

Saraland City Council
Pre-Meeting
April 22, 2021

MINUTES

The members of the Saraland City Council met on April 22, 2021 at the Saraland Municipal Annex at 6:03 p.m., with Council President McDonald presiding.

Councilmembers Biggs, and Cromer were in attendance.

Councilmembers Hudson and Moye were absent.

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 6:17 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 10th day of May 2021.


Judi Smith, City Clerk


Joe McDonald, Council President

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on April 22, 2021 at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by Council President McDonald. Roll call was as follows:

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

Attorney, Andy Rutens was present.

Councilmember Cromer opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 8 & 19, 2021. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to authorize payment in the amount of \$10,989.00 to South Alabama Regional Planning Commission which represents the second half of the Pro-Rata share for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

General Fund

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| 1. Galloway, Wettermark & Rutens, LLP – Billing through 2/28/21 | \$9,112.50 |
| 2. Neel-Schaffer – General Consulting Services | \$4,020.00 |

Motion carried.

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

2018 General Obligation Warrant

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| 1. Wattier Surveying, Inc. – Walter Cofield Park (Parking Survey) | \$2,000.00 |
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Motion carried.

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

Gas Tax Fund

- 1. Neel Schaffer – Inv.#1071190-Celeste Road Widening \$12,198.26

Motion carried.

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

AFTER PROPER PUBLIC NOTICES HAVING BEEN DULY GIVEN, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST to rezone Parcel R022202033000057 & R022202044002008 from R-4 to B-2, filed by DRS Investments, LLC (postponed March 25, 2021).

Council President McDonald declared the public hearing open.

No one spoke for or against the rezoning.

Council President McDonald declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Biggs introduced an ordinance approving the request to rezone Parcel R022202033000057 & R022202044002008 from R-4 to B-2, filed by DRS Investments, LLC.

ORDINANCE 1195

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 757

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

SECTION 1: That Section 3-3 Official Zoning District Map of the Saraland Land Use & Development Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

The following property in the City of Saraland is hereby rezoned from R-4 to B-2:

PART OF LOT 2 O'QUINN ESTATES INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2019017749 BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2 THEN RUN SOUTHERLY 72.32 FT THEN WEST 249.42 FT THEN SOUTHERLY 270.2 FT THEN WEST 302.7 FT THEN NORTH 340 FT(S) THEN EAST 474.4 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Also known as Parcel Number 022202033000057.

PART OF LOT 2 O'QUINN ESTATES INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2019017749 BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING 100 FT EAST

OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2 THEN RUN NORTH 337.62 FT THEN EAST 285.95 FT THEN SOUTH 340 FT(S) THEN WEST 285.74 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Also known as Parcel Number 022202044002008.

Petition to rezone filed by DRS Investments, LLC.

SECTION 2: That the balance of said ordinance is hereby and heretofore ratified and affirmed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 22nd day of April 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance for the request to rezone Parcel R022202033000057 & R022202044002008 from R-4 to B-2, filed by DRS Investments, LLC.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Council President Joe McDonald
Councilmember Wayne Biggs
Councilmember Newton Cromer

Motion carried.

Unanimous consent being given to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance, motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to adopt the ordinance for the request to rezone Parcel R022202033000057 & R022202044002008 from R-4 to B-2, filed by DRS Investments, LLC.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Council President Joe McDonald
Councilmember Wayne Biggs
Councilmember Newton Cromer

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to adopt a resolution to surplus and auction merry-go-rounds removed from Kali Oka and Norton parks.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2187

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

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland, Alabama, has a certain metal trailer cover (destroyed by Hurricane Sally) which is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-43-56 of the Alabama Code of 1975 authorizes the municipal governing

body to dispose of unneeded property; and

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

Merry-go-rounds removed from Kali Oka and Norton parks

Section 1: That the below listed vehicles and trailer is personal property owned by the City of Saraland, Alabama that are not needed for public or municipal purposes:

Section 2: That the surplus property indicated above owned by the City of Saraland be sold at auction.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 22nd day of April, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to adopt a resolution establishing and authorizing rental rates for rental of pavilions located within the City of Saraland Splash Pad Park. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2188

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND AUTHORIZING
RENTAL RATES FOR RENTAL OF PAVILIONS LOCATED
WITHIN THE CITY OF SARALAND SPLASH PAD PARK**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama has undertaken the construction of a Splash Pad Park which includes covered pavilions; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the pavilions was financed through City tax revenue and the Park will be continued to be maintained using funds from the City Treasury; and

WHEREAS, members of the public have already begun requesting the ability to obtain the exclusive use of the pavilions for parties and family gatherings; and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the City Council of the City of Saraland that allowing the use of these pavilions by individuals and groups in exchange for the payment of a fee that is determined to be roughly proportionate to the use and wear and tear to the pavilions and attendant structures; and

WHEREAS, the pavilions and the Splash Pad Park are being made available to the public for recreational purposes, but allowing the exclusive use of the pavilions assists in the orderly and safe use of the Park, and will serve to benefit the recreational use of the entire Park for the public at large; and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the City Council that Saraland residents, as the primary taxpayers supporting the City Treasury, should receive the benefit of their tax dollars paying for the funding of the Park, as well as the continued upkeep of the Park; and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the City Council that while the rental of the pavilions should be made available to individuals who are not residents of the City as capacity allows, non-citizens seeking to rent the Park facilities should pay a higher rate roughly proportional to the benefit conveyed to non-citizens due to the tax revenues of citizens of the City being used to fund the construction and maintenance of the facility; and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the City Council, through consultation with the relevant municipal officials, that the rental of pavilions by citizens of the City of Saraland who provide valid photo state identification establishing their residency within the City, or confirmation of their residency through municipal voting rules, will be \$100.00 per two (2) hour period; and

WHEREAS, the rental rate for pavilions by non-residents will be \$150.00 per two (2) hour period.

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

1. Pavilion rental rates for citizens of the City of Saraland, Alabama who are required to provide the above-mentioned identification or proof of citizenship within the City will be \$100.00 per two (2) hour period.
2. Non-citizens of the City of Saraland will be able to rent the pavilions of the Splash Pad Park based upon availability and vacancy of the pavilions and will pay \$150.00 per two (2) hour period.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of April, 2021.


Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to authorize advertisement expense for a full page, inside cover, color ad in the Saraland Magazine with Alliance Publishing Group. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Cromer to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 10th day of May 2021.



Judi Smith, City Clerk



Joe McDonald, Council President