

## MINUTES

April 5, 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 5th day of April, 2011.

Councilmember Black gave the invocation.

Councilmember Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call the following answered present:

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

Absent: Billy Jackson

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 for pre-council at 6:00 P.M. and Mayor Stewart discussed with Council agenda items.

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

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the workshop session on March 22, 2011. Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

## VISITORS

1. Carl Gay representing Dollar General – requesting off premise beer and wine license.

Mr. Gay came before Council to receive any question regarding the request from Dollar General to obtain an off premise beer and wine license.

Mayor Stewart stated that Dollar General has completed the necessary paperwork with the ABC Board and needs a letter of approval from the City.

Jay Minus stated that the regulations regarding off premise beer and wine license are governed by the State and as long as the property is zoned properly and complies with any city ordinances, then the city can agree to move forward.

Mayor Stewart stated that the city will move forward with the request and sign the necessary paperwork.

2. Cindy Odom representing a bowling league for special needs persons

Ms. Odom came before Council to request usage of the lodge for a banquet for the CUBB organization. She stated that CUBB is a Special Olympic bowling league with about 45 members and they collect just enough money to purchase trophies for the athletes only. All of the food for the banquet is donated as well as a DJ. When asked when the event would occur, she stated that they could plan for any day of the week; however she was looking specifically at May 12, 2011 if available. Councilmember Williams explained that if council approved to waive the fee, the group would still be responsible for the clean up fee of \$100.00. After checking the appointment book, May 12<sup>th</sup> was already taken so they agreed to go with May 10. Councilmember Williams made a motion to exempt the group for the lodge rental fee for the event to be held on May 10, 2011. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Terry Gray 508 Regina Drive- complaint about 4 wheelers and dirt bikes.

Mr. Gray came before Council to complain about the 4 wheelers and dirt bikes on I-65 Service Road. He stated that the problem is escalating and that something needs to be done. He requested that council at least put up signs prohibiting the usage of 4 wheelers on the service road. Lt. Dukes stated that dirt bikes are legal if they comply with the law. Mr. Gray also asked if the council knew when the road would be paved. He stated that after the road is graded, the 4 wheelers are

coming through and tearing the road back up. Mayor Stewart stated that currently there are not enough funds to complete such a large project. Councilmember Black asked James Elmore if he could put more slag on the road to help.

4. Geraldine Maddox came before Council to present the Mayor with an American flag from the Woodman of the World in Saraland and an Alabama State Flag from Representative Randy Davis.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Mayor Stewart stated that he would like the Council to give him authorization to contact the railroad company and begin negotiations to close the railroad crossing at Baldwin Street in exchange for crossing arms at Bayou. Council agreed. Mayor Stewart stated that he would also like to get with the police department and look at reworking the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> and Old Highway 43 at Bayou Avenue.

2. Mayor Stewart reminded everyone of the public hearing on April 12, 2011 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Creola being held by ALDOT for public comments on the improvements at the I-65/ Highway 43 exchange.

### **REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES**

**Parks and Recreation:** No Business to Discuss

**Administration and Finance:**

Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to pay the bills as presented. She commented that in the bills is a payment to Peavy Construction in the amount of \$93,703.97 for payment on the sidewalk. She stated that this is a grant and 80% of the payment will be reimbursed to the city. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

**Municipal Services:**

Councilmember Monk expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the families in the deaths of Satsuma residents Cameron Thompson, Joey Simison, Phil Parham and Lillie Lomax

Councilmember Monk reported that there is a need for a high pressure air compressor to be used for the garbage trucks. He stated that James Elmore has gotten a price of \$1399.00 for an Ingersoll Rand 175 PSI Air Compressor. He then made a motion to purchase the air compressor for the price of \$1399.00. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Monk read two letters one from Ron Verkouille and one from Ms. Haupt commending the garbage service and the public works department for the great job they are doing.

**Public Safety:**

Councilmember Williams introduced the new police officer, Wayne Washington.

Councilmember Williams reported that Chief Miller is working with Homeland Security to apply for a Port Security grant through the Department of Homeland Security and there is a meeting set for Thursday to get all the details. He stated that the match will be 25%.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to appoint Bobby Holifield, Glynn Hurst and Jarvis Law as Fire Fighter Drivers effective April 9, 2011. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve sending Officers Mike Smith and Doug Walley to A.P.O.S.T. sponsored class for Constitutional Law Updates to be held at Five Rivers Delta Resource Center at \$25.00 each on April 14, 2011. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams stated that in pre-council he discussed the fire department's request to purchase a 2008 Lowe 18' Roughneck boat to allow the fire department to move forward with the Volunteer Flotilla and allow for rescues in shallow waters. He stated that the boat is a repo and would cost \$5000. He then made a motion to purchase a 2008 Lowe 18' Roughneck boat for \$5000 to be paid out of the volunteer account. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve the city to enter into a contract with Mobile County for use of the emergency telephone notification system for emergency calls only. He stated that is no cost to the city. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams gave the fire and police monthly reports:

Fire: 68 calls, 15 fire and the remaining EMS/Medical with an average response time of 4.5 minutes. Total YTD is 181 calls.

