

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on February 10, 2022, at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m. by Council President McDonald. Roll call was as follows:

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

Attorney, Andy Rutens was present.

Councilmember Moyer opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moyer, to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 7, 2022. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Moyer, seconded by Councilmember Cromer to approve travel expenses for the following individuals for the purpose of touring the Albertville Sportsplex, on March 5 & 6, 2022.

- Mayor Rubenstein
- Council President McDonald
- Councilmember Moyer
- Ashley-Nicole Flowers

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moyer, to authorize expenses for the Mobile County Municipal Dinner to be hosted by the City of Saraland on Thursday evening, February 17, 2022. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

General Fund

- 1. Neel-Schaffer – General Consulting \$7,710.00
- 2. R. Jeffrey Perloff – January 2022 Statement \$2,320.50

Motion carried.

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

Gas Tax Fund

- 1. Neel-Schaffer-Celeste Road Widening \$1,160.23
- Motion carried.

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to group items (1) one and (2) two from the agenda. Motion carried.

AFTER PROPER PUBLIC NOTICES HAVING BEEN DULY GIVEN, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD TO CONSIDER THE rezoning of property at and to the east of 8380 Celeste Rd, Lot 1, and Lot 2 of the Bear Run Subdivision, to be rezoned from R-1 Low Density Single Family Residential District to R-2, Medium Density Single Family Residential District, filed by Dewberry on behalf of owner Moore Properties, LLC.

Council President McDonald declared the public hearing open.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the application.

- Sam Wilkes 7905 Spartanburg Drive
- Anthony Jacobs 8387 Celeste Road

Melissa Curry with Dewberry gave further explanation on the rezoning and provided maps for citizens to view.

- Russell McDuffie 3514 Durham Drive
- Brandon Biggs 3419 Charleston Drive
- Robert Echols 7825 Spartanburg Drive

Melissa Curry with Dewberry spoke again concerning the proper timing for the traffic study as well as explaining the conservation subdivision design.

- Kevin Evans 8115 Biltmore Drive
- Patrick Adams 8143 Biltmore Drive
- Brian Charles 3430 Charleston Drive

Council President McDonald declared the public hearing closed.

Motion made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to postpone voting on this item until the meeting of February 24, 2022. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to authorize the opening of bids for the City of Saraland police gymnasium, laundry building, phase one. Motion carried.

The following bids were received:

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| 1) Dunn Building Company | \$244,330.00 |
| 2) J. Smith Contractors, LLC | \$194,475.00 |
| 3) S.C. Stagner Contracting, Inc. | \$192,338.00 |

Motion made by Councilmember Cromer seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize Mike Black, Chief Building Inspector to review the bids and return a recommendation to the Mayor. Funds for this project will be from FEMA reimbursement monies and the Alabama Trust Fund account. Motion carried.

Councilmember Cromer introduced an ordinance approving temporarily extending the annual renewal date for business license.

ORDINANCE 1206

AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY EXTENDING THE ANNUAL RENEWAL DATE FOR BUSINESS LICENSES

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland has adopted a comprehensive Business License Ordinance that requires each business operating within the City to obtain a business license and to seek yearly renewal of that license; and

WHEREAS, Section 12-26 of the Saraland Municipal Code, in pertinent part, currently provides:

The license term and the minimum amount for a business license are as follows:

- (4) *Annual Renewal.* Except as otherwise provided within the sub-section, the business license shall be renewed annually on or before January 31 of each year.

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- c. On or before December 31st of each year, a renewal reminder shall be mailed to each licensee that purchased a business license during the current year. The renewal notice shall be mailed via regular U. S. Mail to the licensee's last known address of record with the City. Licensees are required to

furnish the City any address changes for their business prior to December 1 in order for them to receive their notice.

; and

WHEREAS, due to clerical issues with the third-party servicer, who assists the City with implementation and enforcement of its Business License Ordinance, the notices required to be sent pursuant to 12-26(4)(c) were not mailed until January of 2022; and

WHEREAS it is the determination of the City that businesses operating within the City that are required to renew their licenses under the relevant Municipal Code provisions, should not be penalized or charged any late fees due to the late notice of the renewal requirements, including timing for the renewal; and

WHEREAS it is the determination of the City that this is a temporary situation which in good conscience and faith requires an extension of the period from January 31st, 2022 until February 28th, 2022, so that businesses may file for their renewal and those applications and payments be properly processed.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Saraland, Alabama that the provisions of Saraland Municipal Code Sections 12-26(4) concerning the deadline to renew business licenses is extended for the 2022 business license year only to allow for businesses and licensees to apply for and pay for their business license on or before February 28th, 2022 without incurring any late payment, fee or other form of additional charge from the City due to failure of the licensee to secure the renewal by January 31st, 2022.

ADOPTED this the 10th day of February 2022.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance for temporarily extending the annual renewal date for business license.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Council President Joe McDonald
Councilmember Newton Cromer
Councilmember Natalie Moye

Unanimous consent being given to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance, motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to adopt the ordinance for temporarily extending the annual renewal date for business license.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Council President Joe McDonald
Councilmember Newton Cromer
Councilmember Natalie Moye

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Greg Cully and Austin Sullivan to attend Advanced Patrol Tech conference, March 9-10, 2022, in Biloxi, Mississippi. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2228

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, that

WHEREAS, a cash advance for Greg Cully and Austin Sullivan to attend Advanced Patrol Tech conference, March 9-10, 2022 in Biloxi, Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, a statement of said expenditures will be presented to the City Clerk immediately upon return, at which time all monies will be balanced.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 10th day of February 2022.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, for approval to amend the 2021-2022 budget. Motion carried.

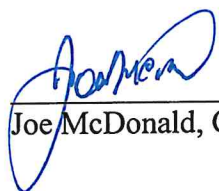
Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize purchase of Explorer XLT for the Parks & Recreation Director. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to approve Phase I fencing for the Town Center Park. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Moye to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 24th day of February 2022.


Judi Smith, City Clerk


Joe McDonald, Council President