

The Saraland City Council met in special session on April 24, 2023, at the Saraland High School Performing Arts Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Council President McDonald. Roll call was as follows:

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

Attorney Andy Rutens was present.

Councilmember Moye opened the meeting with prayer.

Council President McDonald advised the purpose of this meeting is to conduct City business due to lack of quorum for the regularly scheduled meeting that was to be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2023. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve an invoice from Turner-Wilson Fence Company, LLC in the amount of \$14,100.00 for the fencing around the Saraland incinerator sight. The invoice has an attached letter of warranty for 5 years on materials and 1 year on workmanship. Motion carried.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve a resolution establishing protocols and procedures as it concerns the design, development, and approval of the Sportsplex development on Celeste Road. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2281

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES
AS IT CONCERNS THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND
APPROVAL OF THE SPORTSPLEX DEVELOPMENT
ON CELESTE ROAD

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland has issued FIFTY-FOUR MILLION DOLLARS (\$54,000,000.00) in general obligation warrants to fund a sportsplex facility located on Celeste Road; and

WHEREAS, the City has hired the architectural firm of Chambless, King to provide architecture and designs services for the project; and

WHEREAS, the City has hired Hoar Program Management, LLC to provide design development cost assistance and bidding and contract oversight as well as construction project management; and

WHEREAS, this sportsplex project is a significant financial endeavor for the City and will serve as a jewel in not only the City's recreational department but for the City as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the City Council that outlining the procedures to be used in assisting the City Council in considering and properly approving the design, development, and expenditures related with the sportsplex is the best way to ensure that the project is on time and on budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARALAND, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

1. A City of Saraland Sportsplex Development Volunteer Advisory Committee is established, along with a separate Steering Committee. The Advisory Committee, as well as the Steering Committee, will include as part of their membership Mayor Howard Rubenstein, Council-President, Joe McDonald, Councilperson Natalie Moya and Recreation Superintendent, Ashley-Nicole Flowers;
2. The Advisory and Steering Committees will work with the architect and project management company during the design, development, and construction process in order to provide community input into the design, development, and construction of the Sportsplex;
3. The Steering Committee shall serve as a liaison between the Advisory Committee and the City Council in order to timely convey community priorities and input to the City Council;
4. All final decisions on the design and development of the sportsplex will be made by the City Council after presentations by the architect and construction management team as well as receipt and review of any comments or recommendations from the advisory committee and city engineer;
5. All final decisions concerning selection of the general contractor (s), contractors and component parts manufactures will be made by the City Council or their designee(s), said decision being made in consultation with the architect, construction manager and advisory committee;
6. The bid process shall be handled and overseen by the construction manager, HPM, in consultation with the architect, advisory committee and the City Council, with the final decision on selection of the lowest responsible bidder to be made by the City Council in consultation with the Mayor;

7. The City Council shall authorize all contracts for the design, development, and construction of the Sportsplex project in their discretion after consultation with the city attorney, project architect, construction manager, advisory committee, and the Mayor;
8. The City Council or any designee(s) authorized by future Council action shall review and authorize all change orders exceeding FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100THS (\$50,000.00) DOLLARS, as well as any change orders resulting in the cost of the sportsplex exceeding the approved budget.

Adopted and approved this 24th day of April 2023.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

General Fund

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| 1. Neel-Schaffer, Inv#1086567 – TAP Sidewalk project | \$12,832.25 |
| 2. Neel-Schaffer, Inv.#1086565 – General Services Contract | \$4,450.00 |

Motion carried.

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to award the contract for the City of Saraland Civic Center air conditioner replacement to Patco with a bid amount of \$22,890.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to adopt a resolution supporting the 2023 National Safe Boating Week. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2282

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING 2023 NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

WHEREAS, many residents of the City of Saraland, Alabama, engage in boating, fishing, and other recreational activities on the navigable waters around the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, on average, 600 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, alcohol use remains a leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; it was reported as the leading factor in 247 accidents resulting in 86 deaths nationwide in 2021; and

WHEREAS, operator intention and inexperience are also leading contributing factors in mishaps, causing hundreds of accidents and dozens of fatalities annually; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard considers operator use of engine cut-off switches to be important because when operators of powerboats are ejected or fall overboard, the boat will typically continue to operate, until it runs out of fuel, runs aground, or collides with another boat/object; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, boating safety courses and boating safety campaigns can teach people how to adhere to better boating practice and help them to boat more safely; and

WHEREAS, United States Coast Guard statistics show that, of the accidents where the level of operator education was known, 75% of boating deaths occurred on boats where the boat operator had never received boating education instruction.

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Saraland, Alabama, does hereby support the goals of the United States Coast Guard's Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 20-26, 2023, as Safe Boating Week and the start of a year-round effort to promote safe boating.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 24th day of April 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve the special event application for the Aztecas Cinco De Mayo block party. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve a resolution authorizing the surplus of two (2) scoreboards from Amelia Park. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2283

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:

Two (2) scoreboards from Amelia Park

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 24th day of April 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson to approve the following changes for the meetings in May 2023:

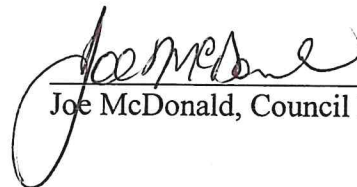
1. May 4, 2023, Special Meeting
2. May 8, 2023, Workshop and Regular Meeting
3. May 22, 2023, Workshop and Regular Meeting

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Hudson to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 8th day of May 2023.


Judi Smith, City Clerk


Joe McDonald, Council President