

Saraland City Council  
Pre-Meeting  
April 8, 2021

MINUTES

The members of the Saraland City Council met on April 8, 2021 at the Saraland Municipal Annex at 6:03 p.m., with Council Vice President Cromer presiding.

Councilmembers Biggs, Hudson and Moye were in attendance.

Council President McDonald was absent.

Councilmember Hudson opened the meeting with prayer.

Attorney David Walker was present.

The Council discussed agenda items and general municipal business.

There being no further discussion the pre-meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
Judi Smith, City Clerk

  
Newton Cromer, Council Vice President

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on April 8, 2021 at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by Council Vice President Cromer. Roll call was as follows:

Present: Councilmember Wayne Biggs  
Councilmember Newton Cromer  
Councilmember Veronica Hudson  
Councilmember Natalie Moye  
Absent: Council President Joe McDonald

Attorney, David Walker was present.

Councilmember Hudson opened the meeting with prayer.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 25 and April 5, 2021. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to adopt a resolution authorizing expenditure in the amount of \$10,000.00 to assist Food Bank operations at the Bayou Sara Baptist Church Food pantry to help citizens of the City of Saraland with groceries during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION 2185

### **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 § 31-9-10(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, April 3, 2020, April 28, 2020, May 8, 2020 and May 21, 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 impact of Covid-19 on the Saraland community is still being felt; and

WHEREAS, the Bayou Sara Baptist 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 Bayou Sara Baptist 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 Bayou Sara Baptist Church the amount of \$10,000.00 that shall be earmarked for and only utilized for food distribution to the citizens of Saraland that are in need of assistance.

ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with C-Spire for Office 365. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

**General Fund**

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| 1. R. Jeffrey Perloff, PC – March 2021 Statement              | \$2,609.50 |
| 2. Volkert, Inc. – Inv.#00203112-General Engineering Services | \$1,617.47 |

Motion carried.

**ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to Transfer of alcoholic beverage application due to relocation of Sara Bama Liquor from 29 Shell Street to 45 Shell Street filed by Junping Zheng agent for Sara Bama LLC. Motion carried.

Councilmember Biggs introduced an Ordinance authorizing a joint purchasing agreement with Mobile County and the City of Saraland.

**ORDINANCE 1193  
AUTHORIZING JOINT PURCHASING AGREEMENT  
WITH MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, §41-16-50(b), Code of Alabama (1975) authorizes the governing bodies of two or more cities or counties to provide, by joint agreement, for the purchase of materials, equipment, supplies, or other personal property for use by their respective agencies; and

WHEREAS, Mobile County, Alabama (the County) and the City of Saraland, Alabama (the Municipality), by and through their respective governing bodies, have determined that by use of a joint purchasing agreement they may achieve economies of scale which benefit the public by decreasing the cost of materials, supplies, equipment, or other personal property while increasing the efficiency of both local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to adopt an ordinance authorizing a joint purchasing agreement with the County; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to adopt a companion resolution authorizing a joint purchasing agreement with the Municipality;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the City of Saraland, Alabama is authorized to enter a joint purchasing agreement with Mobile County, Alabama for the purchase of the items needed for the construction and

maintenance of roadways, sidewalks, parks, and like public facilities, and roadway lighting, traffic signals, lighting, traffic detention components and systems, shown on Exhibit A.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance authorizing a joint purchasing agreement with Mobile County and the City of Saraland.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Councilmember Wayne Biggs  
Councilmember Newton Cromer  
Councilmember Veronica Hudson  
Councilmember Natalie Moye

Unanimous consent being given to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance, motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to adopt the ordinance authorizing a joint purchasing agreement with Mobile County and the City of Saraland.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Councilmember Wayne Biggs  
Councilmember Newton Cromer  
Councilmember Veronica Hudson  
Councilmember Natalie Moye

Motion carried.

Councilmember Moye introduced an Ordinance authorizing participation in the Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, July 16-18, 2021.

ORDINANCE 1194

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SARALAND, ALABAMA, TO EXEMPT CERTAIN "COVERED ITEMS" FROM THE MUNICIPAL SALES AND USE TAX DURING THE WEEKEND OF JULY 16-18, 2021, AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT 2017-120, GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS THE STATE SALES TAX HOLIDAY LEGISLATION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SARALAND, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

To amend Sections 40-23-211 and 40-23-213 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the tax exemption on covered items during the school items annual sales tax holiday.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. In conformity with the provisions Act 2017-120 enacted by the Alabama Legislature during the 2006 Regular Session, providing for a State Sales Tax Holiday, the City of Saraland, Alabama, exempts "covered items" from municipal sales and use tax during the same period, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the third Friday in July, 2019 and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be subject to all terms, conditions, definitions, time periods, and rules as provided by Act 2017-120.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this ordinance under the seal of the City of Saraland, Alabama, and to forward said certified copy to the Alabama Department of Revenue to be recorded and posted on the Department website.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2021.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance authorizing participation in the Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, July 16-18, 2021.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Councilmember Wayne Biggs  
Councilmember Newton Cromer  
Councilmember Veronica Hudson  
Councilmember Natalie Moye

Motion carried.

Unanimous consent being given to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance, motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to adopt the ordinance authorizing participation in the Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, July 16-18, 2021.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Councilmember Wayne Biggs  
Councilmember Newton Cromer  
Councilmember Veronica Hudson  
Councilmember Natalie Moye

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Sophia Anthony to attend Female Officer Survival Skills training, April 27-30, 2021 in Crestview, Florida. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2186

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

**WHEREAS**, a cash advance for Sophia Anthony to attend the Female Officer Survival Skills Training, April 26-30, 2021 in Crestview, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to authorize the purchase of storage building for the City Garage, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve advertising in the Business Alabama magazine in the amount of \$1,845.00. Motion carried.

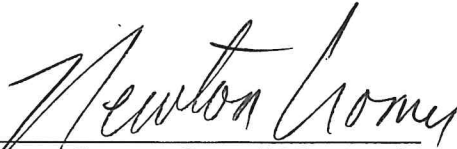
Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize the Mayor to execute the renewal of the contract with the City of Chickasaw to provide dispatch and incarceration services. Motion carried.


Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Servpro for cleaning of the Senior Citizens Center and Civic Center facilities including duct work cleaning. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve the purchase of an additional score board for the Girls Softball field not to exceed \$4,000.00. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Hudson to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
Newton Cromer, Council Vice President

  
Judi Smith, City Clerk