

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on April 23, 2020 at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 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
Absent: Councilmember Paul Stanley

Attorney, Andy Rutens was present.

Councilmember Biggs opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve the minutes of the meetings of April 9, 2020. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, authorizing the Mayor to sign contract in the amount of \$109,807.00 for CDBG project at the Cleveland House. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to adopt a resolution authorizing expenditure in the amount of \$10,000.00 to assist Food Bank operations the Saraland United Methodist Food pantry to help citizens of the City of Saraland with groceries during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2136

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO ASSIST FOOD BANK OPERATIONS DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, by Proclamation dated March 13, 2020, Governor Kay Ivey found that the appearance of Covid-19 within the State of Alabama created the potential of wide-spread exposure to an infectious agent and posed a significant risk of substantial harm to a large number of people and, as a result, declared a State Public Health Emergency pursuant to Alabama Code § 31-9-1, et seq., otherwise known as the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance dated March 20, 2020 and by Mayoral Proclamation of Emergency dated March 18, 2020, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Saraland exercised their authority pursuant to Alabama Code § 31-910(b)(1) to provide for the health and safety of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Proclamations of Governor Kay Ivey, as well as Orders of the State Health Officer of the State of Alabama issued March 13, 2020, March 19, 2020, March 27, 2020 and April 3, 2020, various limitations on the general public and citizens of the State were placed limiting the size of public gatherings, the exercise of commerce and the ability of individuals to leave their residence; and

WHEREAS, by Mayoral Proclamation issued April 4, 2020, a curfew was placed on the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the incredible economic impact of the Covid-19 virus on the citizens of Saraland has been immense, resulting in severe financial hardship to members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the restrictions placed upon citizens pursuing their livelihood, coupled with the restrictions placed upon the movement of the citizens and their abilities to secure necessary food and supplies, requires action; and

WHEREAS, the Saraland United Methodist Church operates a Food Bank that allows citizens to obtain necessary food; and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the Mayor and City Council that utilizing the distribution system of the Saraland United Methodist Church Food Bank operation as a means to make available necessary food to the population represents a proper expenditure of funds for the purchase and distribution of food supplies for the public benefit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama that the City shall donate to the Saraland United Methodist Church the amount of \$10,000.00 that shall be earmarked for and only utilized for food distribution to the public that is in need of assistance.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 23rd day of April, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to remit payment in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Saraland United Methodist Church for the Food Bank assistance. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to waive permit and licensing fees for Walmart in partnership with Quest Laboratories who will be providing free COVID-19 testing for residents. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

General Fund

1. Neel-Schaffer – General Consulting Services \$3,392.50

Motion carried.

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

GO Warrant

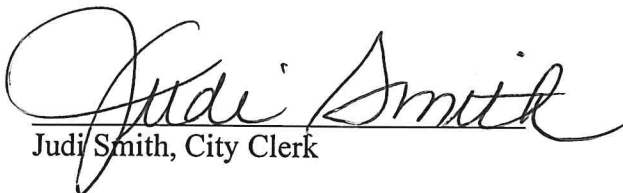
1. Neel-Schaffer Boat Ramp, Phase II \$2,686.13

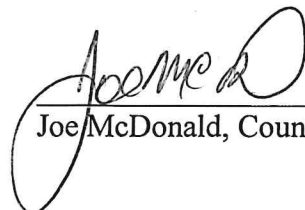
Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Biggs to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with the videographer pending the City Attorney's review. The cost of this service is not to exceed \$3,000.00. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Cromer to adjourn at 6:42 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 14th day of May, 2020.


Judi Smith, City Clerk


Joe McDonald, Council President