

Saraland City Council
Pre-Meeting
February 14, 2019

MINUTES

The members of the Saraland City Council met on February 14, 2019 at the Saraland Municipal Annex at 6:03 p.m., with Council President McDonald presiding.

Councilmembers Cromer, Hudson and Stanley were in attendance.

Councilmember Cromer opened the meeting with prayer.

Attorney Andy Rutens was present.

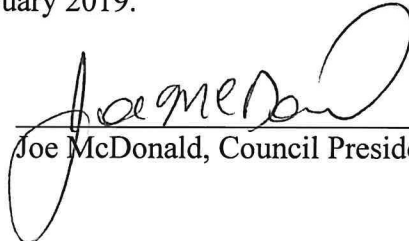
The Council discussed agenda items and general municipal business.

There being no further discussion the pre-meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 28th day of February 2019.



Christine Purvis, Office Assistant II



Joe McDonald, Council President

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on February 14, 2019 at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President McDonald. Roll call was as follows:

Present: Council President Joe McDonald
Councilmember Newton Cromer
Councilmember Veronica Hudson
Councilmember Paul Stanley
Absent: Councilmember Wayne Biggs

Attorney, Andy Rutens was present.

Councilmember Cromer opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to approve the minutes of the meetings of January 10, 21, 24 and February 11, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize Mayor Rubenstein to enter into a contract with Public Safety Director West. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Stanley to approve the following invoices.

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| 1. James Adams & Son, Sidewalks-James St. & First Avenue | \$49,592.45 |
| 2. R. Jeffrey Perloff – Statement through 1/31/19 | \$ 2,584.00 |

Motion carried.

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to authorize the transfer of Retail Beer & Table Wine Alcoholic Beverages (Off Premises Only) application filed by Surya Store LLC d/b/a SS Fastop located at 627 Shelton Beach Road. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to adopt a resolution to authorize grant application for CDBG program. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2044

WHEREAS, The Mobile County Commission is accepting applications from municipal governments who are part of the Mobile County Consortium for Program Year 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds made available through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, The City of Saraland has identified community development needs and determined that there is a need to construct Phase II of the newly built recreation center; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Mobile County Commission requesting One Million dollars (\$1,000,000) in PY2019 CDBG funds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the grant application documents to the Mobile County Commission.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 14th day of February 2019.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to adopt an emergency exception to the training policy as noted in the following motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for Jenny McFarland to attend HazMat Training Class, February 10-16, 2019 in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2045

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, that

WHEREAS, a cash advance for Jennifer McFarland to attend the HazMat Training, February 10-16, 2019 in Gulf Shores, AL; and

WHEREAS, a statement of said expenditures will be presented to the City Clerk immediately upon return, at which time all monies will be balanced.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of February 2019

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for four Fire Department

personnel to attend the Magic City Truck Company training class, February 25-March 1, 2019 n Orange Beach, Alabama. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2046

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, that

WHEREAS, a cash advance for four Fire Department personnel to attend the Magic City Truck Company training class, February 25-March 1, 2019 n Orange Beach, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, a statement of said expenditures will be presented to the City Clerk immediately upon return, at which time all monies will be balanced.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of February 2019

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Kenneth Mathews and Ron Hannah to attend the ROCIC Conference, March 3-6, 2019 in Miramar Beach, Florida (expenses from Drug Fund). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2047

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, that

WHEREAS, a cash advance for Kenneth Mathews and Ron Hannah to attend the ROCIC Conference, March 3-6, 2019 in Miramar Beach, FL; and

WHEREAS, a statement of said expenditures will be presented to the City Clerk immediately upon return, at which time all monies will be balanced.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of February 2019.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Bryan Mims to attend the Internal Affairs Investigations Conference, February 25-26, 2019 in Orange Beach, Alabama. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2048

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, that

WHEREAS, a cash advance for Bryan Mims to attend the Internal Affairs Investigations Conference, February 25-26, 2019 in Orange Beach, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, a statement of said expenditures will be presented to the City Clerk immediately upon return, at which time all monies will be balanced.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of February 2019

Motion was made by Councilmember Stanley, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Michael Black to attend State Electrical Certification training, March 10-12, 2019 in Orange Beach, Alabama. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2049

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, that

WHEREAS, a cash advance for Michael Black to attend State Electrical Certification training, March 10-12, 2019 in Orange Beach, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, a statement of said expenditures will be presented to the City Clerk immediately upon return, at which time all monies will be balanced.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of February 2019

