

MINUTES

October 14, 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 14th day of October, 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, and Lt. Jana Dukes, Police Department 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 Regular Meeting of September 16, 2008 for approval. Councilmember Black made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Barlow seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks presented the minutes from the Special Called Meeting of September 22, 2008. Councilmember Black minutes as presented. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and it carried

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks presented the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of September 23, 2008 for approval. Councilmember Black made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

Summerlyn Gwin came before Council to request a home based business at 500 Malaga Drive. She stated that the business is a graphic design business which is internet based with no traffic. Mayor Pro Tem Hicks told Ms. Gwin that she would need to get a P.O. Box since the business license cannot be issued to a residential address. Councilmember Barlow stated that the business has to remain incidental to the neighborhood. Council approved the business.

Sonya Smith representing SHS Band Booster came before Council to request permission to have a bucket drop to raise funds for the band to perform in Disneyworld in April. She commented that the band has been representing the city well by recently earning several awards. Ms. Smith stated they would like to have the drives on November 1 and November 8. Council cautioned that the drives can only be on the side streets and not on the highway.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks stated that a citizen requested to be put on the agenda to request a light at 5489 Maple. Since no one was present, she requested that Tom Briand go by and check out the matter.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks stated that MaKenzie Easley requested to be put on the agenda to ask for an ad for the SHS yearbook. Since Ms. Easley is not present, she stated that the City has always purchased a full page ad in the yearbook and she would like to continue doing so. She stated that since there is a deadline, there is not time to wait until the new administration. She then made a motion purchase full page ad in the yearbook and getting with the new administration for what they would like in the ad. Councilmember Barlow seconded the motion and it carried.

AGENDA

- 1- Discussion of changing Williams Avenue to Crook Avenue. Introduction of Ordinance 430.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks stated that there was a public hearing held at 6:45 to hear public comments on changing the name and there was no opposition either written or oral.

She then made a motion to introduce Ordinance 430, an ordinance to change the name of Williams Avenue, east of Old Highway 43 to the city limits, to Willie Crook Avenue. Councilmember Philips seconded the motion and it carried.

2- Adoption of Resolution 2008-10-03- Awarding the bid for purchase of a new chipper.

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2008-10-03 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

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-10-03. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

3- Award Bid for construction of slab at trash ramp

Councilmember Landrum reported that two bids were received and he stated that the committee met and decided that due to the prices received to reject the bids and send the project out for re-bidding.

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to re-bid the construction of a slab for the dumpsters at the trash ramp. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Bush arrived at 7:25.

4- Resolution 2008-10-04 Resolution for a cash advance to Charles (Chase) Moye for travel and meal expenses during fire fighter training in Tuscaloosa, Al beginning September 29.

Councilmember Barlow made a motion to suspend the rules and allow for immediate adoption of Resolution 2008-10-04. 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 2008-10-04. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and it carried.

5- Discussion of changing type of Senior Citizen van that the city is trying to get through a 5310 grant. Resolution 2008-10-05

Councilmember Landrum stated that the city first applied for a van that did not have a wheelchair lift. Since then there has been a change in the grant and the van will have to have a wheelchair lift. He stated that the city has to complete the questionnaire, pass a resolution and submit to ALDOT. The grant will be processed when all the necessary documents are received.

He then made a motion to suspend the rules and allow for immediate adoption of Resolution 2008-10-05. Councilmember Hicks 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 2008-10-05. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and it carried.

6- Discussion of 10 and 18 Wheelers usage of compression brakes within the city corporate limits and restricting trucks to usage of right lane.

Councilmember Landrum discussed that he received a complaint about trucks riding side by side and using compression brakes unnecessarily.

He then made a motion for Jay Minus to draw up an ordinance that will restrict usage of compression brakes, commonly referred as “Jake Brakes”, similar to the one which is used by the City of Tuscaloosa. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Landrum also made a motion for Jay Minus to draw up an ordinance restricting trucks to the right lane unless turning left. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Landrum stated that once the ordinances are passed, signs will be posted.

7- Approval of the FY2009 Budget

Councilmember Hicks made a requests to hold the passage of the budget over to the next meeting.

8- Discussion of paving 7th Street.

Councilmember Black stated that previously Council discussed the paving of 7th street and a quote was gotten in the amount of \$9,420.00. He stated that he would like to proceed with that project.

Councilmember Black made a motion to award the paving project to HCL in the amount of \$9420.00 to pave 250’ of 7th Street. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and it carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

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

Councilmember Barlow reported that the Planning Board has been requested to look into changing the zoning ordinance to permit in home day cares for children. He stated that

Robert Matthews, the attorney for the Board is exploring ways to make the change legal. He stated with the growth of the city there is a need for this type of business.

Councilmember Barlow expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the family of Mr. Oliver.

Councilmember Landrum questioned the status of the right of way permit paperwork Tom Briand stated that he has made some changes, however this policy needs to have a lot of discussion before passing.

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

Councilmember Black reported that the city is looking into a grant to replace the pumps behind the Baptist church. He stated that he has received one quote. He will continue to pursue getting more prices.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Hicks requested permission to allow Delane Tindle to speak to Council since she was late getting to the meeting.

Ms. Tindle announced that several football teams are going to the playoff and the SYA would like to put signs up at the entrances to the city congratulating these teams. She stated the signs would be removed by the end of November. She also stated that they would like to use Steele Creek Lodge for a party.

Councilmember Hicks made a motion to allow for signs at the entrances to the city and use of Steel Creek Lodge and the fee waived. Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Barlow reported that the account balance sheet was distributed.

Councilmember Barlow reported that he visited the fire department and due to more and more usage of the trucks several are requiring maintenance.

Councilmember Landrum requested that James Elmore look into the trash issue with Ms. Martin.

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

Councilmember Black requested that Tom Briand look into the light at Marlow/Baker and East Pine/2nd.

Councilmember Hicks reported that several members met with the County Commission and Woodland is on the 2008-2010 Pay-as-You Go program.

Councilmember Hicks stated that she will not be at the next meeting. She said that this is only the 3rd meeting in 12 years that she has missed. She stated that this administration is responsible purchasing Steele Creek Lodge, building a new city hall, purchasing new fire trucks and putting in an infrastructure that will help the city move forward.

Mayor Bush thanked Councilmember Hicks for all that she has done for the city.

Mayor Bush stated that he challenged the new Mayor and Council to continue with the Satsuma Veterans Memorial. He stated that Jack Presnall has almost raised enough money.

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 Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Black seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

APPROVED BY THE INCOMING MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Stewart

Councilmember Jackson

Councilmember O'Gywnn

Councilmember Monk

Councilmember Williams

Councilmember Black

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk