

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on May 23, 2022, at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:44 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, Andy Rutens was present.

Councilmember Cromer opened the meeting with prayer.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moyer, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 28 and May 9, 2022. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moyer to amend the agenda to add a first reading for an ordinance to authorize the expenditure of up to \$50,000,000 toward the costs of a sports complex to be located at 7365 Celeste Road, Saraland, AL 36571.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Council President Joe McDonald  
Councilmember Wayne Biggs  
Councilmember Newton Cromer  
Councilmember Veronica Hudson  
Councilmember Natalie Moyer

Motion carried.

Council President called for a public hearing at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting for consideration of an ordinance and resolution approving the construction of a sportsplex complex and for issuance of general obligation warrants for economic development.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moyer to approve the MS 4 report from Volkert and Associates. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moyer to approve the recommended supplemental invoice from ALDOT to relocate school flashers and reset two light poles on State Road 158 project. The supplemental will be in the amount of \$42,338.26. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson to purchase 16 air bottles through Sunbelt Fire in the amount of \$23,120.00 and will be reimbursed in the amount of \$20,500.00 through the VHO Hazmat Grant. 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 Services \$7,370.00

Motion carried.

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

##### **2018 General Obligation Warrant**

1. Neel-Schaffer – Incinerator \$3,120.00

Motion carried.

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

##### **Gas Tax Fund**

1. Neel-Schaffer – Additional Lanes to Celeste Rd. I-65 to Forrest Ave. \$28,706.28
2. Neel-Schaffer – Celeste Road Widening Project \$8,375.00

Motion carried.

#### ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to authorize training expense, and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Kelly Wright to attend Municipal Magistrates Orientation classes, July 8, 15, 22, 29, & August 5, 2022, in Montgomery, Alabama. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION 2239

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

**WHEREAS**, a cash advance Kelly Wright to attend Municipal Magistrates Orientation classes, July 8, 15, 22, 29, & August 5, 2022 in Montgomery, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to adopt a resolution authorizing contracts for advertisement with the Saraland Baseball and Girls Softball teams in the amount of \$250.00 each. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2240**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest, for and on behalf of the City of Saraland, contracts for advertisement between the City of Saraland and the Saraland Baseball and Girls Softball teams in the amount of \$250.00 each.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye to adopt a resolution to surplus 4 scoreboards from Oscar Driver Park. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2241**

**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:

Four (4) scoreboards from Oscar Driver Park

Section 2: That the surplus property indicated above owned by the City of Saraland be declared worthless.



**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022

Council President McDonald advised there is a matter to be discussed in executive session concerning a possible real estate transaction.

City Attorney, Andy Rutens, 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 Andy Rutens to discuss a possible real estate transaction.

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 15 minutes.

The Council adjourned into executive session with City Attorney at 6:58 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to reconvene at 7:30 p.m. with all members present. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Biggs to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

  
Judi Smith, City Clerk

  
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Joe McDonald, Council President