

MINUTES
December 6, 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 6th 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 Williams gave the invocation.

Boy Scouts of Pack 32 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

Also present were Jay Minus, City Attorney; Vicki Miller, City Clerk; Tom Briand, Inspector; Chief Chris McLean of the Police Department, Chief Clyde Miller of the Fire Department, and Edith Butler, Community Center Coordinator. Mayor Stewart stated a quorum was present and opened the meeting.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting on November 15, 2011 for approval. Councilmember Monk made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

1. *Boy Scouts of Pack 32*- Mayor Stewart introduced the 4 young men from Pack 32 and explained that their purpose for attending the meeting was to meet a citizenship requirement. He then explained the levels of government and presented each with a city pin.
2. Two residents from the Woodard/Knight Drive area came before Council to complain about the remaining dirt portion of Old Highway 43. Both stated that they did not understand why only a portion of the section of Old Highway 43 was paved and not the whole area. One of the residents proceeded to state that she had a paper showing that the city received 1M to pave the road. Mayor Stewart explained that the paved portion was done by Mobile County since that portion of the road lies within the county and the city did not have any say in the paving project and the city certainly did not receive 1M for any paving project. He suggested that they contact Commissioners Merceria Ludgood about the project. He also requested that they call and set up a meeting to meet with him, any council member, or the city attorney to clarify the issue.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stewart asked Chief Miller to give a report on the Christmas Parade. Chief Miller stated that the parade was a success and that each year it continues to grow. He stated that all went well and that the proceeds from the fees collected will go toward purchasing items for children in our area through the Angel Tree Program.

Mayor Stewart asked Chief McLean to comment on his warrant program. Chief McLean stated that since he has three officers on a shift, he is using one to serve warrants. He stated that to date 47 warrants were executed with 22 arrests. Chief McLean also reported that the police department will be doing a Holiday patrol during the holidays with the officers doing a walkthrough of the local businesses.

Mayor Stewart reminded everyone of the tree lighting on Monday, December 12th at Baldwin Square.

Parks and Recreation: No Business

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 family of Henry Hollinghead.

Councilmember Monk stated that the city has received a request for a refund on garbage fee at 5301 Catherine Drive due to the house being vacant. After discussing the issue, Councilmember Monk made a motion to refund an amount of \$148.00. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Safety:

1. *Accept resignation of Officer Steve McCulland effective December 3, 2011.*

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

2. *Ratify the hiring of Jovan White for the Jailer/Dispatcher position (pending drug screen and physical.*

Councilmember Williams made a motion to hire Jovan White as Jailer/Dispatcher. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

3. *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 McCulland. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Fire: 60 Calls- 54 Medical and 6 fire giving the department a total of 620 year to date with an average response time of 5.1 minutes.

Police: 2709 assignments with 279 cases.

Councilmember Williams asked everyone to be in prayer for the wife of Firefighter/Driver Jarvis Law as she is preparing to have brain surgery.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black thanked all the employees and volunteers for their extra work done during the holidays.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

None

Adjournment

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

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

absent
Councilmember Billy Jackson

/s/ Pam O'Gwynn
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/s/ Pratt Monk
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/s/ Tom Williams
Councilmember Tom Williams

/s/ Bill Black
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ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk