

The Saraland City Council met in special session on June 5, 2023, at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 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
Absent: Councilmember Natalie Moye

Attorney Andy Rutens was present.

Councilmember Cromer opened the meeting with prayer.

Council President McDonald advised the purpose of the Special Meeting was to consider a resolution authorizing the Council President to execute the deed and purchase documents for approximately 50.2 acres off of Celeste Road for the Sportsplex.

Other municipal business may be considered at this time.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve a resolution authorizing Council President McDonald to execute the deed and purchase documents for approximately 50.2 acres off of Celeste Road for the Sportsplex. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2288

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE PURCHASE DOCUMENTS AND DEED FOR PROPERTY OBTAINED FROM KALI-OKA, LLC

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland, Alabama is currently constructing a Sportsplex development off of Celeste Road; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland has been in negotiations with Kali-Oka, LLC concerning the purchase of a portion of property owned by Kali-Oka, LLC adjacent to the Sportsplex property currently owned by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has agreed to purchase approximately 50.2 acres from Kali-Oka, LLC, which property shall supplement and expand the Sportsplex complex; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Howard Rubenstein has previously been authorized to offer to purchase the property for Three Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand And No/100ths (\$397,000.00) Dollars, and that offer has been accepted by Kali-Oka, LLC; and

WHEREAS, closing on the purchase of the property is scheduled for the week of June 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Howard Rubenstein is currently out of the country and unable to execute the necessary documents to complete the purchase of the property; and

WHEREAS, it is the expressed determination of the City Council for the City of Saraland that City Council President, Joe McDonald, shall be authorized to execute all necessary documents to complete the purchase of the property from Kali-Oka, LLC, to include acceptance of the deed for title.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama, as follows:

“1. Council President Joe McDonald is authorized to execute all documents necessary for the purchase of approximately 50.2 acres of property located on Celeste Road, adjacent to the current Sportsplex property.

2. Council President and the City Clerk are authorized to utilize General Obligation Warrant funds from the 2022 Series, not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand And No/100ths (\$400,000.00) Dollars to complete the purchase.”

Adopted and approved this 5th day of June, 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize Chief West to apply for a 100% reimbursable grant from Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, for tactical equipment for the Saraland Police Department. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve a special designation for James Thomason, past President of the Saraland Chamber of Commerce, as Aeronautical Liaison for the City of Saraland to the Paris Air Show to be held June 19-25, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve a resolution declaring certain equipment from the Civic Center and Senior Center as surplus. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2289

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:

- (7) Monitors
- (2) Printers
- (7) Towers

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 5th day of June 2023.

Council President McDonald advised there are two (2) matters to be discussed in executive session, the first is the consideration the City is willing to offer concerning the possible purchase of real property. The second matter is to discuss preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governmental body is in competition with other governmental bodies in the state.

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 Biggs, to adjourn into executive session with Attorney Andy Rutens to discuss (2) matters, the first concerning the consideration the City is willing to offer concerning the possible purchase of real property, the second matter, to discuss preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governmental body is in competition with other governmental bodies in the state.

The following votes were recorded:

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

Motion carried.

Council President McDonald advised he anticipates the executive session to last approximately 30 minutes.

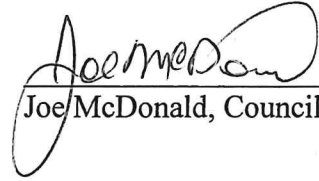
The Council adjourned into executive session with the City Attorney at 6:41 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to reconvene at 7:06 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 7:07 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 8th day of June 2023.


Judi Smith, City Clerk


Joe McDonald, Council President