

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on September 22, 2022, at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:28 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 Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022, pre-meeting, regular session, and September 19, 2022, work session and special meeting. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moyer to authorize Ephraim Environmental, LLC to complete the Natural Resource Assessment, which includes Wetland Delineation and Survey, Threatened and Endangered Species Survey and a Cultural Resource Assessment on the Saraland Sportsplex Property, also known as "The Land". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moyer to authorize Geotechnical Engineering-Testing, Inc. to perform the Soils Explorations and Geotechnical Design Services for the Saraland Sportsplex Property, also known as "The Land". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moyer to approve Invoice# 22-016, from Seniors Blue Book in the amount of \$1,500.00 for a full-page ad in the Fall 2022-Winter 2023 Edition. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer to approve the 2022-2023 City budget in the amount of \$24,070,200.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moyer to authorize the department heads to place orders for capital items approved on the budget. 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. Chambless King Architects – Sportsplex Invoice #2022.0905 | \$129,882.75 |
| 2. Neel-Schaffer – General Services Invoice # 1082021 | \$3,600.00 |
| 3. Neel-Schaffer – Incinerator Invoice # 1082023 | \$2,095.00 |

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer to approve the following invoices:

Gas Tax Fund

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| 1. S.C. Stagner Contracting, Inc. – Construction Estimate. #2 | \$451,241.98 |
| 2. Neel-Schaffer – Celeste Rd. Widening, Invoice # 1082024 | \$20,055.20 |

Motion carried.

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize the opening of bids for the Planning and Resurfacing of Second Avenue Project. Motion carried.

The following bids were received:

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| 1) Hosea O. Weaver & Sons, Inc. | \$368,939.32 |
| 2) John G. Walton Construction Company | \$315,177.42 |

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize Engineer, Kirby Latham to review and tabulate the bids and return a recommendation to the mayor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize the mayor to execute the contract for the Resurfacing of Second Avenue Project upon receiving the recommendation from engineer, Kirby Latham. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize travel expenses for Mayor and Councilmembers to attend Alabama League of Municipalities Committee Meetings, October 13, 2022, in Montgomery, Alabama. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, for approval of ½ page, color advertisement for the Homecoming Edition in the Call News for \$659.00. Motion carried.

Council President McDonald advised there is a matter to be discussed in executive session concerning to discuss preliminary negotiations of trade or commerce in which the governmental body is in competition with private individuals or entities or other government bodies in Alabama or in other states, the discussion of which would have a detrimental effect of the competitive position of the City or upon the location of a business entity if disclosed outside the executive session and/or would disclose information protected by the Alabama Trade Secrets Act.

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

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to adjourn into executive session with Mayor Rubenstein and Attorney David Walker to discuss preliminary negotiations of trade or commerce in which the governmental body is in competition with private individuals or entities or other government bodies in Alabama or in other states, the discussion of which would have a detrimental effect of the competitive position of the City or upon the location of a business entity if disclosed outside the executive session and/or would disclose information protected by the Alabama Trade Secrets Act.

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 45 minutes.

The Council adjourned into executive session with the Mayor and City Attorney at 6:42 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to reconvene at 7:35 p.m. with all members present. Motion carried.

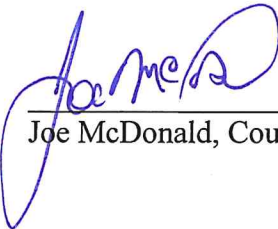
Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to move forward to negotiate a contract for submittal to the City Council for recruitment of a retailer to Saraland along with incentives as outlined during the prior executive session. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Hudson to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 13th day of October 2022.



Judi Smith, City Clerk



Joe McDonald, Council President