

Saraland City Council
Pre-Meeting
March 14, 2019

MINUTES

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

Councilmembers Biggs, Cromer, Hudson and Stanley were in attendance.


Councilmember Biggs opened the meeting with prayer.

Attorney Andy Rutens was present.

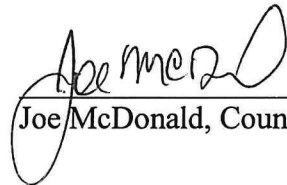
The Council discussed agenda items and general municipal business.

There being no further discussion the pre-meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 28th day of March, 2019.



Judi Smith, City Clerk



Joe McDonald, Council President

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on March 14, 2019 at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Council President McDonald. Roll call was as follows:

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

Attorney, Andy Rutens was present.

Councilmember Biggs opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to approve the minutes of the meetings of February 28, 2019. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to approve a resolution appointing Mayor Rubenstein to serve as the official city representative as it concerns the City application for a State Revolving Fund loan. Motion carried

RESOLUTION 2057

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 \$6,000,000.00; 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 \$6,000,000.00; 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 March, 2019.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, 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 \$6,000,000.00 to pay storm water drainage improvements. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2058

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 \$6,000,000.00 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 \$6,000,000.00; 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 \$6,000,000.00; 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 \$6,000,000.00 to fund the storm water drainage projects provided for within this Resolution.

ADOPTED this 14th day of March, 2019.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize repairs to a firetruck in the amount of \$4,685.27, to Emergency Equipment Professionals. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to authorize repairs to the generator muffler system, located behind the Public Safety Annex in an amount not to exceed \$3,900.00 for parts from Taylor Power. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize expenses for Chief James West to attend, the LEEDS FBI Academy, April 8-11, 2019 in Quantico, Virginia. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize the repairs to the dump truck from Thompson Cat, who was the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$2,322.31. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve invoice from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation for blanket bond on the Splash Pad project, in the amount of \$250.00, to be paid from the General Obligation Warrant funds. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve invoice from Galloway, Wettermark & Rutens, LLP in the amount of \$4,724.08, billing through December 31, 2018. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to authorize the appointment of Mayor Rubenstein as 1st voting delegate and Councilmember Cromer as alternate voting delegate for the Annual Membership Meeting of the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation. Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 1:00 PM, Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel in Mobile, Alabama. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve an invoice from Courtney Morris Appraisers in the amount of \$5,405.00 for the K-Mart Shopping Center property. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve travel expenses for the Mayor and Councilmembers to attend their respective annual League Committee meetings during the next two months. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to approve the following invoice.

1. R. Jeffrey Perloff, PC – February 2019 Statement \$3,927.00

Motion carried.

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

AFTER PROPER PUBLIC NOTICES HAVING BEEN DULY GIVEN, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD TO CONSIDER THE Special Events Retail Application for an on premises consumption of alcoholic beverages – beer only, Spartan Race located at 1199 Radcliff Road, March 16, 2019 filed by Peter Murphy LLC

Council President McDonald declared the public hearing open.

There was no one in favor of or in opposition to the application.

Council President McDonald declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of the Special Events Retail Application for an on premises consumption of alcoholic beverages – beer only, Spartan Race located at 1199 Radcliff Road, March 16, 2019 filed by Peter Murphy LLC

The following votes were recorded:

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

Motion carried.

Unanimous consent being given to allow for immediate consideration of the Special Events Retail Application for an on premises consumption of alcoholic beverages – beer only, Spartan Race located at 1199 Radcliff Road, March 16, 2019 filed by Peter Murphy LLC, motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson,

The following votes were recorded:

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

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Julie Johnson to attend, the AMROA training class, April 2-5, 2019 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2059

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

WHEREAS, a cash advance for Julie Johnson to attend the AMROA Training Class, April 2-5, 2019 in Tuscaloosa, 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 March, 2019.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Bryan Mims to attend, the Public Safety Media Relations training, March 25-26, 2019 in Biloxi, Mississippi. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2060

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

WHEREAS, a cash advance for Bryan Mims to attend the Public Safety Media Relations training, March 25-26, 2019 in Biloxi, Mississippi; 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 March, 2019.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Shane Oestreich and Amanda Pierce to attend FTO course, April 30-May 2, 2019 in Stapleton, Alabama. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2061

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

WHEREAS, a cash advance for Shane Oestreich and Amanda Pierce to attend FTO course, April 30-May 2, 2019 in Stapleton, 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 March, 2019.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for E.G. Hearn and Marilyn Robinson to attend Supervision for Jail/Correction Officers seminar, April 16-18, 2019 in Birmingham, Alabama. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2062

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

WHEREAS, a cash advance for E. G. Hearn and Marilyn Robinson, to attend Supervision for Jail/Correction Officers seminar, April 16-18, 2019 in Birmingham, 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 March, 2019.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Eddie Taylor and Bryson McDaniel to attend Executive Leadership Training, March 18-22, 2019 in Pensacola, Florida. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2063

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

WHEREAS, a cash advance for Eddie Taylor and Bryson McDaniel to attend Executive Leadership Training, March 18–22, 2019 in Pensacola, Florida; 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 March, 2019.

Council President McDonald advised there is a matter to be discussed in executive session concerning security assessments and systems as well as security of structures and facilities, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to be detrimental to public safety or welfare.

City Attorney, Andy Rutens, advised this is appropriate use of executive session as authorized by state law.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to adjourn into executive session with Mayor Rubenstein, Public Safety Director James West and Andy Rutens to discuss a matter concerning security assessments and systems as well as security of structures and facilities, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to be detrimental to public safety or welfare.

The following votes were recorded:

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

Motion carried.

Council President McDonald advised he anticipates the executive session to last approximately 20 minutes.

The Council adjourned into executive session with the Mayor and City Attorney at 7:06 p.m.

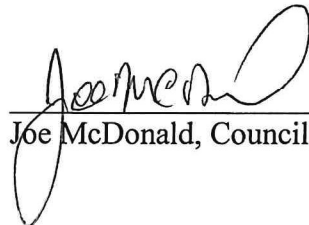
Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to reconvene at 7:23 p.m. with all members present. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Cromer to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 28th day of March, 2019.



Judi Smith, City Clerk



Joe McDonald, Council President