

The Saraland City Council met in special session on March 20, 2023, at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Council President McDonald. Roll call was as follows:

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

Attorney, Andy Rutens was present.

Councilmember Biggs opened the meeting with prayer.

Council President McDonald advised there is a matter to be discussed in executive session to discuss one or more economic development projects where Saraland is in competition with other communities.

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, Andy Rutens, employees from Superior Air and members of Mobile Chamber of Commerce to discuss one or more economic development projects where Saraland is in competition with other communities.

The following votes were recorded:

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

Motion carried.

Council President McDonald advised he anticipates the executive session to last approximately 30 minutes.

The Council adjourned into executive session with the Mayor and City Attorney at 6:11 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to reconvene at 6:51 with all members present. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize travel expenses for the Mayor to attend the Access to Health Care Crisis meeting in Montgomery, AL on April 17, 2023. Motion carried.

Councilmember Hudson introduced an ordinance amending section 44-80 of the Saraland Municipal Code to provide for service fees for trees and trash pick-up in excess of maximum amounts.

ORDINANCE 1244

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 44-80 OF THE SARALAND MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR SERVICE FEES FOR TREES AND TRASH PICK UP IN EXCESS OF MAXIMUM AMOUNTS

WHEREAS, Section 44-80 of the Saraland Municipal Code reads as follows:

- (a) No garbage will be collected by the collector unless the same is deposited in the receptacle provided or other container previously approved by the city. No rubbish or other refuse will be collected by the sanitation department unless in a separate container, except as provided in this section.
- (b) Trees or parts of trees not more than six inches in diameter and cut to less than six feet in length will be collected if piled alongside the garbage can or rubbish container when the trimming and work is done by the owner. When done by anyone other than the owner, all limbs and refuse must be removed from the property by the person doing the work and delivered to a landfill by the person doing the work.
- (c) Boxes, crates, and cartons will not be collected unless the same are broken down and securely fastened into bales or bundles not exceeding 50 pounds in weight or four feet in any dimension and deposited alongside the garbage can or rubbish container.

(Code 1984, § 12-26; Ord. No. 749, 9-27-2007)

and;

WHEREAS, the City requires a maximum limit on tree and trash debris placed for pick up; and

WHEREAS, residents who place more than the maximum limit on volume of tree and trash debris will be allowed to have an amount double the volume limit of six (6) cubic yards be picked up by the City in exchange for the payment of a \$50.00 fee; and

WHEREAS, the failure of residents to request the additional pick up and to coordinate with City Hall concerning the payment of the \$50.00 fee will result in a municipal offense citation being issued by the City.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SARALAND, ALABAMA THAT SECTION 44-80 OF THE SARALAND MUNICIPAL CODE IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (a) No garbage will be collected by the collector unless the same is deposited in the receptacle provided or other container previously approved by the city. No rubbish or other refuse will be collected by the sanitation department unless in a separate container, except as provided in this section.

- (b) Trees or parts of trees not more than six inches in diameter and cut to less than six feet in length will be collected if piled alongside the garbage can or rubbish container when the trimming and work is done by the owner. Trees and vegetative debris so piled shall not exceed six (6) cubic yards. If more than six (6) cubic yards is piled at any time, the owner shall contact city hall and coordinate a time for city personnel to pick up the entire amount. The owner shall be charged a fifty-dollar (\$50.00) fee for any amount above six (6) cubic yards and shall be charged additional fees of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each multiple of six (6) cubic yards above twelve (12) cubic yards placed for pick up. Said fee shall be paid within ten days of pick up by the city. If an owner places more than six (6) cubic yards for pick up and does not arrange for pick-up of the excess amount, they shall be deemed to have committed a municipal offense and subject to citation by the City Environmental Office. When done by anyone other than the owner, all limbs and refuse must be removed from the property by the person doing the work and delivered to a landfill by the person doing the work.
- (c) Boxes, crates, and cartons will not be collected unless the same are broken down and securely fastened into bales or bundles not exceeding 50 pounds in weight or four feet in any dimension and deposited alongside the garbage can or rubbish container.

(Code 1984, § 12-26; Ord. No. 749, 9-27-2007)

This ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

Adopted this 20th day of March 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance amending section 44-80 of the Saraland Municipal Code to provide for service fees for trees and trash pick-up in excess of maximum amounts.

The following votes were recorded:

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

Motion carried.

Unanimous consent being given to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance, motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to adopt the ordinance amending section 44-80 of the Saraland Municipal Code to provide for service fees for trees and trash pick-up in excess of maximum amounts.

The following votes were recorded:

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

Motion carried.

Councilmember Biggs introduced an ordinance establishing a speed zone with speed limit of 40 miles per hour on the portion of AL-158 located in Mobile County, Alabama Milepost 7.30 to Milepost 9.30.

ORDINANCE 1245

AN ORDINANCE REDUCING AND ESTABLISHING A SPEED ZONE WITH A SPEED LIMIT OF 40 MILES PER HOUR ON THAT PORTION OF ALABAMA STATE HIGHWAY 158 FROM MILE POST 7.30 TO MILE POST 9.30 LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SARALAND, ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland has implemented and enforced a comprehensive speed limit plan for the City; and

WHEREAS, Industrial Parkway, otherwise known as Alabama State Highway 158 terminates on United States Highway 43 and travels in a westward direction through and beyond the western most city limits of the City of Saraland, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2023 the City received a road study report from Sain Associates which included an analysis of Alabama State Highway 158; and

WHEREAS, the report recommends that the portion State of Alabama Highway 158 located between mile post 7.30 to mile post 9.30 should be 40 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Alabama Code §32-5A-173 is the opinion and decision of the City that the maximum speed for said area of the state highway should be reduced to 40 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Alabama Code §32-5A-173(d), upon passage of this ordinance, the Mayor is authorized to request the state highway department to approve said reduction.

Therefore, be it ordained by the City Council for the City of Saraland, Alabama, as follows:

1. The maximum speed limit for State of Alabama Highway 158 located within the city limits, specifically between mile post 7.30 and mile post 9.30 should be and hereby is reduced to 40 miles per hour; and
2. Pursuant to Alabama Code §32-5A-173(d) of the Alabama Code, the Mayor is authorized to notify the State of Alabama Highway Department of this action by the City and to request approval of the same; and

3. To the extent this ordinance conflicts with prior ordinances, the same are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to implement this ordinance; and
4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage, approval by the state highway department and publication as provided by law.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARALAND, ALABAMA ON THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance establishing a speed zone with speed limit of 40 miles per hour on the portion of AL-158 located in Mobile County, Alabama Milepost 7.30 to Milepost 9.30.

The following votes were recorded:

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

Motion carried.

Unanimous consent being given to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance, motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to adopt the ordinance establishing a speed zone with speed limit of 40 miles per hour on the portion of AL-158 located in Mobile County, Alabama Milepost 7.30 to Milepost 9.30.

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

Motion carried.

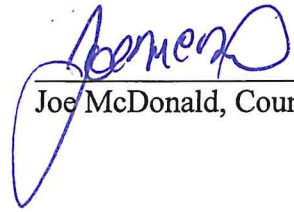
Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Biggs to authorize payment for invoice # 089 for Heath Vester Creative for Saraland branding, in the amount of \$500.00. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Hudson to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 23rd day of March 2023.



Judi Smith, City Clerk



Joe McDonald, Council President