

The Saraland City Council convened in special session on June 30, 2022, at the Saraland Municipal Annex meeting room. The meeting was called to order at 5:22 p.m. by Council Vice President Newton Cromer. Roll call was as follows:

Present: Councilmember Wayne Biggs  
Council Vice President Newton Cromer  
Councilmember Veronica Hudson

Absent: Council President Joe McDonald  
Councilmember Natalie Moye

City Attorney, Andy Rutens, was present.

Councilmember Biggs opened the meeting with prayer.

Council Vice President Cromer advised the purpose of this meeting is to hold a discussion with the Architect concerning the proposed Sportsplex project. Other municipal business may be considered at this time.

Mr. John Chambless with Chambless King Architects out of Montgomery, Alabama gave his presentation on the proposed Sportsplex project.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to add to agenda, the approval to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to review the contract, make final adjustments and execute the contract with Chambless King Architects.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Council Vice President Newton Cromer  
Councilmember Wayne Biggs  
Councilmember Veronica Hudson

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to authorize the Mayor with the advice of the City Attorney to review the contract, make final adjustments and execute the contract with Chambless King Architects. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize a change order for Neel Schaffer on the Celeste Road widening project. This change will be using a black asphalt base as opposed to a crushed aggregate base at an additional cost of approximately \$10,000, however the project will be completed approximately 3 weeks earlier than planned. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve a resolution authorizing a one-time lump sum payment for those eligible retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees of the City of Saraland. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION 2244

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, through its governing authority, elects to come under the provisions of Section 2 of Act 229 of the Regular Session of the 2022 Legislature.

WHEREAS the City of Saraland agrees to provide all funds necessary to the Employees' Retirement System to cover the cost of the one-time lump sum payment as provided for by this Act for those eligible retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees of the City of Saraland with the lump sum payment being paid by October 2022.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to authorize the Mayor to purchase a new laptop for city use, in an amount up to \$800.00. Motion carried.

Council Vice President Cromer advised there is a matter to be discussed in executive session concerning an issue of economic development that the City of Saraland is in competition with other cities for.

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 Hudson, to adjourn into executive session with Mayor Rubenstein and Andy Rutens to discuss an issue of economic development that the City of Saraland is in competition with other cities for.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Council Vice President Newton Cromer  
Councilmember Wayne Biggs  
Councilmember Veronica Hudson

Motion carried.

Council Vice President Cromer advised he anticipates the executive session to last approximately ten minutes.

The Council adjourned into executive session with the Mayor and City Attorney at 6:09 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to reconvene at 6:15 with all members present. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson for the Mayor and Attorney to proceed with negotiations with developer. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs to adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs to reconvene at 6:17 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

  
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Newton Cromer, Council Vice President

  
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Judi Smith, City Clerk