

Saraland City Council  
Work Session  
July 10, 2023

MINUTES

The members of the Saraland City Council met on July 10, 2023, at the Saraland Municipal Annex at 6:05 p.m. with Council President McDonald presiding.

Councilmembers Biggs, Hudson, and Moye were in attendance.

Councilmember Cromer was absent.

Councilmember Moye opened the meeting with prayer.

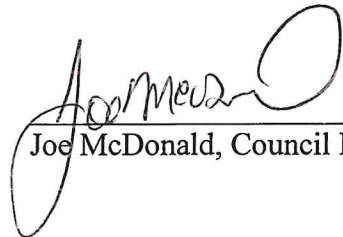
City Attorney Andy Rutens was present.

The Council discussed agenda items and general municipal business.

There being no further discussion the work session adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

  
Judi Smith, City Clerk

  
Joe McDonald, Council President

The Saraland City Council convened in special session on July 10, 2023, at the Saraland Municipal Annex meeting room. The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Council President Joseph McDonald. Roll call was as follows:

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

City Attorney, Andy Rutens, was present.

Councilmember Moya opened the meeting with prayer.

Council President McDonald advised the purpose of this meeting is to discuss a possible real estate transaction. Other municipal business may be considered at this time.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moya, to approve a resolution authorizing the mayor to accept deeds for right-of-way acquisition and enter into agreements for the right of entry to begin work on the Celeste Road expansion project.

Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION 2292**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT DEEDS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR THE RIGHT OF ENTRY TO BEGIN WORK ON THE CELESTE ROAD EXPANSION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the City Council that the expansion of Celeste Road will facilitate economic development in the City of Saraland, Alabama and will alleviate future traffic congestion caused by the City's anticipated population growth; and

WHEREAS, the road expansion project requires the City of Saraland, Alabama to purchase certain tracts of land running along Celeste Road; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Saraland to authorize the Mayor to accept deeds to the right-of-way tracts necessary for the Celeste Road Expansion Project No. NS-14605 and for the Mayor to enter into agreements for the right-of-entry to begin work on the road expansion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of

Saraland, Alabama that the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept Deeds for the acquisition of right-of-way tracts for Celeste Road Expansion Project No. NS-14605, and that the Mayor is further authorized to secure and execute agreements for the right-of-entry to begin work on road improvement to be constructed under the project, as set out in the instruments attached hereto for the following tracts of real property:

1. Fee Simple Deed to Right-of-Way **Tract 4** for the purchase price of \$45,000.00.
2. Fee Simple Deed to Right-of-Way **Tract 19** for the purchase price of \$22,650.00.

Said documents are by reference made a part of this Resolution as if fully set forth herein, and copies will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Saraland.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That Mark Jones of Gulf Coast Right of Way Services, the City Engineer, the City's legal counsel, or the Mayor of the City of Saraland, Alabama are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate and to execute for and in the name of the City of Saraland whatever supporting documents, affidavits, closing statements, or other forms necessary to complete the right-of-way acquisitions, execute the right of entry agreements, and pay the Grantors the approved purchase price for the tract described herein and to pay all approved closing costs. All approved and funded by State of Alabama Department of Transportation.

Adopted and approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve the building of a new lift station to be installed at the East end of Commerce Street. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve a contribution in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize the purchase of an ad in the Call News for Saraland High School football, in an amount not to exceed \$699.00. Motion carried.

Council President McDonald advised there is a matter to be discussed in executive session to discuss the consideration the City is willing to offer for the purchase of real property.

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

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to adjourn into executive session with Mayor Rubenstein and Andy Rutens to discuss a possible real estate transaction.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Council President Joe McDonald  
Councilmember Wayne Biggs  
Councilmember Veronica Hudson  
Councilmember Natalie Moye

Motion carried.

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

The Council adjourned into executive session with the Mayor and City Attorney at 6:40 p.m.

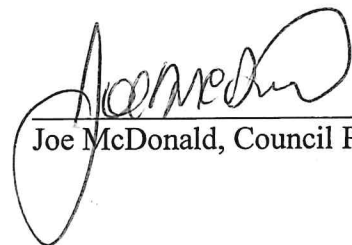
Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to reconvene at 6:55 with all members present. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson to adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

  
Judi Smith, City Clerk

  
Joe McDonald, Council President