

MINUTES
December 20, 2011

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in a pre-council and regular public session at Satsuma City Hall in said city on the 20th day of December, 2011.

The Pre-Council Meeting of the Satsuma City Council

Council met in a pre-council meeting at 6:00 P.M. and Mayor Stewart went over the agenda items and discussed other city business.

The Regular Meeting of the Satsuma City Council

The City Council convened at 7:00 for the regular meeting.

Councilmember Black gave the invocation.

Councilmember Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call the following members answered:

Mayor:	William F. Stewart, III
Council Members:	Pam O'Gwynn
	Pratt Monk
	Tom Williams
	Bill Black

Absent: Councilmember Billy Jackson
Jay Minus, City Attorney

Also present were Vicki Miller, City Clerk; Tom Briand, Inspector; and Edith Butler, Community Center Coordinator. Mayor Stewart stated a quorum was present and opened the meeting.

Mayor Stewart acknowledged the presence of the Key Kids and stated that before presenting the certificates and pins, he wanted to share a few items of interest.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting on December 6, 2011 for approval. Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Stewart presented introduced Randy Nobles as Volunteer Fire Fighter of the Year and presented him with a plaque.

Mayor Stewart presented the flag representing the 200th year celebration Mobile County. The flag was presented to the City by the Mobile County Bicentennial Celebration Committee. Mayor Stewart stated that he attended the kick off for a yearlong celebration which will include many activities throughout 2012.

Mayor Stewart stated at the last meeting, the council was questioned about the unpaved portion of Old Highway 43 south of Pennsylvania Station. Mayor Stewart explained that the county paved the portion of Old Highway 43 which lies within the county limits and left the portion of the Old Highway 43 which is in the city. He stated that he was able to speak with County Commissioner Ludgood regarding this matter and she stated that she would put that unpaved portion on the next Pay-As-You-Go Program.

Mayor Stewart stated that at the suggestion of Councilmember Monk, the city will start recognizing citizens, who are brought to their attention, that are celebrating their 90th or above birthday. He stated that since this is a new program, if someone who celebrated their 90th in the past, then the council would recognize them at their next birthday. He then read a proclamation recognizing Ms. Noreen Roberts who will be celebrating her 90th birthday on December 30th.

Mayor Stewart stated that this could be the last Christmas that this group would celebrate together because of the 2012 election. He then asked each councilmember to share their Christmas thoughts.

Mayor Stewart stated that during the meeting to follow, Council will introduce seven (7) ordinances representing the petition from seven landowners to annex into the city. He stated these citizens have been receiving some service; however annexing will bring about more services and the inclusion in the new school system.

VISITORS

Mayor Stewart presented the Key Kids with their certificates, pins and a small gift from him.

Council recessed at 7:43.
Council reconvened at 8:03.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Mayor's Report (continued)

Mayor Stewart reported that he has received a request from the Lions Club of Satsuma for a set of flags to be placed at the community center similar to the ones at City Hall. Councilmember Williams made a motion to purchase a set of flags like the ones at City Hall for the Community Center. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Parks and Recreation:

In the absence of Councilmember Jackson, Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to purchase an ad in the Satsuma Lady Gators Media Guide for an amount not to exceed \$250.00. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Administration and Finance:

1. *Payment of the Bills presented.*

Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Monk expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the families of Martha Bretzman Touchstone, (the mother of former councilmember Candy Painter) and Mrs. Sells. .

Public Safety:

1. *Ratify the resignation of Officer Jonathan Forister effective December 16, 2011.*

Councilmember Williams made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Jonathan Forister in good standing. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

2. *Request for a list from the Personnel Board for Police Officer I.*

Councilmember Williams made a motion to call for a list for Police Officer I to replace Officer Forister. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

- 3. Approval for Chief McLean to attend the Alabama Chief's Associations Conference in Huntsville, Al on January 30-February 2 and usage of the city credit card for expenditures in the approximate amount of \$650.00*

Councilmember Williams stated that this is one of two conferences per year that are a part of the educational requirement for the Chief. With that he made a motion to approve the expenditure and use of the credit card with a verification of receipts upon return. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

- 4. Ratify the transmission repairs to Engine 4 to All/Trans for \$6800.00*

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve the repairs in the amount of \$6800.00. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams stated that the fire department currently has to use the fire truck to make all medical calls, however soon the department will be given the SUV from the police department and it will be converted to a rescue vehicle and thus saving the wear and tear on the fire trucks.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve to pay the \$100 dues for Chief McLean to the Alabama Chief's Association. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to pay the tuition to send Fire Fighter Thomas McDuffie to EMT school at Faulkner State in the amount of \$1360.00. Councilmember Williams stated that Mr. McDuffie would go on his off days. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black made a motion to promote Anthony Adams from laborer to PSWI. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Introduction of Ordinance 483- Annexing property pursuant to petition filed by Jimmy Drakes.*

Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to introduce Ordinance 483. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

- 2. Introduction of Ordinance 484- Annexing property pursuant to petition filed by Lanoah D. Whisenhunt.*

Councilmember Pratt made a motion to introduce Ordinance 484.
Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

3. *Introduction of Ordinance 485- Annexing property pursuant to petition filed by Elizabeth and Cleophus Smith*

Councilmember Williams made a motion to introduce Ordinance 485.
Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

4. *Introduction of Ordinance 486- Annexing property pursuant to petition filed by Aaron and Felisha Baxter*

Councilmember Black made a motion to introduce Ordinance 486.
Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

5. *Introduction of Ordinance 487- Annexing property pursuant to petition filed by Alvin Moore*

Councilmember O’Gwynn made a motion to introduce Ordinance 487.
Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

6. *Introduction of Ordinance 488- Annexing property pursuant to petition filed by Bernice Whisenhunt.*

Councilmember Pratt made a motion to introduce Ordinance 488.
Councilmember Black 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 8:18 P.M.

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

absent
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