Police: 1850 Assignments with 200 cases. Mr. Williams commented that all assignments have to have a police response.

Councilmember Williams reported that at a previous meeting, the city approved financing two police cruisers with Regions Bank, however one car arrived and the other will not arrive until the end of the month. He stated that to keep the financing on both vehicles that the city elected to pay for the first car and wait until the arrival of the second vehicle to complete the financing for both.

**Public Works:**

Councilmember Black reported that in pre-council they discussed the pickup truck that Satsuma Water and Sewer has deemed surplus and is selling for \$1800.00. He stated that James Elmore has a need for the truck and would like for the city to purchase it for his department. With no further discussion, Councilmember Black made motion to suspend the rules and approve Resolution 2011-04-03 a resolution to purchase the 2001 pickup from Satsuma Water and Sewer Board for \$1800.00. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and on roll call the following answered:

Councilmember O’Gwynn	yes
Councilmember Monk	yes
Councilmember Williams	yes
Councilmember Black	yes
Mayor Stewart	yes

Councilmember Black made a motion to adopt Resolution 2004-04-03. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

**RESOLUTION 2011-04-03**

**A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE ONE USED 2001 CHEVROLET C10 PICKUP TRUCK FROM SATSUMA WATER AND SEWER BOARD.**

**WHEREAS, the City has a need for one used (1) truck to put in the public works fleet to replace and older existing truck which is deemed too costly to repair; and**

**WHEREAS, Satsuma Water and Sewer Board has deemed the truck as surplus and has offered to sell the truck to the city for \$1800.00; and**

**WHEREAS, the public works committee has discussed the purchase, inspected the truck and recommends purchasing the truck from the Satsuma Water and Sewer Board.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. The City agrees to purchase the used 2001 Chevrolet C10 truck for a total sum of \$1800.00**
- 2. This Resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 5th day of April 2011.**

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

**ATTEST:**

**/s/ Vicki Miller**  
**Vicki Miller, City Clerk**

Councilmember Black reported that James Elmore has requested the city change to Cintas to provide uniforms for the public works department. Mr. Elmore has stated that the service from the previous contractor was unsatisfactory. The new company, Cintas, will be slightly higher; however the service will be better. He then made a motion to authorize the mayor to execute the contract from Cintas upon approval by the city attorney. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black reported that he, James Elmore and several of the public works employees will be attending the Alabama Pipeline Awareness dinner on April 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Due to the number of people attending, Councilmember Black requested use of the van. With no comments, he then made a motion to use the city van to attend the dinner. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

### **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Resolution 2011-04-01- A Resolution to purchase six (6) self contained breaths apparatus (SCBA) and finance through Regions Bank.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to suspend the rules and put up Resolution 2011-04-01 up for immediate adoption. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and on roll call the following answered:

Councilmember O’Gwynn	yes
Councilmember Monk	yes
Councilmember Williams	yes
Councilmember Black	yes
Mayor Stewart	yes

Mayor Stewart declared the resolution passed unanimously.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-04-01. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried with Councilmember O’Gwynn abstaining.

#### **RESOLUTION 2011-04-01**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE SIX (6) SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS.**

**WHEREAS, the City has a need to purchase six (6) new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) to replace used and outdated models, and;**

**WHEREAS, the City has determined that the MSA Firehawk is the model that is best suited for the fire department and the Fire Department obtained bids from Lab Safety Supply and Sunbelt Fire, the only known supplies for this equipment; and**

**WHEREAS, the council has reviewed the proposals and determined that Sunbelt Fire is the lowest responsible bidder.**

**WHEREAS, recommends purchasing six (6) MSA Firehawk breathing apparatus from Sunbelt Fire at a total cost of \$27,432.00.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

- 3. **The City agrees to purchase the six (6) MSA SCBAs for a total sum of \$27,432.00, provided acceptable short term financing is obtained.**
- 4. **The City agrees to finance the six (6) apparatus through Regions Bank for a period of (3) three years.**
- 5. **This Resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 5th day of April, 2011.**

/s/ William F. Stewart, III  
William F. Stewart, III ATTEST:

/s/ Vicki Miller  
Vicki Miller, City Clerk

Jay Minus stated that he needed to speak with Council in an executed session to discuss a pending legal matter. Councilmember Williams made a motion to go into executive session for approximately 10 minutes. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Council went into executive session at 8:00 p.m.  
Council reconvened at 8:10.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Monk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 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/ City Clerk  
City Clerk