads for the calendar and they were no cost to the city.

Councilmember Williams gave the monthly police and fire reports as follows:

Fire: 67 calls with 19 fire related and the remaining medical with an average response time of 4.5 minutes. The total calls for 2010 were 688.
Police: 1848 assignments with 180 cases.

Councilmember Williams reminded everyone that the Mobile County Chief's Association will be meeting at Steele Creek Lodge tomorrow.

Councilmember Williams reported on the Citizen of the Year and stated that the information will be put on the web page. He stated that the deadline for applications is February 21 and the dinner will be held at Steele Creek Lodge on March 17, 2011.

Councilmember Williams reported that he, Vicki Miller, and Bud McCrory met with another insurance company regarding the city's property, liability, and workers compensation insurance. He requested that the council meet in a workshop session to discuss the matter further. He then made a motion to have a workshop session on January 13, 2011 at 3:00 P.M. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that the family of George "Red" and Louise Moody would like to invite the public to their birthday party at the Library on Saturday, January 8 from 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. He stated that Mr. Moody is celebrating his 90th and Mrs. Moody, her 87th.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS-

1. Introduction of Ordinance 477- An ordinance codifying all stop sign ordinances.

Jay Minus stated that he mentioned that the city has adopted several stop sign ordinances over the years and it gets complicated if an amendment has to be made as to which ordinance to amend. He stated that this ordinance has compiled all the ordinances into one and it also repeals all the previous stop sign ordinances.

With no comments or questions, Councilmember Williams made a motion to introduce Ordinance 477. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Introduction and adoption of Resolution 2011-01-01- A Resolution authorizing the city to apply for a CDBG grant to fund water and sewer on Williams Street.

Mayor Stewart explained that in order to apply with the county on this grant, the county needs a resolution that stating the project and amount. Mayor Stewart stated that Tom Briand has been attending meetings with the county to come up with a project for our area. The recommendation is that the city applies grant that will provide for water and sewer to the residents on Williams Avenue.

With no comments, Councilmember Jackson made a motion to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2011-01-01 up for immediate adoption. Councilmember O’Gwynn 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 Jackson then made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-01-01. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTION # 2011-01-01

WHEREAS, the Mobile County Commission is accepting applications from municipal governments who are part of the Mobile County Consortium for Program Year 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds made available through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the City of Satsuma has identified community development needs and determined that there is a critical need to extend public water and sewer services to homes in the Williams Avenue area where low to moderate income persons reside; and

WHEREAS, preliminary cost estimates indicate that the cost to make public water and sewer available to the households in the Williams Avenue area is approximately \$291,423.00.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Satsuma authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Mobile County Commission requesting \$291,423.00 in PY 2011 CDBG Funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes approval of the City’s entry into a contract with the Mobile County Commission for \$291,423.00 to conduct the aforementioned activity; and

