

MINUTES

September 20, 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 20th day of September, 2011.

Councilmember Williams gave the invocation.

Councilmember Monk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present:

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

Also present were Jay Minus, City Attorney; Vicki Miller, City Clerk; Tom Briand, Inspector; James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor; Chief Chris McLean of the Police Department and Chief Miller of the Fire Department . Mayor Stewart stated a quorum was present and opened the meeting.

Council met in a pre-council meeting at 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. to discuss agenda items.

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

VISITORS

1. Barry Scarborough- problem with speeders on Darring Street

Mr. Scarborough came before Council to complain about the problems of cars racing between Orange and Maple. He asked if a speed bump could be put in to slow the traffic. Mayor Stewart asked Chief McLean to put a closer patrol on the street. Chief McLean stated that he received the complaint and already has increased the patrol in that area. Mayor Stewart asked Mr. Scarborough to see if the increased patrol would stop the problem before considering any speed bumps.

2. Ron Mitchell-representing Satsuma Lions Club

Mr. Mitchell reported on the first membership meeting to establish a Satsuma Lions Club. He stated that after the meeting there were 10 interested persons who signed up. He stated that he has many others which have not completed the paperwork. He reported that the next meeting will be Thursday, September 22 at 6:00 at the Satsuma Community Shelter. He stated that once he received applications for 20 members the charter can be sent off.

3. Mayor Stewart acknowledged Linda Robbins, President, and Jimmy Upton, Treasurer, of the Satsuma Board of Education.

Mayor Stewart stated that recently the Mobile County School Board issued a press release offering the cities of Satsuma and Chickasaw concessions if they remained in the Mobile County School System. Mayor Stewart stated that the citizens of Satsuma voted to increase their ad valorem taxes in order to fund a new city school system and that this council was unified with the school board to move forward with the separation. With that Councilmember Williams made a motion to continue support of the Satsuma Board of Education in their continuous negotiations to separate from the Mobile County School System and create our own school system. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stewart stated that the Council was provided a holiday and council meeting schedule for the FY2012. Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to adopt the holiday and meeting schedule with a note that the meeting on February 21 is moved to February 28 due to the Mardi Gras holiday. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Stewart stated that at the last meeting the FY2012 budget was introduced. He asked if there were not any further discussions, then a motion was needed to adopt the budget as presented. Councilmember Monk made a motion to adopt the FY2012 budget as presented. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

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 as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Monk expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the family of James Henderson, Jr.

Councilmember Monk read a letter of thank you to Bridgett Nolan and Michele Grenier from Mr. Harrell of 166 East Pine.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Williams stated that he usually reports on the school board meetings, however since Mrs. Robbins is present, he would refer to her to give a report.

Mrs. Robbins first thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. Secondly, she stated that a first meeting is set with Dr. Nichols, Superintendent of the Mobile County School System, for Thursday, September 22nd at 9:00 A.M. Ms. Robbins stated that for the record the board members did not receive any communications from the Mobile County Public School System regarding any concessions and that this board is committed to honoring what the citizens of Satsuma have said they want.

Mrs. Robbins reported that the board approved the hiring of Charles Wilcox as the financial consultant. She stated that the school web page, which will be a instrument for the citizens to receive information and ask questions, will be operational by the end of the week. Lastly, Mrs. Robbins reminded everyone that once the negotiations begin, no discussions can be made public until the end of the negotiations.

Councilmember Williams reported that that the Satsuma Police Department is working with the Mobile County Sheriff's Department in a new program called "the Yellow Dot Program". He stated that this program is where citizens can sign up to

have a yellow dot placed in the rear windshield which indicates that important information is located in their glove compartment. This information could be vital to first responders if an accident renders the owner of the vehicle incapable of communicating. Councilmember Williams reported that this program was introduced today at the community center with the Senior Citizens. Councilmember Williams stated that the program is open to all citizens and information can be obtained from the police and fire departments.

Councilmember Williams reported that the fire department received \$13,178.00 in grant funds from Mobile County and the Mobile County Association of Volunteer Fire Fighters.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve sending Officer Andy Lee to a drug interdiction class sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security on September 26-28 at the Summerdale Police Department. He stated that there is no cost for the class. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams reported that a meeting was held at city hall with the residents of Williams Street concerning their interest in annexing into the city. He stated that the city applied for CDBG funds in the amount of \$271,000 to provide water and sewer to these residents. He stated that the city has received notification of an approval of \$200,000 and that the city will work to make up the difference with in-kind services.

Councilmember Williams reported that the city partnered with the Boy Scout Troup 32 and held a 9-11 ceremony service. He stated that several ministers from the community came and participated in the ceremony.

Councilmember Williams reported that the police department has initiated a new program where officers work in conjunction with the elementary schools to promote safety. Chief McLean stated that the "Adopt A Cop" program will allow an officer, which the class has adopted, to go to the classroom and put on safety programs.

Councilmember Williams reported that he and Chief McLean met with Spencer Collier, Director of Alabama Department of Homeland Security, to discuss the possibility of the city getting homeland security grants, one which could possibly fund a new public safety building.

Councilmember Williams reported that he and Jack Presnall will be meeting to discuss the upcoming Veterans Day activities including the possibility of a parade.

Councilmember Williams thanked the police and fire department for their escort and presence at the funeral of James Henderson, Jr.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that several employees and council members will be attending the "Employee Appreciation Luncheon" at Atmore Prison on Thursday, September 22nd and also the "Call before you Dig" dinner and presentation that evening. They will be using the bus for both activities.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS**1. Ordinance 482- An Ordinance adopting a new comprehensive plan and a new zoning ordinance, and repealing the current Zoning Ordinance 303.**

Mayor Stewart stated that the ordinance was introduced at the last meeting. With no comment or questions, Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to adopt Ordinance 482. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Resolution 2011-09-01- A Resolution modifying the City's policy for reserves for financial statement reporting purposes.

Jay Minus reported that this resolution is just a reporting requirement that has been requested by the city auditor.

With no questions or comments, Councilmember Williams made a motion to suspend the rules and put Resolution 2011-09-01 up for immediate adoption. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and on roll call the following answered:

Councilmember Jackson	yes
Councilmember O'Gwynn	yes
Councilmember Monk	yes
Councilmember Williams	yes
Councilmember Black	yes
Mayor Stewart	yes

Mayor Stewart declared the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-09-01. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Workshop meeting

Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to have a workshop session on October 4, 2011 at 5:00 to discuss grant and other city business. Councilmember Jackson 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 7:50 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