

MINUTES

February 15, 2011
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 City Hall in said city at 7:00 p.m. on the 15th day of February, 2011.

Mayor Stewart gave the invocation.

Councilmember Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Stewart stated that before the Council begins with their regular order of business, he wanted to remind everyone of the school tax vote on March 22. He stated that without the renewal of the taxes, the school system could be forced to eliminate an entire grade of teachers. He stated that it is important to vote. He also stated that the city will soon have community meetings on the vote to increase the ad valorem tax for Satsuma residents for Satsuma to create an independent school system.

On roll call the following answered present:

Mayor	William F. Stewart, III
Council Members	Billy Jackson
	Pratt Monk
	Tom Williams
	Bill Black

Absent: Pamela O'Gwynn

Mayor Stewart explained that Councilmember O'Gwynn was absent due to work schedule.

Also present were Jay Minus, City Attorney; Vicki Miller, City Clerk; Tom Briand, Inspector; James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor; and Lt. Jana Dukes of the

Police Department. Mayor Stewart stated a quorum was present and opened the meeting.

Council met in a pre-council meeting at 6:00 P.M. Council went into executive session from 6:05 to discuss the good name and character of an employee. Council reconvened at 6:24 and Mayor Stewart discussed with Council agenda items.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting on February 1, 2011 for approval. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

On Agenda

1. Jack Presnall- requesting the addition of Corporal Whitehead to the Veterans Memorial.

Mr. Presnall came before Council and explained that Corporal Whitehead is the young man who recently lost his life in Afghanistan while fighting for his country. Mr. Presnall stated Corporal Joe Whitehead was not a citizen of Satsuma but he graduated from Satsuma High School and the monument was built to recognize those that lost their lives in the line of duty. Councilmember Williams made a motion to expend the funds to add Corporal Joe Whitehead's name to the Satsuma Veterans Memorial. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams stated that the Upper Delta Gobbler Chapter will have an auction during their annual meeting at Steele Creek. He stated that the auction will feature 12 custom box calls which will be in memory of Corporal Whitehead. He stated that the 13th call will be presented to Corporal Whitehead's mother.

2. Key Kids- Mayor Stewart presented city pins and certificates to the students of Robert E. Lee who were selected by their teachers as key students for the month.

Council recessed at 7:30 to allow the students and parents to leave. Council reconvened at 7:35.

3. Stacy McKean- Not present

Mayor Stewart stated that Ms. McKean has asked to be on the agenda to discuss an upcoming grant from ADCNR (Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources).

4. G.R. Moody residing at 121 E. Orange Avenue.-

Mr. Moody came before Council to see if a decision was made about the vacation of the right of way behind his property (Lots 6 and 7, Block 29). Jay Minus told Mr. Moody that he has two options 1) He could purchase the right of way once the city deemed the property not needed for public use for fair market value. 2) The right of way could be vacated in which case he would receive $\frac{1}{2}$ of the right of way and the adjoining property owner would receive the other $\frac{1}{2}$ and this would not be a cost. Mr. Moody stated that he would be interested in purchasing the property. Mr. Minus told Mr. Moody that he would need to get with a real estate agent and come up with the fair market value and then present an offer to the City.

5. Paul Murray representing the SCDO.

Mr. Murray came before Council as President of the SCDO and presented Council with a drawing which shows the completion of the sidewalk at Baldwin Square. Mayor Stewart stated that he told Mr. Murray that Baldwin Square is a focal point of the city and suggested that Mr. Murray come before Council and present a plan for the completion of the sidewalk. Mayor Stewart stated that the sidewalks have been completed thus far by selling engraved plaques which are placed in the sidewalk. He suggested that the city fund the completion of the sidewalk and use fillers for the plaques. He said the SCDO could continue to sell the plaques as a fund raiser. Mayor Stewart stated that he thought the funds could come from the 7 cent account. With no further discussion, Councilmember Monk made a motion to expense the funds to complete the sidewalk at Baldwin Square. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor Stewart stated that he has a request from Call News for the city to purchase ad in their special community spotlight edition.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to purchase a $\frac{1}{4}$ page ad for \$199.00 in the community spotlight edition. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Mayor Stewart reported that he has requested James Elmore to compile a list of roads that can be paved without engineering. He stated this would give the council a system to prioritize the road paving.

3. Mayor Stewart stated that there are two vacant positions on the Planning Board and as Mayor he is the appointing authority. He stated that he has chosen Emily Keeney and Jason Skelton as the two new members.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation:

1. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to renew the advertising sign for the Satsuma Lady Gators at a cost of \$100.00. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to expense an amount not to exceed \$5000.00 for the furnishing at the community center to include desk, chairs, and other needed items. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Administration and Finance:

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Stewart stated that due to the market changes the council has been looking at doing a bond issue to change the current bond from a variable rate to a fixed rate. He requested that the finance committee get in touch with the interested investment bankers and set a deadline date to make to receive presentations.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Monk expressed condolences to the families of Mary Malberg and H.M. "Shin" Adams. Councilmember Williams stated that Jerry Komenak, who did a lot of business in the city, recently passed and he wanted to send condolences to his family.

Councilmember Monk made a motion to discontinue the garbage service at 6221 Laurelwood Drive since the house is vacant and for sale. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk reported that Jay Minus has been asked to look at the inconsistencies in the amount paid by residents and commercial accounts for the monthly garbage fee.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Williams read the letter of resignation from Officer Timothy Byrd and then made a motion to accept the resignation in good standing. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to appoint Charles Moyer as Fire Fighter Supernumerary. He explained that the supernumerary position is an as needed position with no benefits. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to call for a Police Officer I list due the resignation of Timothy Byrd. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams discussed with council about the request from the police department to purchase two transfer GPS Systems. He stated the system is web based tracking system and is updated every 10 seconds. He stated the cost is \$899.00 each. With no further discussion, Councilmember Williams made a motion to purchase two GPS units for a total of \$1800.00 to be paid out of the court account. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that Josh Yeend has tendered his resignation and then made a motion to accept the resignation in good standing. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black reported that James Elmore has received proposals to resurface the end of Baker Road, approximately 500 feet. He stated after reviewing the proposals, he would like to made a motion to accept the proposal from HCL Contracting for \$13,000 to mill, level and resurface approximately 500 feet at the end of Baker Road. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black reported that James Elmore has set up a demonstration of a stripping machine on March 8.

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 8:30 P.M.

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

/s/ Billy Jackson
Councilmember Billy Jackson

absent
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