

Saraland City Council
Pre-Meeting
June 22, 2023

MINUTES

The members of the Saraland City Council met on June 22, 2023, at the Saraland Municipal Annex at 6:10 p.m., with Council President McDonald presiding.

Councilmembers Biggs, Cromer, Hudson and Moye were in attendance.

Councilmember Moye opened the meeting with prayer.

Attorney Andy Rutens was present.

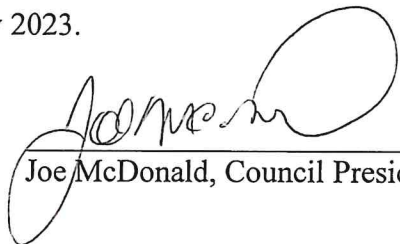
The Council discussed agenda items and general municipal business.

There being no further discussion the pre-meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 13th day of July 2023.



Judi Smith, City Clerk



Joe McDonald, Council President

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on May 22, 2023, at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:48 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 Moya

Attorney Andy Rutens was present.

Councilmember Moya opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moya, to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 8 and 19, 2023. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Councilmember Moya, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize Ashley-Nicole Flowers to apply for the RC&D grant. Motion carried.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to adopt a resolution awarding a service weapon, Glock Model 22, Serial #1ERZ695 to Assistant Chief Eddie Taylor, upon his retirement, July 1, 2023. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2290

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Eddie Taylor has announced his retirement effective July 1, 2023, from the City of Saraland's Police Department and;

WHEREAS, a service weapon Glock Model 22, Serial #1ERZ695 was issued to Assistant Chief Eddie Taylor by the City of Saraland;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Saraland, hereby award said weapon to Eddie Taylor upon his retirement.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of June 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moya, seconded by Councilmember Cromer to authorize the purchase of a Ranger Crew 1000 Premium with add-ons from the State Bid List, in an

amount not to exceed \$23,000. The budgeted amount was \$22,000 under the Recreation Department property purchase line item. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize the mayor to award the proposal to HMB Professional Engineers, Inc., for the engineering consulting services for the design and environmental permitting on the ALDOT Project No.: ATRIP 2-49-2023-442 for SR 158 widening. Motion carried.

Mayor Rubenstein requested an executive session after regular business has been concluded on the topics of economic development, real estate acquisition and threatened litigation.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

General Fund

1. Avizo – Inv.# 15262- 2022 Audit and Single Audit	\$70,230.00
2. Neel-Schaffer, Inv # 1088061,2020 TAP - Sidewalks	\$8,175.18
3. Neel-Schaffer, Inv.# 1088059, General Services	\$4,320.00
4. R. Jeffrey Perloff, PC – May 2023 Invoice	\$4,000.00
5. Volkert, 2023 Annual MS4 Report	\$2,975.00
6. PMT Publishing, Inc. – Business Alabama Ad- Inv# 2023-55381	\$2,030.00

Motion carried.

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

Gas Tax Fund

1. Neel-Schaffer, Inv. # 1088060, Celeste Rd. Widening	\$29,371.25
2. Geotechnical, Inv.#22175-523-663	\$758.40

Motion carried.

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

Council President McDonald gave the second reading of an ordinance for the rezoning of approximately 0.61 acres, a portion of parcel 02 2202091002049.01, to be rezoned from R-1 (Low Density Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Medium Density Single Family Residential) filed by Sam Heng.

ORDINANCE 1261

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 757

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARALAND, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That Section 3-3 Official Zoning District Map of the Saraland Land Use & Development Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows.

The following property in the City of Saraland is hereby rezoned from R-1 to R-2:

Approximately 0.61 acres, a portion of parcel 02 2202091002049.01, petitioned by Sam Heng, as described by the legal description here:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 9, Township 3 South, Range 1 West, St. Stephens Principal Meridian; running thence in a Southerly direction along the Eastern boundary of said section 1695.9 feet; thence turning at an angle of 91 degrees 9 minutes to the right in a Westerly direction 608 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing in a Westerly direction along a projection of the last described course, 304 feet to a point; thence turning an angle of 88 degrees 51 minutes to the right in a Northerly direction 430.3 feet to a point; thence turning an angle of 91 degrees 9 minutes to the right in an Easterly direction 304 feet to a point' thence turning an angle of 88 degrees 51 minutes to the right in a Southerly direction 430.3 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT part in the Blackwell Court Subdivision, Map Book 17, Page 23, Probate Court Records of Mobile County, Alabama.

