

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on January 23, 2020 at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:19 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 Hudson, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2020. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Ron Mitchell gave the annual Keep Saraland Beautiful report.

#### REPORT OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve Neel-Shaffer Invoice #1063023, in the amount of \$16,972.55 from the Splash Pad - Phase II project. These funds will be paid from the General Obligation monies. Motion carried.

AFTER PROPER PUBLIC NOTICES WERE DULY GIVEN, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON JUNE 14, 2018 TO CONSIDER purchase of property in conjunction with the United States Flood Hazard Mitigation Program.

Councilmember Cromer introduced an ordinance approving the purchase of property located at 505 Ponce de Leon Drive East in conjunction with the United States Flood Hazard Mitigation Program.

#### **ORDINANCE 1158**

#### **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNITED STATES FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland, Alabama has applied to the Alabama Emergency Management Association for inclusion in the Federal Emergency Management Association Flood Hazard Mitigation Program, the purchase of property; and

WHEREAS, the property requested for purchase is 505 Ponce de Leon Drive East; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland has been notified by the Alabama Emergency Management Association that they have been approved for inclusion in the Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the purchase of this property pursuant to the requirements of the Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland held a public hearing on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018, seeking public comment concerning the application and request for purchase; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Saraland, after said public hearing, voted to approve the purchase and to authorize the Mayor to execute necessary documents for both grant funding and for the purchase of the properties pursuant to the Flood Hazard Mitigation Program.

NOW, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARALAND, ALABAMA ("the City Council") that the Mayor is authorized to execute and submit those documents necessary pursuant to the Flood Hazard Mitigation Program for the purchase of 505 Ponce de Leon Drive East. The Mayor is also authorized to execute those documents necessary for the purchase of 505 Ponce de Leon Drive East.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2020.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance for the purchase of property located at 505 Ponce de Leon Drive East in conjunction with the United States Flood Hazard Mitigation Program.

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 proposed ordinance, motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to adopt the ordinance for the purchase of property located at 505 Ponce de Leon Drive East in conjunction with the United States Flood Hazard Mitigation Program.

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 Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve the purchase of a handheld radar system for the Police Department, in the amount of \$2,200.00. This item is a budgeted item. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize the Mayor to solicit bids, calculate the bids and proceed with the demolition of house located at Cross and Second, due to settlement on drainage issue. Motion carried.

The Mayor requested an Executive Session at the end of regular business for two issues:

1. Proposed Real Estate development agreement with the City
2. An issue of threatened litigation

#### APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

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| 1. Neel-Schaffer – Professional Services for December 2019 | \$6,470.00 |
| 2. Courtney & Morris Appraisals, Inc. – 410 Scott Drive    | \$450.00   |

Motion carried.

#### ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to authorize the opening of the bids for the Saraland Splash Pad Phase II Project. Motion carried.

Kirby Latham with Neel-Schaffer opened the one bid received from White-Spunner Construction, Inc., bid bond was included and bid amount was \$743,716.00.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize Mr. Latham to tabulate the bid and return with a recommendation

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to authorize the solicitation of bids for the Cleveland House construction project located at 845 Norton Avenue. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to authorize the purchase of 28 self-contained breathing apparatus'. These items will be purchased with a 95% reimbursement from FEMA. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize the Fire Department to purchase six (6) Thermal Imaging Cameras with a 95% reimbursement from FEMA. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize the purchase of a new Rescue Truck for the Fire Department, which is also a budgeted item. Motion carried.

Council President McDonald advised there is a matter to be discussed in executive session concerning a proposed Real Estate development agreement with the City and an issue of threatened litigation.

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

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to adjourn into executive session with Mayor Rubenstein and Andy Rutens to discuss a proposed Real Estate development agreement with the City and an issue of threatened litigation.

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 30 minutes.

The Council adjourned into executive session with the Mayor and City Attorney at 6:45 p.m.

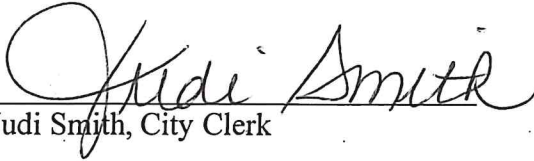
Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to reconvene at 7:19 with all members present. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Cromer to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.



Joe McDonald, Council President



Judi Smith, City Clerk