

MINUTES

August 2, 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 2nd day of August, 2011.

Reverend Steve Norman gave the invocation.

Councilmember Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present:

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

Absent: Pamela O'Gwynn

Also present were Robert Matthews, Esq. 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 workshop session at 5:00 P.M. prior to the meeting and began discussion on the FY2012 Budget.

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

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting on July 19, 2011 for approval. Councilmember Monk made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the workshop session on July 27, 2011 for approval. Councilmember Monk made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

1. Michael Lampert came before Council to complain about his neighbors tree. He stated that the branches are hanging too low for him to put his trailer in his backyard. Robert Matthews stated to Mr. Lampert that this is a private matter with his neighbor and that neither he nor the council could offer any legal advice.

2. Lamar Lucas came before Council to complain about an issue with his neighbor and an offensive picture that is on a fence which divides the properties. Mayor Stewart recommended that Mr. Lucas call the police department and make a complaint.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stewart asked Tom Briand to give a progress report on the private driveway issue with Knight and Woodard. Mr. Briand stated that he has spoken with the owner of the property in which these two drives cross. The property owners are ready to work with the city to resolve the matter by dedicating a 50' right of way to the city for ingress and egress for the residents. Mr. Briand stated that there could still be an issue on how to get ingress and egress to all the residents who currently use Knight and Woodard drives and he is waiting to waiting to hear back from them to see if they are in agreement with the proposal.

Mayor Stewart reported that Lily Roberts, a five year old attending Satsuma First Baptist day care, was injured by a limb which fell from a tree at the day care. She was taken by lifeflight to an area hospital and is in stable condition.

Parks and Recreation:

No business to discuss

Administration and Finance:

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

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Monk read letters of accommodations from Beverly Zigler thanking the city for the cleanliness of the city since it began handling the garbage service and from Carmen Christian giving thanks to the sanitation department workers for going above and beyond their duties in helping her with a garbage situation.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Williams reported that the fire department received a letter from Governor Robert Bentley thanking the volunteers for their services and enclosing a check for \$1307.00 from the Forestry Department.

Councilmember Williams gave the monthly reports as follows:

Fire:	57 Calls- 14 fire related and 43 EMS with an average response time of 4.1 minutes
Police:	1658 Assignments with 150 cases

Councilmember Williams made a motion to send Sgt. Sellers and Cpl. Forister to Narcotics Investigation School on August 15-18 in Robertsdale. He stated there is no cost for the school and the officers will drive back and forth each day. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams read the resignation letter from David Benefield and then made a motion to accept the resignation in good standing effective August 5, 2011. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried. Councilmember Williams thanked Chief Benefield for his service to the city and stated that an appreciation reception will be held following the meeting in the Library.

Councilmember Williams read the resignation letter from Officer Timothy Williams and then made a motion to accept the resignation in good standing effective August 12, 2011. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve sending Officers DuJuan Washington, Doug Walley and Sgt. Richard Dix to e-cite training in Tuscaloosa, AL on August 4, 2011 and giving an advance of \$150.00 to cover meals and fuel. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve sending Officers Randall Champion and Wayne Washington to e-cite training in Tuscaloosa, AL on August

11, 2011 and give an advance of \$100.00 to cover meals and fuel. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve sending Lt. Jana Dukes to Agency Information Security Officer training in Montgomery at the A.C.J.I.C. office on August 9, 2011 for a three hour class. He stated that there is not cost for the training. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams reported that the fire department held table top hazard incident training and then asked Chief Miller to report on the training. Chief Miller stated that due to the increase in train traffic and the potential for more traffic, the fire department held a table top drill to simulate a train derailment and the actions that would need to occur. He stated that Mobile County EMA has a notifying system which can give notice to all the residents or pick certain areas. In case of a train derailment with hazardous material, all residents can be notified within three minutes. He stated that the residents will be advised to do a "shelter in place" which means to shut all windows, doors and shut off air conditioning and remain indoors. Mayor Stewart recommended that Chief Miller work to inform all residents so that everyone can be prepared.

Councilmember Williams reported that previously council was given a presentation from the Boy Scouts about an explorer program for the fire department. He stated that the fire department has planned a visit to the high school on August 25th to distribute brochures and will have an open house on August 30 for parents and potential explorers.

Councilmember Williams reported that the fire department held a bucket drop on July 30th, which was previously approved, to raise funds for the water rescue team. He reported they raised \$2142.20 which will be used to purchase equipment.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black made a motion to promote Zachary Lynd to PSWI effective August 13, 2011. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Black reported that at the last meeting, council approved getting proposals to cut a tree on 1st Street between Bayou and Orange. He reported that Lunn's Tree Service gave the lowest proposal of \$600.00 and the job has been completed.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2011-07-03- A Resolution authorizing the usage of the additional proceeds remaining in the AmFund loan for capital improvements at Steele Creek Lodge and Park.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-07-03.
Councilmember Williams 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 7:47 P.M.

/s/ William F. Stewart, III
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
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/s/ Bill Black
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ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk