

Saraland City Council
Pre-Meeting
October 22, 2020

MINUTES

The members of the Saraland City Council met on October 22, 2020 at the Saraland Municipal Annex at 6:13 p.m., with Council President McDonald presiding.

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

Councilmember Cromer 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 6:35 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 12th day of November, 2020.



Judi Smith, City Clerk



Joe McDonald, Council President

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on October 22, 2020 at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 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 Cromer opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 8, 13 & 21, 2020. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Councilmember Cromer introduced an ordinance to amend regulations for small cell technology facilities in the City of Saraland, Alabama.

ORDINANCE NO. 1174

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND REGULATIONS FOR SMALL CELL TECHNOLOGY FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF SARALAND, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama, seeks to facilitate the availability of reliable, personal wireless services for its citizens and the public by permitting the placement of Small Cell Technology Facilities and associated structures along the Right of Way and on private properties in the City; and

WHEREAS, the installation, expansion and maintenance of Small Cell Technology Facilities and associated structures on or along the Right of Way and on private properties might have significant impact upon: (1) the aesthetic values and historic character of the City; (2) safe use and passage on or along the Rights of Way by the public; and (3) properties and property values in the City in areas where such structures are placed; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act") and regulations promulgated with respect to the Act by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") authorize local governments to enact reasonable regulations for the placement, expansion, height and maintenance of Small Cell Technologies Facilities and associated structures; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2018 the City adopted Ordinance 1126 to address the above concerns; and

WHEREAS, as provided in this Amendment to the previously adopted Small Cell Technology ordinance, the City seeks to mandate, where feasible, the collocation of Small Cell Technology Facilities on existing poles and other Support Structures as opposed to installation of new structures, but to remove the applicability of these provisions to electric utilities regulated by the Alabama Public Service Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama, as follows:

Article VI to Chapter 24 is amended and reads as follows:

Article VI - Small Cell Technology Facilities

Section 1. Definitions.

The terms below have the following meanings for purposes of this ordinance:

(1) "Abandonment" or "Abandon(s)" means that, following the placement of Small Cell Technologies Facilities (and associated Accessory Equipment) or Support Structures in the City pursuant to a permit issued to a Provider or an Applicant, any of the following has occurred: (a) for any reason the Facilities cease to be used to transmit signals, data or messages or otherwise be used for their intended purposes for a period of ninety (90) days; (b) the City revokes the permit for placement and use of those Facilities due to nonpayment of applicable fees, the failure of the Provider or Applicant to comply with conditions in the permit or in this ordinance concerning them, or other valid reason; or (c) the Provider or Applicant fails to perform any of its responsibilities, obligations and requirements in this ordinance or in a permit that relate to the installation, construction, maintenance, use or operation of the Facilities, Accessory Equipment or Support Structures, and that breach remains uncured for a period of sixty (60) days after the City provides written notice of the breach to the Provider or Applicant.

(2) "Accessory Equipment" means any equipment other than an antenna that is used in conjunction with Small Cell Technology Facility arrangements to offer or provide personal wireless services. This equipment may be attached to or detached from a Small Cell Technology Wireless Support Structure, and includes, but is not limited to, cabinets, optical converters, power amplifiers, radios, DWDM and CWDM multiplexers, microcells, radio units, fiber optic and coaxial cables, wires, meters, pedestals, power switches and related equipment on or in the immediate vicinity of a Support Structure.

(3) "Antenna" means communications equipment that transmits and receives electromagnetic radio signals, is attached to a Small Cell Technology Wireless Support Structure and is used to communicate wireless service.

(4) "Applicant," whether singular or plural, means a personal wireless service provider, an entity that is authorized by a personal wireless service provider to apply for or receive a permit to install, construct, modify or maintain a Small Cell Technology Facility and related Accessory Equipment or Support Structure in the City, or an entity certificated by the Alabama Public Service Commission to provide telecommunication service.

(5) "Application" means a formal request submitted to the City by a personal wireless service provider, provider, or entity authorized by a personal wireless service provider or provider for a permit to install, construct, modify or maintain a Small Cell Technology Facility and related Accessory Equipment or Support Structure.

(6) "City" means the City of Saraland, Alabama.

(7) "City Council" means the City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama.

(8) "City Building Official" means the person appointed by the City Council as the Building Official of the City. The Building Official includes any employee of the City or other person designated by the Building Official to perform the responsibilities in this ordinance.

(9) "Collocation" means the placement or installation of a new Small Cell Wireless Technology or related Accessory Equipment on an existing pole or other Support Structure that is owned, controlled or leased by a utility, the City, or other person or entity.

(10) "Personal Wireless Services" means commercial mobile services, unlicensed wireless services, and common carrier wireless exchange access services.

(11) "Personal Wireless Service Provider" or "Provider" means an entity that provides personal wireless services to the public or citizens of the City on a commercial basis and is authorized by the FCC to provide those services.

(12) "Private Property" means real property located in the City that does not lie within the Right of Way.

(13) "Right of Way," whether singular or plural, means the surface and space in, upon, above, along, across, over and below any public streets, avenues, highways, roads, courts, lanes, alleys, boulevards, ways, sidewalks and bicycle lanes, including all public utility easements and public service easements within those places, as the same now or may hereafter exist, that are within the City's corporate boundaries and under the jurisdiction of the City. This term shall not include county, state or federal rights of way or any property owned by any person or entity other than the City.

(14) "Small Cell Technology Facility(ies)" or "Facilities," whether singular or plural, means and includes the following types of structures when used to offer or provide personal wireless services: (a) antenna; and (b) associated Accessory Equipment. Photographs and illustrations of the types, relative dimensions and scale of these facilities that are currently

contemplated by this ordinance are attached as Attachment "A" to the permanent record of this ordinance that is maintained by the City Clerk.

(15) "Small Cell Technology Wireless Support Structure" or "Support Structure," whether singular or plural, means a freestanding structure designed or used to support, or capable of supporting, Small Cell Technology Facilities, including, but not limited to, electric utility distribution poles, street light poles, traffic signal structures, rooftops, attics, or other enclosed or open areas of a building or accessory structure, a sign or a flag pole. These terms do not include any electric utility transmission poles or the City's decorative and architecturally significant streetlight poles as those decorative lights are inappropriate for use as a Support Structure.

(16) "Stealth Technology" means a method(s) of concealing or minimizing the visual impact to a Small Cell Technology Facility (and associated Accessory Equipment) and Support Structure by incorporating features or design elements which either totally or partially conceal such Facilities or equipment. The use of these design elements is intended to produce the result of having said Facilities and associated structures blend into the surrounding environment and/or disguise, shield, hide or create the appearance that the Facilities are an architectural component of the support structure. Photographs and illustrations of examples of the types of Stealth Technology that may be used when buildings are utilized as Support Structures and other applications of Stealth Technology that are currently contemplated are attached as Attachment B to the permanent record of this ordinance that is maintained by the City Clerk.

Section 2. Permit Required to Place Small Cell Technology Facilities in Right-of-Way

(a) A Provider or Applicant must obtain a permit from the City before placing, installing or constructing any Small Cell Technology Facility (and associated Accessory Equipment) on any Support Structure that is located on the Right of Way, or substantially modifying the position or characteristics of any such existing Facility thereon.

(b) The Building official will review and administratively process any request for a permit to determine whether, in the exercise of the Building Official's reasonable discretion, it should be issued for the location and in the manner requested by the Applicant. In this process, the burden is on the Provider or Applicant to demonstrate that the placement of the proposed Small Cell Technology Facility and associated Accessory Equipment or Support Structure on the Right of Way is the minimal physical installation which will achieve the goal of enhancing the provision of personal wireless services when considering all pertinent factors discussed in the provision immediately below. Except as set forth in this section, this permitting process will be administrative and not require the approval of any City Board or City official other than the Building Official.

The factors, requirements and guidelines that the Building official may consider and will apply when determining whether to issue a permit for placement of Small Cell Technology Facilities and associated structures on the Right of Way include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (i) the demonstrated need for placing the structures at the requested location and geographic area in order to deliver or enhance personal wireless service;
- (ii) the visual impact of placing the Support Structures or Facilities in the subject area;
- (iii) the character of the area in which the structures are requested, including surrounding buildings, properties and uses;
- (iv) whether the appearance and placement of the requested structures is aesthetically consistent with the immediate area;
- (v) whether the structures are consistent with the historic nature and characteristics of the requested location;
- (vi) the Applicant's or Provider's network coverage objective and whether the Applicant or Provider should use available or previously unconsidered alternative locations to place the Support Structures or Facilities;
- (vii) Colocation. To the extent practical, all Facilities and associated Accessory Equipment that are placed in the City shall be attached to a pre-existing Support Structure that is owned, controlled or leased by a utility, franchisee, the City or other entity. If the Applicant demonstrates that no colocation opportunities exist in the area where a technologically documented need for a facility exists, the Applicant may request that a new pole or other Support Structure be installed in that area for purposes of constructing the Facilities. Before any new Support Structure is permitted, each of the following must occur:
 - (1) the Applicant must have provided the City written evidence that no practical colocation opportunity exists. This evidence shall include, but not be limited to, affidavits, correspondence, or other written information that demonstrates that the Applicant has taken all commercially reasonable actions to achieve colocation in the requested location or area, that the Applicant has pursued but been denied access to all potential colocation sites in the subject area (and the reasons any such denial(s)), and otherwise show that the Applicant is unable to co-locate on an existing Support Structure;
 - (2) the Building Official must recommend the placement of a new Support Structure in the Right of Way; and
 - (3) the City Council must approve the recommendation of the Building Official to issue a permit that includes the placement of a new Support Structure in the Right of Way. The City Council will consider whether to approve any such new structure at a regular

Council meeting that will be conducted as soon as practical after the Building Official's recommendation is made.

(viii) if a facility is attached to a utility pole or other Support Structure in the Right of Way, no antenna or other part of the facility shall extend more than five (5) feet above the height of that structure; provided that, in the event that the Applicant demonstrates that National Electric Safety Code regulations or other factors create an undue hardship in complying with this height requirement, the Building Official may permit a facility to extend up to ten (10) feet above the height of such Support Structure;

(ix) the Accessory Equipment shall, if reasonably possible, be placed at least ten (10) feet above the ground;

(x) the color of antenna and Accessory Equipment shall be compatible with that of the Support Structure;

(xi) the Facility (including the Accessory Equipment) shall not be illuminated;

(xii) whether the proposed installation could cause harm to the public or pose any undue risk to public safety;

(xiii) whether the proposed installation may interfere with vehicular traffic, passage of pedestrians, or other use of the Right of Way by the public; and

(xiv) if the proposed installation will disturb conditions on the Right of Way, whether the Applicant can demonstrate its ability and financial resources to restore the subject area to its pre-existing condition following installation.

(c) Application Process.

(i) At a minimum, each application for a permit shall contain all of the following:

- (1) engineering drawing depicting the type of Facilities, Support Structure, and means and points at which such Facilities and associated Accessory Equipment will be attached to a Support Structure;
- (2) map(s) designating with specificity the location(s) of the requested Facilities;
- (3) the geographic coordinates of all antenna and other proposed Facilities;

- (4) if the Facilities will be located on a Support Structure on the Right of Way that is owned by any entity other than the City or the Applicant, a copy of any license, lease, agreement or other documentation evidencing that the owner of that Support Structure authorizes the Facilities to be attached thereto or agrees in principle to authorize that attachment; provided that, if a representation is made to the City that the attachment has been authorized in principle by the owner of the Support Structure but the Applicant subsequently fails to furnish the City documentation that finalizes any such agreement, the City may refuse to issue the requested permit until that documentation is provided or, if the City issues the requested permit before receiving such final documentation, the subject permit may be revoked and any license to use that part of the Right of Way be rescinded.
- (5) if the Applicant requests permission to place Facilities on a new Support Structure, the substantiation therefor required by Section 2(b)(vii) in this ordinance.
- (6) a certification from a licensed engineer that the Small Cell Technology Facility and any associated Accessory Equipment as installed meets or exceeds the requirements of the adopted building codes, including but not limited to those provisions concerning storm wind load requirements.

An application shall not be deemed complete until the Applicant has submitted all documents, information, forms and fees specifically enumerated in this ordinance that pertain to the location, construction or configuration of the Facilities or Support Structures at the requested location(s). Within thirty (30) calendar days after an application for permit is submitted, the City shall notify the applicant in writing if any additional information is needed to complete that application or supplemental information is required to process the request. If the City does not notify the applicant in writing that the application is incomplete within thirty (30) days following its receipt, the application is deemed complete.

(ii) Time for Processing Application.

Unless another date is specified in a written agreement between the City and the Applicant, the City will have the following time periods to make its final decision to approve or disapprove an application for a permit contemplated in this ordinance and advise the Applicant in writing of that determination:

- (1) sixty (60) calendar days from the date a full and complete application, including all required supporting documents, for a permit is filed with respect to a request to co-locate Facilities on an existing Support Structure; and

- (2) ninety (90) calendar days from the date a full and complete application, including all required supporting documents, for a permit is filed with respect to a request to attach Facilities to a new Support Structure.

To the extent additional information is required to complete the application after it is filed, the applicable calendar day review period set forth in this subsection shall be tolled and not continue to run until the Applicant has provided any missing or requested supplemental information; provided that tolling shall not occur if the City does not advise the Applicant in writing of the incompleteness of a submitted application within thirty (30) days after that submission.

(iii) Reconsideration/Appeal. Any Applicant that desires reconsideration of an administrative decision by the Building Official to deny a request for a permit to place a Facility or Support Structure on the Right of Way may seek review, modification or reversal of that decision by the Board of Adjustment by submitting a request for reconsideration with the City Clerk within twenty-one (21) calendar days following the Building Official's decision. That request for reconsideration will be considered by the Board of Adjustment at a regular Board meeting that will be conducted as soon as practical after the request for reconsideration is made. If no request for reconsideration is submitted, the decision of the Building Official will be final.

Additionally, the Applicant, within fifteen (15) days following a decision by the Board of Adjustment to deny either (i) an appeal of a Building Official's decision or (b) a decision by the Building official to not approve the placement of a new Support Structure on the Right of Way, may appeal either of those decisions by the Board of Adjustment to the Circuit Court of Mobile County, Alabama. If no appeal of those decisions of the Board of Adjustment is made, those will be deemed final.

(d) Additional Requirements. Any Provider or Applicant to whom a permit is issued and that places Facilities and associated Support Structures on the Right of Way also shall comply with the following requirements as long as those Facilities and Support Structures are on or under the Right of Way:

(i) Prior to installing the Facilities or Support Structures, the Applicant shall provide the City a certificate(s) of insurance evidencing that it has obtained and will maintain the following types of insurance in connection with its operations on or use of the Right of Way: (1) General Liability coverage insuring the risk of claims for damages to persons or property arising from or related to the installation, construction, maintenance, operation or any use of Facility or Support Structure placed on or along the Right of Way by the Applicant (or any of their contractors) with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence; and (2) Workers Compensation Insurance as required by statute. The General Liability coverage shall list the City as an additional insured and may be provided through a

combination of a primary and umbrella policies. All insurance policies shall be furnished by insurers who are reasonably acceptable to the City and authorized to transact business in the State of Alabama. On an annual basis following initial installation, the Applicant also shall furnish the City a Certificate indicating that the above-noted coverage remains and will remain in effect.

(ii) All Facilities and associated Support Structures shall be installed, erected, maintained and operated in compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including but not limited to, regulations of the FCC.

(iii) Following the installation of any Facilities and associated Support Structures, the Provider or Applicant, upon reasonable request and for good cause, shall furnish the Building Official a written certification from a licensed professional engineer in the State of Alabama stating that those structures have been inspected and are being maintained, operated and used in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including those of the FCC that pertain to the transmission of wireless communication signals. For purposes of this provision, "good cause" shall mean circumstances have arisen that indicate the Facilities and associated Support Structures have been damaged, are not functioning in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, or otherwise pose a hazard to the public. If those Support Structures should fail at any time to comply with applicable laws and regulations, the Provider or Applicant, at either of their expense, shall cause those structures to be brought into compliance with said laws and regulations within fifteen (15) days of the date of any written notice to them from the Building Official of non-compliance, or cease all personal wireless service operations related to those structures until the Applicant or Provider comes into full compliance with said laws and regulations.

(iv) The Facilities and associated Support Structures must at all times be maintained in good and safe condition. On no more frequent than a triennial basis, the Building Official may request that the Provider or Applicant, at either of their expense, furnish certification from a professional engineer who is licensed in the State of Alabama that the Facilities and Support Structures are in sound condition. Should that engineer deem those structures unsound, the Provider or Applicant shall furnish to the Building Official a plan to remedy any unsafe conditions or structural defect(s) and take that remedial action at the Provider or Applicant's expense.

(v) Each Applicant or Provider that applies for a permit to place Facilities (including the Accessory Equipment) and Support Structures on the Right of Way and installs and utilizes those structures shall defend, indemnify and hold the City and its employees or officials, harmless from all demands, losses, expenses (including attorney's fees and court costs), claims for personal injury or property damage, judgments or liabilities of any type that may be asserted or claimed against the City (or its employees or officials) by any third person, firm or entity that arise out of or relate in any manner to the following: (1) the installation,

construction, maintenance, use or operation of the permitted Facilities, Accessory Equipment or any Support Structure on or about the Right of Way; and (2) the failure of the Provider or Applicant to perform any of their respective responsibilities, obligations and permit requirements in this ordinance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Provider or Applicant shall not be obligated to indemnify the City for City claims resulting from the sole negligence or willful acts of the City (or its representatives).

(e) **Permit and License Fees.** The Applicant for a permit to place Facilities and associated Support Structures on the Right of Way shall pay the following fees:

(i) a permit application and review fee to be paid when an application is submitted;

(ii) a permit issuance fee per each Support Structure on the Right of Way contemplated for attachment; and

(iii) an annual license fee per each Support Structure on the Right of Way pertaining to the ongoing use of public property.

(f) **Franchise Agreements for Other Uses of Right of Way.** This Section 2 regulates the placement of Small Cell Technology Facilities (and associated Accessory Equipment) on or in the immediate vicinity of Support Structures that are located or proposed to be located on the Right of Way. No provision in this Section 2 or elsewhere in this ordinance is intended to permit, regulate or authorize the placement by a Provider or Applicant of fiber optic lines, coaxial cable, switches, pedestals or networking equipment of any type that is used to transport telecommunication signals, data or messages between Support Structures or between any other points on the Right of Way. In the event any such Provider or Applicant desires to place telecom-munications equipment or Facilities along the Right of Way at points not regulated by this ordinance, the City may enter into franchise or similar agreement that authorize, govern and apply to such use of other locations on or along the Right of Way.

Section 3. Placement of Small Cell Technology Facilities on Private Property

(a) A Provider or Applicant must obtain a permit from the City before placing, installing or constructing any Small Cell Technology Facility (and associated Accessory Equipment) on any Support Structure that is located on private property, or substantially modifying the position or characteristics of any such existing facility thereon.

(b) The Building Official will review and administratively process any request for a permit to determine whether, in the exercise of the Building Official's reasonable discretion, it should be issued for the location and in the manner requested. In this process, the burden is on the Applicant to demonstrate that the placement of the proposed Small Cell Technology Facility and associated Accessory Equipment or Support Structure on private property is the minimal physical installation which will achieve the technological goal of enhancing the provision of

personal wireless services. Except as set forth in this section, this permitting process will not require the approval of any City Board or City official other than the Building Official.

The factors, guidelines and requirements that the Building Official may consider and will apply when determining whether to issue a permit for placement of Facilities and any associated Accessory Equipment or Support Structure on private property include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (i) the factors and requirements set forth in Section 2(b)(i)-(xi);
- (ii) Colocation. The guidelines in Section 2(b)(vii) to utilize existing poles and Support Structures for the placement of Facilities and Accessory Equipment are also applicable when considering whether to permit the installation of those Facilities and Support Structures on private property, provided that Building Official approval is not required before a permit is issued to place a new pole or other Support Structure on private property if that action is appropriate.
- (iii) The Provider or Applicant shall use Stealth Technology when installing the Facilities and associated Accessory Equipment on any building or accessory to that building that is located on private property. Further, Stealth Technology should be used when placing Facilities on other types of Support Structures on private property unless the Applicant can reasonably demonstrate that, given the nature of the requested application, the use of such Technology is (a) unnecessary; or (b) impractical.
- (iv) If Facilities are placed on an existing or new building or accessory to that building, the following dimensional regulations shall apply:
 - (1) Façade-mounted antennas shall not extend above the face of any wall or exterior surface of the building.
 - (2) Roof-mounted antennas and Accessory Equipment may be permitted on buildings in accordance with the following table:

Height of Building	Maximum Height of Facility above Highest Point of Roof	Required Setback from Edge of Roof of Building
Up to 15 feet	8 feet, including antenna	1 foot for every foot of height of equipment
15-35 feet	10 feet, including antenna	1 foot for every foot of height of equipment

More than 35 feet	12 feet, including antenna	1 foot for every foot of height of equipment
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- (3) The antenna component of the Facilities shall be limited to a maximum height of three (3) feet and a maximum width of two (2) feet; provided that authorization to install antenna up to six (6) feet in height may be permitted if a showing of the technological need for such equipment is made and other requirements of this Section are met.
- (4) Accessory Equipment must be located in an equipment cabinet, equipment room in an existing building or in an unmanned equipment building. If the equipment building is freestanding, it shall conform to the City of Saraland Land Use and Development Ordinance with respect to building setbacks, that building shall not exceed four hundred (400) square feet, and its overall height shall be limited to fifteen (15) feet (if located on the ground) measured from the finished grade. Further, if an equipment building or cabinet is located in a residential zone, or the nearest adjoining property is in a residential zone, that building or cabinet shall be surrounded by landscaping to provide a screen of the same height as the building or cabinet.

(v) Application Process. Except as provided in subparts (1) and (2) immediately below, the same application process that is set forth in Section 2(c) will be utilized when processing any request for a permit to place Facilities or Support Structures on private property, except that:

- (1) Building Official approval to install a new Support Structure on private property is not a condition for a permit to place Facilities thereon; and
- (2) If the Facilities are located on private property that is not owned or exclusively used by the Applicant, instead of providing the documentation contemplated in Section 2(c)(i)(4), the Applicant shall present a license, lease, agreement or other documentation indicating that owner of said property authorizes the Applicant the rights to place the Facilities thereon and access thereto, or that such owner agrees in principle to grant the Applicant those rights; provided that, if a representation is made to the City that the owner of private property has agreed in principle to grant those rights but the Applicant subsequently fails to furnish the City documentation that finalizes any such agreement, the City may refuse to issue the requested permit until that documentation is provide, or, if the City issues the requested permit before receiving such final documentation, the subject permit and license may be revoked.

(vi) Additional Requirements. Any Provider or Applicant to whom a permit is issued and that places Facilities and associated Support Structures on private property also shall comply with the following requirements as long as those Facilities and Support Structures are located thereon:

- (1) All Facilities and Support Structures shall be installed, erected and maintained in compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, regulations of the FCC, the National Electric Safety Code, and the National Electric Code.
- (2) At least triennially following the installation of the Facilities or associated Support Structures, upon reasonable request and for good cause, the applicant shall furnish the Building Official a written certification from a professional engineer licensed in the State of Alabama indicating that those structures have been inspected and are being maintained, operated and used in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including those of the FCC that pertain to the transmission of wireless communication signals, along with the requirements of the National Electric Safety Code and the National Electric Code, as applicable. For purposes of this provision, "good cause" shall mean circumstances have arisen that indicate the Facilities and associated Support Structures have been damaged, are not functioning in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, or otherwise pose a hazard to the public. If those structures fail at any time to comply with said laws, regulations, and codes, the Provider or Applicant shall cause those structures to be brought into compliance with said laws, regulations, and codes within fifteen (15) days of the date of any written notice to either of them of such non-compliance, or cease all personal wireless communications operations related to those structures until the Provider or Applicant comes into full compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- (3) The Facilities and associated Support Structures on private property must at all times be maintained in good and safe condition.

(c) Permit and License Fees. The provider or applicant for a permit to place Facilities and associated Support Structures on private property shall pay all fees as required by the City Code of Ordinances, as amended, to include, but not be limited to the following:

- (i) a permit application and review fee to be paid when an application is submitted; and,

- (ii) a permit issuance fee per each Support Structure on private property contemplated for attachment.

Section 4. Abandonment of Facilities on Right of Way. If a Provider or Applicant abandons any Facility (including the Accessory Equipment) or an associated Support Structure (collectively "Facilities" for purposes of this Section) that is located on the Right of Way, the following rights and obligations shall exist. The City may require the Provider or Applicant, at their expense, to remove and reclaim the abandoned Facilities within sixty (60) days from the date of written notice of abandonment given by the City to them and to reasonably restore the condition of the property at which the Facilities are located to that existing before they were installed. If the Provider or Applicant fails to remove and reclaim its abandoned Facilities within such sixty (60) day period and the Facilities are located on the Right of Way, the City shall have the rights to (a) remove them and charge its expense of any such removal operation to the account of the Provider or Applicant, (b) purchase all abandoned Facilities at the subject location from the Provider or Applicant in consideration for \$1.00, (c) at the City's discretion, either resell the abandoned Facilities to a third party or dispose and salvage them; provided that the proceeds of any resale of abandoned Facilities by the City to a third party shall be credited to the account of the Applicant or Provider that used those Facilities before the abandonment, and (d) charge any expense incurred by the City to restore the Right of Way to the account of the Provider or Applicant.

