

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on March 10, 2022, at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:24 p.m. by Council President McDonald. Roll call was as follows:

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

Attorney, Andy Rutens was present.

Councilmember Hudson opened the meeting with prayer.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 24 & March 7, 2022. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson to authorize the mayor to sign a hold harmless with the Saraland Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson to appoint Earl Hudson to the Kushla Water Board. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer to approve an invoice from the Field for Amelia Park in the amount of \$1,144.50. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Cromer to authorize the mayor to sign the MS4 report with Volkert Engineering. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

##### General Fund

1. Neel-Schaffer – General Consulting	\$22,895.00
2. R. Jeffrey Perloff – February 2022 Statement	\$1,079.50

## 3. Volkert, Inc. – General Engineering Services

\$281.70

Motion carried.

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

**General Obligation Warrant**

## 1. Neel-Schaffer – Incinerator Project

\$4,015.00

Motion carried.

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

AFTER PROPER PUBLIC NOTICES HAVING BEEN DULY GIVEN, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD TO CONSIDER THE vacation of right-of-way on Ash Avenue, an unopened right of way, approximately 60' by 180', connecting to Kali Oka Road, filed by Kenneth Gates

Council President McDonald declared the public hearing open.

There was no one in favor of or in opposition to the application.

Council President McDonald declared the hearing closed.

Councilmember Cromer introduced a resolution to vacate the right-of-way for Ash Avenue, an unopened right of way, approximately 60' by 180', connecting to Kali Oka Road, filed by Kenneth Gates.

**RESOLUTION 2230**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SARALAND, ALABAMA  
ASSENTING TO THE VACATION OF A 60 FOOT BY 180 FOOT UNOPENED RIGHT  
OF WAY, ASH AVENEUE, ALONG LOT 1 OF THE KENNY GATES SUBDIVISION**

**WHEREAS**, GATES KENNETH A is the owner of the property, Lot 1 of the Kenny Gates Subdivision, a lot surrounding on three sides, Ash Avenue, and unopened 60 foot by 180 foot right of way of the City of Saraland, and has requested the City Council of the City of Saraland assent to the vacation of said right of way as described below, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Saraland have determined that the right of way described below is not needed and the vacation of same will not deprive any owner of convenient means of ingress or egress,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama assent to the vacation of the following described right of way:

ASH AVENEUE, AN UNOPENED RIGHT OF WAY AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY OF NORTHWOOD ESTATES UNIT TWO SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 27, PAGE 27 AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS.

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 9, NORTHWOOD ESTATES UNIT TWO, AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 27, PAGE 27, PROBATE COURT RECORDS, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA, THENCE N14°48'52"E A DISTANCE OF 173.65 FEET TO A PINCH TOP REBAR THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 25 FEET, CHORD THAT BEARS N31°20'23"W, AND A LENGTH OF 39.36 FEET TO A PINCH TOP REBAR, TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF KALI-OKA ROAD (80' RIGHT OF WAY) THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY AND ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1323.24 FEET, A CHORD THAT BEARS S75°4'48"E, AND A LENGTH OF 112.41 FEET TO A CAPPED REBAR; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 25 FEET, A CHORD THAT BEARS N62°29'4"E, AND A LENGTH OF 39.36 FEET TO A CAPPED REBAR; THENCE S14°48'07"W, A DISTANCE OF 173.94 FEET TO A CAPPED REBAR; THENCE N75°11'09"W, AND A DISTANCE OF 59.88 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

**ADOPTED** and **APPROVED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed resolution to vacate the right-of-way for Ash Avenue, an unopened right of way, approximately 60' by 180', connecting to Kali Oka Road, filed by Kenneth Gates.

The following votes were recorded:

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

Motion carried.

Unanimous consent being given to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed resolution, motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to vacate the right-of-way for Ash Avenue, an unopened right of way, approximately 60' by 180', connecting to Kali Oka Road, filed by Kenneth Gates.

The following votes were recorded:

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

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for Kathie Hatchett, Jessie Abbott, Stephanie Anderson, Paige Bryan, and Angela Grantham to attend the 2022 Municipal Court Officials Regional Seminar, May 5, 2022, in Mobile, Alabama. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION 2231**

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

**WHEREAS** a cash advance for Kathie Hatchett, Jessie Abbott, Stephanie Anderson, Paige Bryan, and Angela Grantham to attend the 2022 Municipal Court Officials Regional Seminar, May 5, 2022, in Mobile, Alabama: 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for Kenneth Mathews to attend Investigating Drug Trafficking Organizations conference, April 11-15, 2022, in Nashville, Tennessee. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION 2232**

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

**WHEREAS** a cash advance for Kenneth Mathews to attend Investigating Drug Trafficking Organizations conference, April 11-15, 2022, in Nashville, Tennessee; 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer to approve of resolution for items to be declared surplus for the Police Department. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION 2233**

**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 copier is personal property owned by the City of Saraland, Alabama that are not needed for public or municipal purposes:

- 2013 VW Jetta 3VWLL7AJ8DM416771**
- 2010 Dodge Charger 2B3AA4CT4AH224112**
- 2010 Dodge Charger 2B3AA4CT4AH224405**
- 2010 Dodge Charger 2B3AA4CT4AH224110**
- 2010 Dodge Charger 2B3AA4CT4AH224104**
- 2001 GMC Yukon 1GKEC13T81R141327**
- 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe 1GNMCAE08AR132497**

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer to adopt a resolution approving the purchase of approximately 90 acres of property from Carmelda LLC. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2234**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO PURCHASE APPROXIMATELY 92 ACRES OF PROPERTY OFF OF CELESTE ROAD**

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland is a vibrant and growing community; and

WHEREAS, the City has a long history of providing its citizens with recreational opportunities, as well as organized sports activities for youth and adults; and

WHEREAS, the City has received funding pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the City Council that an active population that has readily available recreational opportunities is a significant way to address and otherwise prevent issues surrounding poor public health; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council for the City of Saraland have been endeavoring to secure substantial acreage of property conveniently located to the citizens of the City in order to construct a recreation sports plex; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has been in negotiations with different property owners throughout the City and has concluded that there exists a parcel of property of approximately 92 acres located off of Celeste Road which would be suitable for such use; and

WHEREAS, the property description is as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of Section 30, Township 2 South, Range 1 West, Mobile County, Alabama; thence East 516.54 feet to the West right of way of Celeste Road (80' R/W); thence South  $07^{\circ} 52' 27''$  East 1234.17 feet along said West right of way to a point; thence North  $85^{\circ} 05' 05''$  West 974.72 feet to a point; thence North  $78^{\circ} 26' 40''$  West 580.93 feet to the centerline of a 125 foot Alabama Power Company right of way; thence South  $41^{\circ} 36' 54''$  West 1502 feet, more or less, to centerline of Bayou Sara Creek; thence North westerly along said centerline of Bayou Sara Creek to a point of the intersection of the North line of Section 25, Township 2 South, Range 2 West; thence East 2640 feet, more or less, to the Northeast corner of Section 25, Township 2 South, Range 2 West, to the point of beginning; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has been in negotiations with the representative of the owners of the property, Carmelda, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed on a purchase price of Nine Hundred Thousand And No/100ths (\$900,000.00) Dollars for the entirety of the approximately 92 acre parcel; and

WHEREAS, the City undertook an independent appraisal and obtained an appraisal from Carmelda, LLC concerning the property; and

WHEREAS, both appraisals are either equal to or in excess of the proposed \$900,000.00 purchase price; and

WHEREAS, the City has also obtained title documents and reviewed the same, and they have proven satisfactory to City representatives; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire and will of the City Council to authorize the Mayor to purchase the property and to undertake all efforts necessary to purchase the property, to include the expenditure and payment of \$900,000.00 for the purchase of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Saraland City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to purchase the property described above for the amount of \$900,000.00; said funds to be from the City's share of the American Rescue Plan Act Funds provided by the federal government. The Mayor is authorized to expend those funds in that amount and to execute any and all documents necessary to obtain ownership and title of the 92 acres. The Mayor is also authorized to expend American Rescue Plan Act funds to pay for any related transaction costs.

ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer to contract with Chambliss-King to provide vision plan for all city recreation areas. Motion carried.

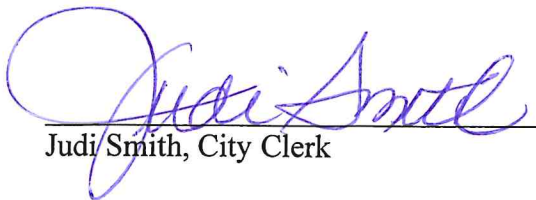
Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson to approve advertising with the Seniors Blue Book resource guide for \$1,200.00. Motion carried.

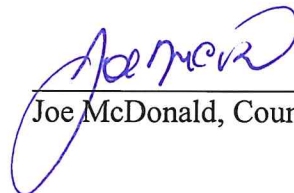
Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson to authorize the submission of the 5310-transportation grant. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye to authorize the submission of the National Fitness Campaign grant. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Hudson to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

  
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Judi Smith, City Clerk

  
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Joe McDonald, Council President