Section 2: That the balance of said ordinance is hereby and heretofore ratified and affirmed.

Section 3: This ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 22nd day of June 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve the rezoning of approximately 0.61 acres, a portion of parcel 02 2202091002049.01, to be rezoned from R-1 (Low Density Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Medium Density Single Family Residential) filed by Sam Heng. Motion carried.

Council President McDonald gave the second reading of an ordinance for the rezoning of approximately 0.37 acres, a portion of parcel 02 2202091002049.01, R-1 (Low Density Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Medium Density Single Family Residential) petitioned by Sam Heng.

ORDINANCE 1262

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Lot 12, Blackwell Court Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Map Book 17, Page 23 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Mobile County, Alabama.

Section 2: That the balance of said ordinance is hereby and heretofore ratified and affirmed.

Section 3: This ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 22nd day of June 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve the rezoning of approximately 0.37 acres, a portion of parcel 02 2202091002049.01, R-1 (Low Density Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Medium Density Single Family Residential) petitioned by Sam Heng. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize the Fire Department to purchase Haz Mat equipment from the GSA contract, for \$58,000.00 utilizing the 2023 EMA Hazmat Grant at a 100% match. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$3,334 for floor prep, strip wax and seal Senior Center to Delta Deep, LLC. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for Kathie Hatchett, Jessie Abbott, Stephanie Anderson, Angela Grantham and Kaylii Porter to attend the 2023 AMCCMA Annual Conference on September 20, 21 & 22, 2023 in Orange Beach, AL. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2291

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

WHEREAS a cash advance for Kathie Hatchett, Jessie Abbott, Stephanie Anderson, Angela Grantham and Kaylii Porter to attend the 2023 AMCCMA Annual Conference, on September 20, 21 & 22, 2023 in Orange Beach, AL, 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 22nd day of June 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize the mayor to sign the Host Agency Agreement for Alabama Department of Senior Services (ADSS) Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize purchase of additional Payroll Software from Kel-Ar Consulting at an annual cost of \$1,692.00. Motion carried.

Council President McDonald advised there is a matter to be discussed in executive session concerning topics of economic development, real estate acquisition and threatened litigation.

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 Cromer, to adjourn into executive session with Mayor Rubenstein, Kirby Latham (City Engineer), members from Vallas Realty, Inc. and Andy Rutens to discuss with the city attorney the legal ramifications of and legal options of the city concerning a controversy not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated if the city pursues a proposed course of action, as well as to discuss preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the City is in competition with private entities or other governmental bodies in Alabama, and upon the advice of the city attorney that the economic recruitment effort would be detrimentally effected and the city's competitive position would be impacted adversely should the discussion take place and be disclosed outside of executive session.

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 one (1) hour.

The Council adjourned into executive session with the Mayor and City Attorney at 7:08 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to reconvene at 9:09 p.m. with all members present. Motion carried.

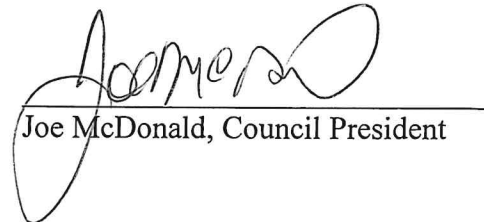
Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize the mayor and city attorney to negotiate with Vallas Realty on a matter of economic development. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to descope the Second Avenue project not to exceed \$50,000, and authorize the mayor to execute a contract with J. H. Adams Construction. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Cromer to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 13th day of 2023.


Judi Smith, City Clerk


Joe McDonald, Council President