

Saraland City Council  
Pre-Meeting  
October 28, 2021

MINUTES

The members of the Saraland City Council met on October 28, 2021, at the Saraland Municipal Annex at 6:06 p.m., with Council President McDonald presiding.

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

Councilmember Biggs opened the meeting with prayer.

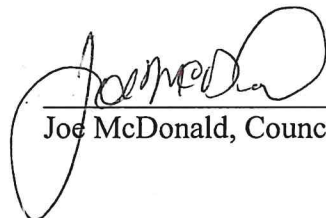
Attorney Andy Rutens was present.

The Council discussed agenda items and general municipal business.

There being no further discussion the pre-meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

  
Judi Smith, City Clerk

  
Joe McDonald, Council President

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on October 28, 2021, at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:21 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 Natalie Moyer

Attorney, David Walker 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 meeting of October 14 and 25, 2021. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to approve changing the dates for the November council meetings due to holidays. November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> due to Veteran's Day holiday and November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> due to Thanksgiving holiday. Motion carried.

Mayor Rubenstein announced his new appointment of Vincent Walker to the Planning Commission Board.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, authorize the mayor to take any suggestions and make the best decision concerning the ATRIP II grant monies for the City of Saraland. Motion carried.

Mayor Rubenstein requested an executive session with the Council and City Attorney at the conclusion of regular business, to discuss an area of Real Estate as well as Economic Development.

#### ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

AFTER PROPER PUBLIC NOTICES HAVING BEEN DULY GIVEN, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD TO CONSIDER THE transfer of alcoholic beverage application, on-premises beer, wine & liquor (010-Lounge Retail Liquor-Class I) for The Hut Bar LLC d/b/a The Hut Bar, 21-A Anderson Road, filed by John & Amy Deloach.

Council President McDonald declared the public hearing open.

There was no one in favor of or in opposition to the application.

Council President McDonald declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of the transfer alcoholic beverage application, on-premises beer, wine & liquor (010-Lounge Retail Liquor-Class I) for The Hut Bar LLC d/b/a The Hut Bar, 21-A Anderson Road, filed by John & Amy Deloach.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Council President Joe McDonald  
Councilmember Wayne Biggs  
Councilmember Newton Cromer  
Councilmember Veronica Hudson  
Councilmember Natalie Moya

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to adopt the transfer of alcoholic beverage application, on-premises beer, wine & liquor (010-Lounge Retail Liquor-Class I) for The Hut Bar LLC d/b/a The Hut Bar, 21-A Anderson Road, filed by John & Amy Deloach.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Council President Joe McDonald  
Councilmember Wayne Biggs  
Councilmember Newton Cromer  
Councilmember Veronica Hudson  
Councilmember Natalie Moya

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve a parade permit submitted by Bayou Sara Baptist Church, 12 Bayou Sara Avenue, for Fall Festival & Car Show, Sunday, October 31, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to suspend the rules for immediate consideration to set the debris fee at \$6.00 per month with the discount as follows:

- 1) Those who receive Social Security income only will be free, following State law
- 2) Increase the minimum household income from \$1,700.00 to \$2,000.00 for the reduced rate of \$14.00 per month for garbage and debris.

The following votes were recorded:

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

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to adopt setting the debris fee at \$6.00 per month with the discount as follows:

- 1) Those who receive Social Security income only will be free, following State law
- 2) Increase the minimum household income from \$1,700.00 to \$2,000.00 for the reduced rate of \$14.00 per month for garbage and debris.

The following votes were recorded:

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

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to set the total fee for garbage and debris at \$26.00. Motion carried.

Council President McDonald advised there is a matter to be discussed in executive session concerning real estate and economic development.

City Attorney, Andy Rutens, advised this is appropriate use of executive session as authorized by state law.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to adjourn into executive session with Mayor Rubenstein and Andy Rutens to discuss a matter of real estate and economic development.

The following votes were recorded:

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

Councilmember Natalie Moye

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 6:49 p.m.

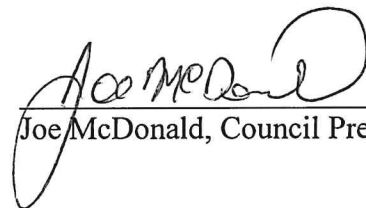
Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to reconvene at 6:59 p.m. with all members present. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to authorize the mayor to execute a G17 form for David Langham with Frazier Lanier. Motion carried.

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

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

  
Judi Smith, City Clerk

  
Joe McDonald, Council President