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Logan Anderson to attend the Certified Alabama Planning & Zoning Official certification training, March 7-8, 2019 in Enterprise, Alabama and continuing education courses for this certification. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2050

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, that

WHEREAS, a cash advance for Logan Anderson to attend the Certified Alabama Planning & Zoning Official certification training, March 7-8, 2019 in Enterprise, Alabama and continuing education courses for this certification, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, a statement of said expenditures will be presented to the City Clerk immediately upon return, at which time all monies will be balanced.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of February 2019

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Judge Mark Erwin to

attend the Current Issues Involving Municipal Court Practice & Procedure seminar, March 1, 2019 in Hoover, Alabama. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2051

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, that

WHEREAS, a cash advance for Judge Mark Erwin to attend the Current Issues Involving Municipal Court Practice & Procedure seminar, March 1, 2019 in Hoover, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, a statement of said expenditures will be presented to the City Clerk immediately upon return, at which time all monies will be balanced.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of February 2019

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to adopt a resolution designating Mayor Rubenstein as the City's representative for the State Revolving Fund. Motion carried.

Resolution 2052

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MAYOR HOWARD RUBENSTEIN TO SERVE AS THE OFFICIAL CITY REPRESENTATIVE AS IT CONCERNS THE CITY APPLICATION FOR A STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have tasked the City Engineer to analyze various drainage structures within the City of Saraland to determine appropriate upgrades to assist in the safe and orderly movement of storm water drainage within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer in consultation with the Mayor and members of the City Council has determined that drainage projects to upgrade the storm water drainage conveyances within the City should occur at several locations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have tasked the City Engineer to develop plans for upgrades to the Craig Drive drainage system and the First Avenue drainage system, as well as drainage cleanouts of Norton Creek and Bayou Sara; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the cost of these drainage improvements will total approximately \$5,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it has been the determination of the Mayor and City Council that the best way to finance these storm water drainage upgrades is to apply to the State of Alabama for a State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$5,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is a requirement of the State Revolving Fund Program that the City appoint an official City representative; and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the City Council that Mayor Howard Rubenstein should serve as the official City representative on behalf of the City's application to the State Revolving Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama (the "City"), that Mayor Howard Rubenstein is appointed as the official City representative on behalf of the City's application to the State Revolving Fund for a loan for storm water drainage improvements.

ADOPTED this 14th day of February 2019.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to adopt a resolution stating approval to proceed with the State Revolving Fund application. Motion carried.

Resolution 2053

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING
MAYOR HOWARD RUBENSTEIN TO PROCEED
WITH AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA
FOR A STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000.00 TO PAY FOR
STORM WATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have undertaken an analysis of various storm water drainage areas within the City that have resulted in property damage during extreme rain events; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has also determined that a clearing of debris within Norton Creek and Bayou Sara will be helpful in the overall storm water drainage within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has received recommendations for drainage upgrades to the First Avenue drainage area, as well as the Craig Drive drainage area; and

WHEREAS, the estimates for these drainage improvements are approximately \$5,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the Saraland City Council that the appropriate way to finance these storm water drainage upgrades would be to apply to the State of Alabama for a State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$5,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to authorize the Mayor to proceed with the State Revolving Fund loan application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama (the "City"), that Mayor Howard Rubenstein is authorized to proceed and apply for a State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 to fund the storm water drainage projects provided for within this Resolution.

ADOPTED this 14th day of February 2019.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize purchase of computer for the City Planner for use with the GIS software not to exceed \$1,500.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to authorize purchase of equipment for the Police Department in the amount of \$6,800.00 to be paid from General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize purchase of equipment for the Police Department in the amount of \$3,000.00 to be paid from the Federal Drug Fund. Motion carried.


Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize Barry A. Vittor & Associates, Inc. to prepare the application for wetland permitting services for the Fort Kali Oka Road Improvement Project. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize updated appraisal of the K-Mart Plaza not to exceed \$5,300.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize the appointment of Mayor Rubenstein as 1st voting delegate and Councilmember Hudson as alternate voting delegate for the Annual Business Session of the Alabama League of Municipalities, May 4-7, 2019. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Hudson to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 28th day of February 2019.



Joe McDonald, Council President



Christine Purvis, Office Assistant II