Section 5. Co-Location. To promote the public interest that is served by co-locating Facilities and associated Accessory Equipment on existing Support Structures and thereby mitigating the installation of additional Support Structures throughout the City, and to the extent permitted by 47 U.S.C. 224, no person or entity (including any Provider or Applicant) that utilizes an existing Support Structure that is located on Right of Way or on private property in the City and has space available thereon may deny a Provider or Applicant the right to use or access an existing Support Structure for purposes of attaching Facilities permitted by this ordinance without sound operational, technological or other good reason. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to grant mandatory access rights to any Support Structure to any Provider or Applicant where such access rights are not already granted by federal law. Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect, or be construed to affect, any pole attachment agreement between any Applicant or Provider and any owner, lessor, or controller of a Support Structure.

Section 6. Non-Applicability. The placement of an antenna(s), facilities or equipment related to the following types of wireless services are exempt from regulation under this ordinance; (a) amateur radio service that is licensed by the FCC if the facilities related thereto are not used or licensed for any commercial purpose; and (b) facilities used by any federal, state or local government or agency to provide safety or emergency services.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to apply to the attachments, equipment, facilities, or business activities of an electric utility that is regulated by the Alabama Public Service Commission. This Ordinance also does not apply to the attachments, equipment,

facilities, or business activities of such electric utility's parents, affiliates, or subsidiaries when they are acting in support of the electric utility.

Section 7. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances heretofore adopted by the City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 8. Severability. If any part, section or subdivision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

Section 9. Conflicts with Future Legislative, Regulatory or Court Action. Should any federal or state legislative action supersede or preempt any portion of this Ordinance, the City Building Official is authorized to disregard any portion of this Ordinance the City Building Official determines is superseded or preempted. Should any federal or state court with controlling jurisdiction over the City determine all or any portions of a substantially similar ordinance adopted by another municipality is superseded or preempted, the City Building Official has the discretion to disregard the portion the City Building Official determines is the same or substantially similar. Should a federal or state regulatory agency issue or adopt regulations that, in the City Building Official's discretion he/she determines supersedes or preempts all or portions of this Ordinance, the City Building Official is authorized to disregard those portions superseded or preempted. If the relevant regulations are challenged by any entity, the City Building Official may continue to enforce any provisions of this Ordinance that in the determination of the City Building Official are substantially similar to the regulation being challenged, until a court with jurisdiction over the City determines the regulation is authorized and legally enforceable.

Section 10. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 22nd day of October, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance to amend regulations for small cell technology facilities in the City of Saraland, Alabama.

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 Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to adopt the ordinance to amend regulations for small cell technology facilities in the City of Saraland, Alabama.

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 a resolution authorizing the Mayor to purchase the property located at 818 Fortner Street, Saraland, Alabama, under State statutory proceedings. Since the property belongs to the State the de minimis price would be \$100.00. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2174

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE 818 FORTNER STREET, SARALAND, ALABAMA 36571 AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Saraland that Mayor Howard Rubenstein purchase the real property located at 818 Fortner Street, Saraland, Alabama 36571; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Alabama Code Section 40-10-132(a)(2), when three (3) years have elapsed from the date of sale of the subject property to the State of Alabama and the property has not been redeemed, the Land Commissioner may sell the property, if located within the municipal boundary, to the municipality at the best price offered, irrespective of the amount of taxes and interest due; and

WHEREAS, the subject property was sold in 2016 to the State of Alabama for delinquent 2015 property taxes owed by the Reynolds Family Trust; and

