

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on January 9, 2020 at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Council Vice President Biggs. Roll call was as follows:

Present: Councilmember Wayne Biggs
Councilmember Newton Cromer
Councilmember Veronica Hudson
Councilmember Paul Stanley

Absent: Council President Joe McDonald

Attorney, Melissa Hunter 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 December 19, 2019 and January 6, 2020. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve a resolution in support of waving tariffs for Airbus for continued aerospace manufacturing growth in Mobile County. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2123

WHEREAS, the Aerospace manufacturing sector in the US and Mobile County is creating significant employment opportunities, business growth and manufacturing excellence and is critical to the nation's military and economic security; and

WHEREAS, the expanding industrial operations of Airbus located at the Brookley Industrial Complex are at the very heart of Mobile County's aerospace manufacturing growth; and

WHEREAS, Airbus has been a member of our business community for more than 15 years with three major facilities and directly employs over 1250 engineers and production technicians; and

WHEREAS, the \$600 million Airbus A320 U.S. manufacturing facility, which opened in 2015, now produces more than four aircraft per month and has delivered over 140 aircraft to U.S. airline customers to date; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Airbus broke ground on a \$300 million A220 U.S. manufacturing facility that will assemble the newest Airbus aircraft, the A220, for U.S. airline customers with deliveries beginning in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Airbus continues to expand its manufacturing employment footprint in Mobile County by hiring more than 520 production technicians in 2019, more than doubling the number of its employees in one year (with expected total employee growth of 236% between December 2019 and December 2020); and

WHEREAS, the President's existing trade policy regarding imported aircraft components and assemblies used in Mobile County has resulted in continued employment growth in the City of Saraland, and any change in that policy which would result in new tariffs on imported aircraft components and assemblies from Europe which are used in Mobile County places at risk this significant industrial and employment growth in the City of Saraland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Saraland City Council does hereby fully support the continued manufacturing operations of Airbus at the Brookley Industrial Complex and urges the President of the United States and the United States Trade Representative to continue the current trade policy of not applying tariffs on imported aerospace components and assemblies from Europe, and thereby ensure the continued growth of aerospace manufacturing in the Gulf Coast.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 9th day of January 2020.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to authorize the purchase of three (3) speed regulation signs in the amount \$13,500.00. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

General Fund

1. Avizo Group, Inc. – Audit Services	\$31,063.00
2. Galloway, Wettermark, & Rutens – Billing through 11/30/19	\$6,027.50
3. Neel-Schaffer – General Consulting	\$2,775.00
4. R. Jeffrey Perloff – December 2019 Statement	\$2,686.00

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

2018 General Obligation Warrant

1. Neel-Schaffer – Kali Oka Rd General Consulting	\$925.00
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Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson to approve the following invoices. Motion carried.

Gas Tax Fund

1. Neel-Schaffer – Celeste Road at Exit 15 \$19,255.00

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve a resolution renaming I65 Service Road West. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2124

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland, Alabama has been fortunate to have families who helped found the City of Saraland; and

WHEREAS, the City has also been fortunate to have families who have been involved in city service and undertaken civic duties and responsibilities to help develop the City of Saraland into the vibrant and flourishing City it now is; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Paul Stanley's family has served an integral part in developing Saraland; and

WHEREAS, the City has benefited from the Stanley family's efforts and stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the Stanley family for multiple generations farmed land which ultimately would become part of the City of Saraland; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Stanley family were included in the original population of the City of 125 people; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Connie C. Stanley donated twenty (20) acres of the Stanley property for the construction of State Highway 158, which has served as an important connection between the downtown Highway 43 corridor of the City of Saraland to Interstate 65, and has fostered the great growth and development for the City; and

WHEREAS, Stanley family members Paul Stanley and his sister, Rosemary Howell, have been longtime members and involved with Shiloh Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Paul Stanley has served as a member of the Saraland Water and Sewer Board and a member of the City of Saraland Planning Commission, both of which positions require significant time and effort but are imperative to the continued growth and development of the City; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Interstate 65 East Service Road is currently unnamed and it is the firm belief of the members of the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Saraland that

the Stanley family should be recognized for their work and efforts benefitting the City of Saraland and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama that:

The portion of the Interstate 65 Service Road on the West side of the Interstate between Highway 158 and the beginning of Shell Road shall be named "Stanley Way" in recognition for everything the Stanley family has done to benefit the City of Saraland and its citizens.

ADOPTED this 9th day of January 2020.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Chief West to attend Alabama Chiefs of Police Winter Conference, February 16-20, 2020 in Montgomery, Alabama. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2125

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

WHEREAS, a cash advance for Chief West to attend Alabama Chiefs of Police Winter Conference, February 16-20, 2020 in Montgomery, Alabama

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 9th day of January 2020.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to authorize video surveillance upgrade and additions to the Public Safety Building and Jail at the Saraland Police Department totaling \$8,286.40. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to authorize access control upgrade and additions to the Public Safety Building and Jail at the Saraland Police Department totaling \$7,859.75. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize video surveillance upgrade and additions to the Saraland Recreation totaling \$6,118.60. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to authorize access control upgrade and additions to the Saraland Annex/Safe House totaling \$4,905.50. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve a resolution for a uniform policy for the Public Works Department. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2126

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland, Alabama has entered into a contract for the provision of uniforms for members of the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Saraland believes a policy should be adopted and approved concerning the use and maintenance of the uniforms that are being paid for and provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the attached proposed Public Works Uniform Policy and feels it is an appropriate policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama that the attached uniform policy shall be effective from the date of the adoption of this Resolution until such time as it is changed or altered by City Council action.

ADOPTED this 9th day of January 2020.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to approve the proposal for environmental services to apply for and obtain the necessary federal regulatory permits for the improvements to the Boat Ramp. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to approve an expenditure for the Mobile County Municipal Association Dinner on January 30, 2020. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Hudson to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 23rd day of January 2020.


Wayne Biggs, Council Vice President


Judi Smith, City Clerk