

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on February 9, 2023 at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Council President McDonald. Roll call was as follows:

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

Attorney, Andy Rutens was present.

Councilmember Hudson opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moya, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 26 and February 1, 2023. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moya to adopt a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute settlement sign-on, settlement allocation, and settlement participation agreements as a concern as the nationwide opioid settlements for Wal-Mart, Teva, Allergan, CVS and Walgreens. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2272

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE ONGOING OPIOID LITIGATION

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama has previously authorized the Mayor to hire the firm of Riley & Jackson to represent the City as it concerns the numerous opioid litigation cases; and

WHEREAS, the City has been provided documentation concerning proposed settlement and allocation of settlement funds concerning opioid litigation with Wal-Mart, Allergan, Teva, CVS and Walgreens; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the City Council that settlement of the class litigation is in the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, the various entities involved in the settlement require the City to execute Participation Forms, Settlement Allocation Forms, and Settlement Sign-on Agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to authorize Mayor Howard Rubenstein to execute those necessary documents to finalize the settlements as it concerns Wal-Mart, Allergan, Teva, CVS and Walgreens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama that Mayor Howard Rubenstein is authorized to execute Sign-on Agreements, Allocation Agreements, and Settlement Participation Agreements on behalf of the City, settling the claims held by the City against Wal-Mart, Allergan, Teva, CVS and Walgreens.

Adopted and approved this 9th day of February 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to authorize the Mayor to execute a memorandum of understanding for the National Recreation Association for an AAEBI, Arthritis-Appropriate Evidence Based Intervention for \$4,000.00. Motion carried.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson to appoint member, Phillip Braden, to the Board of Adjustments. 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. Neel Schaffer-General Services 11-26 to 12-30-22, Inv.1084813 | \$5,100.00 |
| 2. Jeffrey Perloff, PC – January 2023 Stmt. | \$2,012.50 |
| 3. Volkert-General Engineering, Inv.# 901119 & 101120 | \$1,189.57 |

Motion carried.

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

Gas Tax Fund

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| 1. Neel Schaffer-General Services, Celeste Rd., Inv.1084814 | \$34,364.01 |
| 2. Gulf Coast Right of Way Services, LLC, Celeste Rd. | \$7,150.00 |

Motion carried.

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

General Obligation Warrant 2022-A

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| 1. HPM-Hoar Program Mgmt., Inv.# 4664-4 (Due 3-3-23) | \$44,500.00 |
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Motion carried.

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

Alabama Trust Fund

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| 1. ALA-Season, LLC, Inv.# T22596-Fire Station #3 | \$99,280.00 |
| 2. S.C. Stagner Contracting, Inc., Inv.# 2341- Police Gym Project | \$15,426.10 |

Motion carried.

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

American Rescue Plan

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| 1. Neel-Schaffer, Incinerator – Inv.# 1084815 | \$3,575.00 |
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Motion carried.

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to approve a resolution to declare various vehicles surplus, to be sold at auction. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2273

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

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland, Alabama, has certain equipment 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:

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

FORD EXPLORER 1FM5K8AR8DGA26642
CHEVY TAHOE 1GNMCAE00AR132574
DODGE CHARGER 2B3AA4CT2AA224108
DODGE CHARGER 2B3AA4CT0AH224107
DODGE CHARGER 2B3AA2CT3AH224103

Section 2: That the surplus property indicated above owned by the City of Saraland be auctioned or donated to charitable organizations.

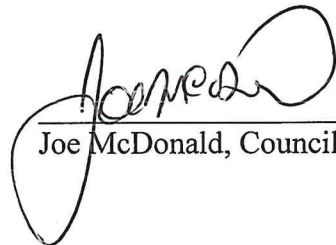
ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 9th day of February 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to authorize the mayor to sign the annual generator service agreement with Taylor Power Systems. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Hudson to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 23rd day of February 2023.


Judi Smith, City Clerk


Joe McDonald, Council President