WHEREAS, the subject property is located within the municipal boundary of the City of Saraland and three (3) years have elapsed since the date of sale to the State and the property has not been redeemed; and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the City Council that the Mayor should be authorized to purchase the subject property so that it may be used for various public projects or, if determined by the Mayor and City Council at a later date, to be resold for available private projects; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to authorize the Mayor to undertake all necessary efforts, to execute all necessary and related purchase documents, and to pay for the purchase of 818 Fortner Street, Saraland, Alabama 36571 with funds from the City Treasury.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama that Mayor Howard Rubenstein is authorized to execute all necessary and related purchase documents on behalf of the City of Saraland for the purchase of the real property located within the City's municipal boundary at 818 Fortner Street, Saraland, Alabama 36571. Purchase funds are to be paid out of the City Treasury.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of October, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, consider the contract for aluminum fencing around the Splash Pad control cabinet and the installation of a 20 foot swing gate and fencing to the Northwest corner of the Town Center Park project at a cost of approximately \$8,400.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to accept Mike Black's recommendation to award the demolition agreement on 820 Cross Street, to the low bidder, Remedial Services (RSI-Satsuma) in the amount of \$9,000.00. Motion carried.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve start up funds in the amount of \$8,500.00. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve the Witches ride parade in the Spanish Trace Subdivision to be held Saturday. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

General Fund

1. Neel-Schaffer – General Consulting Services – September 2020 \$5,765.00

Motion carried.

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

General Obligation Warrant

1. Neel-Schaffer – Splash Pad, Phase II \$9,895.86
2. Neel-Schaffer – Boat Ramp, Phase II \$2,135.94

Motion carried.

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve the 2020-2021 Budget. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to adopt a resolution to provide a longevity payment for \$500.00 for full-time equivalent employees, the Public Safety Director, and the Fire Chief, as well as a \$250.00 longevity payment for part-time employees. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2175**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME GRANT OF
LONGEVITY PAY TO CITY EMPLOYEES
BASED UPON THEIR EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama have determined that retaining employees that are motivated to provide exceptional service to the citizens is of the utmost importance to the proper and efficient operation of the City; and

WHEREAS, it has been the observation of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama that the employees of the City have heretofore provided such exceptional service; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and City Council to continue providing such service; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that a one-time grant of longevity pay is in the public interest and will promote greater productivity from City employees; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that full-time employees with the appropriate tenure and the Public Safety Director and Fire Chief should receive \$500.00 payments, and part-time employees with appropriate tenure should receive \$250.00 payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Saraland as follows:

The City Council of the City of Saraland does hereby authorize a one-time grant of longevity pay in the amount of \$500.00 to the Public Safety Director and the Fire Chief, as well as all full-time City employees employed as of October 22nd, 2020, and employed as such for the prior three (3) consecutive calendar months, said payment to be made as of the next regular payroll following November 1, 2020. A one-time grant of the longevity pay in the amount of \$250.00 is hereby authorized to all part-time City employees employed as of October 22, 2020 who have been employed as such for the prior three (3) consecutive months, said payment to be made as of the next regular payroll following November 1, 2020.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of October, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to ratify repairs to the Chamber of Commerce and City Hall water heaters. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to authorize the City to enter into a contract with Alabama Power Company for new LED parking lot lighting for the Walter Cofield Boat Launch Improvement Project. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to authorize the renewal of the YMCA Silver Level Support Banner contract. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Stanley, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize continuation of the City of Saraland's participation in the ADOR Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday as notated in Ordinance 1104 approved January 11, 2018. Motion carried.

Council President McDonald advised there is a matter to be discussed in executive session concerning a possible 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 possible 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.

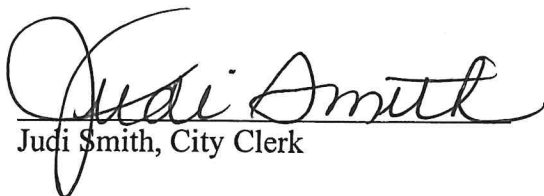
Council President McDonald advised he anticipates the executive session to last approximately 15 minutes.

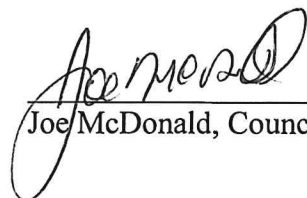
The Council adjourned into executive session with the Mayor and City Attorney at 7:15 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to reconvene at 7:33 with all members present. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Hudson to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 12th day of November, 2020.


Judi Smith, City Clerk


Joe McDonald, Council President