

## MINUTES

October 5, 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 5th day of October, 2010.

Councilmember Williams gave the invocation.

Special Guest Andrew Shaw 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 Monica Soderlund sitting in for Jay Minus, City Attorney; Vicki Miller, City Clerk; James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor; and David Benefield, Chief of Police. 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 coming before Council.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting on September 21, 2010 for approval. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

## VISITORS

1. Gene Holcomb came before council to discuss a proposal regarding the drainage ditch that runs through his property. He stated that currently the city does not have an easement and that he is proposing to deed the city a 40" right of way in exchange for the city paying to have the property surveyed and removal of a couple of trees and a stump on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. He stated that he wants to subdivide the property and use 2<sup>nd</sup> Street as an entrance. Mayor Stewart commented that the proposal sounded like something the city could consider, however he would like to see if something could be done to save the trees.
2. Ms. Irby with the Red Cross did not show.
3. Mayor Stewart introduced Andrew Shaw as a Webelo with Pack 17 out of Christ United Methodist Church. He is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader and working toward obtaining his citizenship badge.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor Stewart asked that Council if there were any comments or questions regarding the FY2011 Budget. With no comments or questions, Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to adopt the FY2011 Budget as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.
2. Mayor Stewart explained that Woodland Avenue is on the 2009 Pay-As-You-Go program and Tom and Vicki have been working toward getting the necessary right of ways. However, there have been several residents that have refused to sign. The City had an option to condemn the property or get the engineers to redesign the drainage. The engineers have come back with an amended plan which moves the drainage and narrows the street on the east side. The amended plan could cost the city an additional amount in the end; however the amount will be less than the condemnation process. With no comments or questions, Councilmember Williams made a motion to accept the amended plan for the Woodland Avenue paving project. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.
3. Mayor Stewart reported that the city was awarded the New Freedom Grant through the Alabama Department of Senior Services which will provide assistance with the bus including reimbursement for gas, bus repairs, insurance, salaries, and fringe benefits for three years. Funds for the grant will not exceed \$18,538 for the first year; \$19,302 for the second year; and the \$20,105 in the final year.
4. Mayor Stewart commented that he has received several calls about Halloween falling on a Sunday and whether the city will be changing the date to

Saturday. He stated that he recommends leaving the date like it is. Council agreed.

## **REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES**

### **Parks and Recreation:**

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the request from Satsuma Community Development Organization for exemption of the Steele Creek Lodge fee for the Citizen of the Year Banquet on March 17, 2011. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to purchase a ¼ page ad for \$189.00 in the upcoming homecoming edition of the Call News. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson reported that the city has received a grant from the National Estuary Program in the amount of \$10,000 for the stabilization of the West bank at Steele Creek Lodge. He stated that the city will do the project and will be reimbursed. He then made a motion to approve the grant and authorize the public works department to being the work. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson reported that the Bass Federation tournament ended up with 54 boats. He stated that the coordinators of the event explained that many boaters were still concerned about the oil spill.

### **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 call for an Office Assistant I list to fill a vacancy in the administration department. 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 Clarence Wells and Sandra Vallier.

Councilmember Monk opened proposals received for the wash down pad and cover shed for the garbage equipment. The proposals were as follows:

Ace Electrical and Contraction	
Wash down pad	\$16,545.00

Cover Shed	\$30,152.00
Joe's Construction	
Wash Down Pad	0.00
Cover Shed	\$27,500.00
Remedial Services Inc.	
Wash Down Pad	\$34,275.00
Cover Shed	\$55,828.21

Councilmember Monk made a motion to accept the proposals and turn them over to the committee for tabulation. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

**Public Safety:**

Councilmember Williams reported on the September monthly Police and Fire report:

Fire- 45 Calls with 4 fire and the remaining EMS - response time 4.1 minutes

Police- 1571 Assignments of which 208 became cases.

Councilmember Williams reported that the police retreat held on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> was a success. He then read a letter for Chaplain Wigley of Saraland thanking the city for the event.

Councilmember made a motion to approve for Lt. Dukes to attend the Attorney General's Law Enforcement Summit on Identity Theft on October 19<sup>th</sup> in Montgomery. He stated that there would be no cost for this event. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

**Public Works:**

Councilmember Black discussed the paving of Oakdale and McCoy Avenue. He stated that both were short streets and he recommended that both be done without any engineering. He reported that James Elmore has gotten a price from Ronnie Smith with HCL Contractors. The price quoted for Oakdale is \$12,600 and McCoy is \$7,830.00. After discussing the matter, Councilmember Black made a motion to approve both streets to be paved for a total of \$20,430.00. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS**

1. *Resolution 2010-10-01- A Resolution authorizing the purchase of two Dodge Chargers from Hometown Ford-Dodge-Chrysler off the State Bid List.*

*Councilmember Williams stated that Hometown Ford-Dodge-Chrysler was awarded the State bid, however they have not received the contract number from the State. He stated that he would like to approve the resolution pending the contract number being issued.*

*With that stipulation, Councilmember Williams made a motion to suspend the rules and put up Resolution 2010-10-01 for immediate adoption. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and on roll call the following answered:*

<i>Councilmember Jackson</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Councilmember O’Gwynn</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Monk</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Williams</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Black</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Mayor Stewart</i>	<i>yes</i>

*Councilmember Williams then made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-10--01. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.*

**RESOLUTION 2010-10-01**

**A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE TWO (2) POLICE 2011 CHARGER POLICE VEHICLES FROM HOMETOWN FORD-DODGE-CHRYSLER OFF THE STATE BID FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**WHEREAS, the City has a need for two (2) new police Vehicles to replace high mileage vehicles, and;**

**WHEREAS, Hometown Ford-Dodge-Chrysler, 801 Columbus Parkway, Opelika, AL is authorized to sell police vehicles under State of Alabama solicitation number 2219943 and;**

**WHEREAS, the unit price for each vehicle is \$21,299.00 and the city recommends accepting the proposal provided the City can obtain acceptable short term financing over three (3) years to purchase the automobiles.**

**WHEREAS, the committee has reviewed the proposal and recommends acceptance of the proposal from Hometown Ford-Dodge-Chrysler.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. The City agrees to purchase the two (2) 2011 Charger police vehicles per State Bid T191L for a total sum of \$42,598.00.**
- 2. The City agrees to finance the two vehicles through Regions Bank for a period of three years.**

3. **This Resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 5th day of October, 2010.**

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

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Vicki Miller  
Vicki Miller, City Clerk

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Monk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 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  
Councilmember Tom Williams

/s/ Bill Black  
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