

MINUTES

March 1, 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 1st day of March, 2011.

Councilmember Monk gave the invocation.

Mayor Stewart 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 Bradley Sanders sitting in for 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. 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. G.R. Moody residing at 121 E. Orange Avenue-

Mr. Moody came before Council stating that at the last meeting he was told to get with a real estate agent and come up with the fair market value for the right of way and then present an offer to the City. He stated that he got with Larry Hartley, a local real estate agent familiar with this area. After meeting with Mr. Hartley, he has decided that he is not interested in purchasing the right of way and does not want the property any longer.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor Stewart stated that the city auditor has completed the FY2010 audit and is requesting to meet with council. He stated that he would like to delay setting the meeting until the next meeting in March.

2. Mayor Stewart reported that each year the Alabama League of Municipalities host a convention in different cities. This year the convention is in Huntsville being April 30 through May 3. He stated that May 3rd is a council meeting night; however the convention is beneficial to the city in that the council has an opportunity to network and attend informative seminars. After discussing the matter in pre-council, Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to move the May 3rd meeting to May 10th due to the fact that council will be at the convention in Huntsville. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Mayor Stewart reported that due to the new ethics law, the council and other employees of the city are required to view a 55 minute video explaining the new law. He stated that during the pre-council, council agreed to change pre-council to 5:00 instead of 6:00 to view the video.

4. Mayor Stewart reported that he has spoke with Vince Calmetti with the Alabama Department of Transportation and he has stated that In April, ALDOT will begin the project of resurfacing I-65 from Highway 45 to Highway 225. He stated that they are also going to put the cable rail in the median which will hopefully deter someone from crossing over in the other lane. Mayor Stewart stated that ALDO will also be holding public hearings about making some changes to the Exit 19 interchange. The dates and times will be listed in newspaper.

5. Mayor Stewart reported that the city will begin holding public hearings on the upcoming election to increase the ad valorem tax to create an independent school

system. He stated that the meetings will be March 14 at 10:00 A.M., March 21 at 6:30 P.M. and March 28 at 6:30 P.M. at city hall.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation:

Councilmember Jackson stated that he had no business to discuss.

Administration and Finance:

Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to pay the bills with the correction of moving the Bay Fire expense of \$8574.50 to the fire department instead of police. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Monk made a motion to discontinue the garbage service at 6 Bayou Avenue West, Lot 17 since there is currently not a house at that location. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk discussed that there is a problem with the amount of debris that has been collected over the years (approximately two acres) at the trash ramp and that Mr. Elmore has gotten a quote from a local contractor to push the debris back from the road to make more room. Councilmember Monk stated that the contractor is RSI and he has given the city of price of \$125.00 an hour and a mobilization fee of \$600.00. Councilmember Monk stated, after talking with Mr. Elmore, he thought the best way to handle this was to limit the number of days to three (3) and review the situation at that time to see if more time was needed. He then made a motion to authorize the mayor to negotiate with the contractor for price not to exceed \$3600 and sign any necessary paperwork. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk stated that since the city has been handling the garbage, James Elmore has found where there is some inconsistency in what was being charged the small companies. He stated that since they are getting the same service as the residences and using the same size containers, he would like to recommend changing their fee to the same as the residents are paying. Councilmember Monk made a motion to change the fee to \$18.50 for all those customers using the 96 gallon container. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Williams reported that the FATS training went well giving the officers, not only from our city but other areas, training with judgment and firing accuracy.

Councilmember Williams reported that Linda Henry completed the jailer/dispatcher course and is now certificated.

Councilmember Williams reported that the fire department made 63 calls for the month with 11 fire calls and the remainder being medical. He stated that the department did a control burn of two houses on Orange Avenue and several departments joined in the exercise.

Councilmember Williams stated that in pre-council he discussed the request from Fire Chief Miller to purchase six (6) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) as replacements for some of the ones that are out dated and not working properly. He stated that the goal is to replace all twelve. He stated the price is \$4500.00 each and the financing could be through the dealer or use the line of credit with the payment to be made from the \$1 month account. With no further discussions, Councilmember Williams made a motion to purchase six (6) SCBA's, finance the cost of \$27,000 and make the payments out of the \$1 month account. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to call for the fire fighter supernumerary list for the 2nd position. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that the uniform company that the public works is currently using has not been giving adequate service and is recommending changing to a new company. He stated that the new company will be a slight increase in cost, but the service should be better. Councilmember Black stated that he would like to turn this matter over to the attorney to see if there is a problem with the contract.

Councilmember Black reminded everyone that stripping machine will be here on demo March 8th at 9:30 if anyone is interested in seeing the machine.

Councilmember Black reported that James Elmore has given everyone a list of streets that are in need of paving or resurfacing as requested at the last meeting.

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 7:40 P.M.

/s/ William F. Stewart
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