

MINUTES

November 2, 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 Satsuma Public Library (due to elections being held in City Hall) in said city at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of November, 2010.

Councilmember Jackson 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; James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor; Tom Briand, Inspector; 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 October 19, 2010 for approval. Councilmember Pratt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Williams requested a change to *Page 4, paragraph 5, correcting the statement that the State Legislation bill recently passed to the State Legislation is considering the bill.* Councilmember Black seconded the motion with the requested change and it carried.

VISITORS

1. Mr. Artie Swinney of 5259 Hartley Road came before Council to request the city look into condemning the house at 5265 Hartley Road. He stated the house is not livable and is a safety hazard. Mayor Stewart requested Tom Briand contact the owner.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor Stewart stated that the council discussed the documentation received from Mobile County regarding acceptance of their junk ordinance. Mayor Stewart requested Tom Briand get with the county to get more details and report back to Council.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation:

Councilmember Jackson reported that he has a request for exemption of payment on Steele Creek Lodge from the SHS class of 1974. He stated that they are requesting that the fee be waived and their proceeds from the reunion will be donated to Satsuma Public Library. Councilmember Jackson stated that the event was on a Saturday which the council has previously agreed not to waive any events on a Friday or Saturday. Council agreed and the request was denied.

Councilmember Jackson reported that he has received a request for exemption of payment on Steele Creek Lodge from the Satsuma Athletic Club for their football banquet on December 6 which is on a Thursday. He then made a motion to approve the request with the stipulation that they still pay the clean up fee. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Jackson stated that council discussed in pre-council getting a price for new chair for Steele Creek Lodge.

Councilmember Jackson reported that he has requested James Elmore to give a price to re-do the sidewalks along the side of the lodge and construct a new pad at the back door for caters to park and unload. He stated that James has given a price of \$1500.00. Councilmember Jackson then made a motion to allocate an amount not to exceed \$1500.00 to re-do the sidewalk and construct the pad. Councilmember Williams 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 reported that the city is beginning to receive the new garbage carts. He also stated that the committee has begun interviews for the garbage truck driver.

Councilmember Monk asked if Jay Minus had drawn up the necessary paperwork to proceed with the agreement with Mr. Holcomb. Jay stated that he had completed the paperwork however he needed to make a minor change. After discussing the matter, Councilmember Monk made a motion to accept the agreement once completed and authorize the mayor to execute the same. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Williams read a letter from the Satsuma Methodist Church giving an accommodation to Officers Doug Walley and Richard Dix for the exemplary behavior during an incident with a youth at their church.

Councilmember Williams reported that Chief David Benefield has been appointed to the E911 Board for a four year term.

Councilmember Williams requested that Lt. Jana Dukes come before Council and give a short presentation on what the information she obtained from her recent class in Identity Theft. Lt. Dukes gave some helpful pointers about protecting your identity.

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

Police- 1754 assignments with 170 cases

Fire- 58 call of which 18 were fire related. The remaining calls were medical with an average response time of 4.5 minutes. Fire department has made 574 calls to date.

Councilmember Williams reminded everyone of the Tristan and Lorena Fire Safety Project being sponsored by the Fire Department on Saturday November 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He stated that the purpose of the event is to honor the children and promote fire safety. Councilmember Williams reminded everyone of the Veterans Memorial event on November 11 at 10:00. He stated that the guest speaker is Major Fotheringill. He stated that all the armed forces including the Merchant Marines will be honored.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to call for a police officer I certification list. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that James Elmore has received three prices for the resurfacing job on Old Highway 43. The following submitted proposals:

HCL Contracting	\$6600.00
Harwell & Company, LLC	\$7375.00
Azalea Paving	\$6380.00

Councilmember Black made a motion to turn to proposals over to the public works committee to determine if the contractor with the lowest proposal was meet all the criteria and give the Mayor authority to accept the proposal and issue a contract. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black reported that he has received a request and price from James Elmore to replace the PTO clutch on the John Deere Tractor in the amount of \$1979.00 from J& K Tractor. After discussing the matter, he then made a motion to allocate the funds in the amount of \$1979.00 to J&K Tractor to replace the PTO clutch. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black read a letter from Margie Windham and the Henderson’s thanking the Mayor and Council for the paving of Oakdale.

the paving projects of Oakdale and McCoy Avenue have been completed.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS- NONE

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
Councilmember Bill Black

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk