

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on May 8, 2023 at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:29 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 Moye

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 April 24 and May 4, 2023, Councilmember Biggs asked to amend the minutes of May 4, 2023, to include the information he presented on the Rural King proposal. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize the Mayor to execute appropriate closing documents for approximately 50.2 acres adjacent to the Sportsplex property for the purchase price of \$397,000 and to allow him to expend those funds from the General Obligation Warrant monies.

Councilmember Biggs recused himself.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize emergency repairs to the generator at Fire Station 3, in the amount of \$4,275.92. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Rubenstein requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss possible litigation.

#### APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

##### **General Fund**

1. R. Jeffrey Perloff, PC – April

\$3,112.50

Motion carried.

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

**Gas Tax Fund**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| 1. Neel-Schaffer- Inv.1086564 – Celeste Rd. Widening    | \$35,112.39 |
| 2. Neel-Schaffer-Inv.1084816 – Celeste Rd. Widening     | \$6,277.96  |
| 3. Neel-Schaffer-Inv.1085216 – Celeste Rd. Widening     | \$2,642.88  |
| 4. Neel-Schaffer-Inv.1085217 – Second Ave. Road Project | \$1,693.46  |
| 5. Jones Walker- Tract 20 – Celeste Rd. Widening        | \$938.00    |
| 6. Jones Walker, Tract 2 - Celeste Rd. Widening         | \$851.50    |
| 7. Jones Walker, Tract 8 - Celeste Rd. Widening         | \$726.50    |
| 8. Jones Walker, Tract 15 - Celeste Rd. Widening        | \$726.50    |
| 9. Jones Walker, Profession Services Rendered           | \$400.00    |
| 10. Jones Walker, Recording Warrant Deed                | \$50.50     |

Motion carried.

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

**General Obligation Warrant**

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| 1. Chambless King – Inv.#22014.1                | \$359,037.00 |
| 2. Wattier Surveying, Inc.-Inv.23-080, The Land | \$29,800.00  |

Motion carried.

**ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve an invoice from Dick's Sporting Goods, in the amount of \$8,224.96 to be paid from the general fund account, and charged to the Amelia Park line item. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to postpone approving the Cybersecurity polices through ThreatAdvice until the next regular meeting. Motion carried.

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

City Attorney, Andy Rutens, advised this is appropriate use of executive session as authorized by state law.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to adjourn into executive session with Mayor Rubenstein and Andy Rutens to discuss possible litigation.

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 20 minutes.

The Council adjourned into executive session with the Mayor and City Attorney at 6:38 p.m.

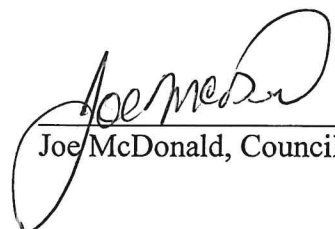
Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to reconvene at 6:56 p.m. with all members present. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize the Mayor to institute litigation against the appropriate entity to enforce collections of fees and taxes in the Police Jurisdiction. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Biggs to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2023.

  
Judi Smith, City Clerk

  
Joe McDonald, Council President