

MINUTES

October 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 October, 2011.

Councilmember Black gave the invocation.

Councilmember Monk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present:

Mayor	William F. Stewart, III
Council Members	Tom Williams
	Billy Jackson
	Pratt Monk
	Bill Black

Absent: Pamela O'Gwynn

Mayor Stewart stated that he was glad to see Councilmember Williams being that he was just released from the hospital after having open heart surgery. He stated that Councilmember O'Gwynn was also put in the hospital recently with a heart issue and until today, she was told that she would also have to have surgery to repair a heart issue. However the doctors gave her good news saying that the she had improved so much that surgery was not needed.

Also present were Jay Minus, City Attorney; Vicki Miller, City Clerk; Tom Briand, Inspector; James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor; Chief Chris McLean of the Police Department and Chief Clyde Miller of the Fire Department . Mayor Stewart stated a quorum was present and opened the meeting.

Council met in a pre-council meeting at 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. to discuss agenda items.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting on September 20, 2011 for approval. Councilmember Monk made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

NONE

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stewart recognized several city employees for their hard work and accomplishments. He stated that he appreciated all that the employees do on a daily basis to make the city a great place to live.

Mayor Stewart stated that during the budget process, Vicki Miller discussed the need for a new software system to better streamline the accounting process. He stated that she and Bud McCrory have been looking at possibly using the same software that is currently being used by the water board, however this software does not include a module for business license. Mayor Stewart stated that Ms. Miller will be meeting with a company that handles the collection of business licenses. After that meeting, she will give a report as to whether having a contractor do the collection of business license will be better for the city.

Mayor Stewart commented that Chief McLean has been looking into the possibility of creating some regional services including dispatching and providing jail services. He stated that Chief McLean has met with other area chiefs and is still working on whether coordinating these service would be feasible.

Mayor Stewart mentioned that the city will be sponsoring a Veterans Day parade for the first time. He stated that for several years, the city has sponsored Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies. Mr. Jack Presnall, who was instrumental in getting the Veterans Memorial, suggested that the city consider a parade. Mayor Stewart stated that Mr. Presnall is working with Marcelinia in the office to coordinate the activities and stated that anyone interested should contact city hall. The parade is scheduled for November 11, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. with the ceremony to follow.

Parks and Recreation:

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to spend \$370.00 to put in an additional CAT5 cable and do some electrical work on the lights at the community center. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to spend \$750.00 to build and install iron doors on the outside bathroom at Steele Creek Lodge and Park. He stated that currently the bathroom has a roll up door and it is in need of replacing. Councilmember Jackson stated that a quote was received from Triple A Ironworks. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Administration and Finance:

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

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Monk stated that he had nothing to discuss.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Williams expressed his appreciation to the Satsuma Fire and Rescue for coming and assisting him during his recent heart issue.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to call for a dispatcher/jailer certification list. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to hire Troy Willcutt as a Police Officer I pending a physical and drug screen. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to hire Chad Stephenson as a Police Officer I. He stated that Mr. Stephenson will not need a physical since he is coming directly from another jurisdiction. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams stated that both are already APOST certified.

Councilmember Williams stated that he recently has seen where other police departments are getting the lapel cameras specifically the City of Fairhope. He asked Chief McLean to look into the matter. Chief McLean stated that he has already made contact with the City of Fairhope and has gotten a copy of their policy and the cost. He stated the he will report back once he has an opportunity to review further.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that he, Councilmember Monk and several public works employees attended the "Employee Appreciation Luncheon" at Atmore

Prison on Thursday, September 22nd and also the "Call before you Dig" dinner and presentation. He stated that both were good events.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2011-10-01- A Resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City of Satsuma to loan money to the Board of Education for the Satsuma School System, to be used for start- up and operating expenses.

Mayor Stewart asked Jay Minus to explain this resolution. Jay Minus stated that the Satsuma Board of Education has asked the city for a loan of \$25,000 to help with the start up cost and expenses. He stated that the resolution authorizes the city to loan the school board the funds with the school board repaying the funds by September 2012 with any accrued interest.

Councilmember Monk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2011-10-01. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Monk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Mayor William F. Stewart III

Councilmember Billy Jackson

absent

Councilmember Pam O'Gwynn

/s/ Pratt Monk

Councilmember Pratt Monk

/s/ Tom Williams

Councilmember Tom Williams

/s/ Bill Black

Councilmember Bill Black

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller

City Clerk