

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on August 10, 2023, at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:24 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 Cromer, to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 27 and August 7, 2023. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to reconsider the motion made at the July 27th meeting to authorize engaging the services of Kemper Sports for management of the Sportsplex and authorize the City Attorney and Mayor to negotiate a contract with Kemper Sports subject to council approval, such reconsideration to allow for a subsequent motion to correct and clarify the purpose and scope of the proposed contract with Kemper Sports. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to negotiate, and the Mayor to execute a professional services and consulting contract with Kemper Sports Management to provide design consulting, FFE (furniture, fixture and equipment) needs analysis, existing recreational facility analysis and initial branding and marketing services for the Sportsplex. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to advertise for requests for proposals for the development, start up and management of the Sportsplex to include operational consulting and implementation, operational development and management, sales and events marketing and development as well as facilities management. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to authorize the Mayor to provide a 90-day notice under the contract with the City of Chickasaw concerning dispatch and jail services, the 90-day notice will be for ending of the current contract and allow a renegotiation based on a change in circumstances. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to approve emergency repairs for Skidmore Park air conditioner, up to \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to approve a resolution in support of the Alabama Department of Transportation's grant application to assist in funding I-10 Mobile River bridge and Bayway project. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2297

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SARALAND SUPPORTING
THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S GRANT
APPLICATION TO ASSIST IN FUNDING I-10 MOBILE RIVER BRIDGE
AND BAYWAY PROJECT**

**Support for the ALDOT MEGA Grant Application for the I-10 Mobile River Bridge and Bayway
Project**

WHEREAS, Interstate 10 is a major East-West corridor for commercial and personal vehicles, and is the only interstate highway that connects the East Coast, West Coast, and Gulf Coast of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the portion of Interstate 10 connecting Mobile and Baldwin Counties was initially built for 30,000 vehicles per day, but now services more than 100,000 vehicles on peak days, with traffic volumes growing steadily and continuously; and

WHEREAS, Mobile and Baldwin Counties are home to significant industry, whose workforce and suppliers rely on Interstate 10 to safely move people and goods across Mobile Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Mobile, the Mobile International Airport, and numerous multimodal hubs all are located on Mobile Bay and frequently utilize Interstate 10 helping to stimulate and drive the economy of Mobile and Baldwin Counties, the State of Alabama and the entire Gulf Coast region; and

WHEREAS, traffic and congestion on Interstate 10 will continue to increase, with negative effects on public safety, commerce, and mobility in the region, if no action is taken; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland agrees on the need for a new bridge over the Mobile River and Mobile Bay and a framework to achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland recognizes that President Biden and Congress conceived and enacted the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which includes a new discretionary grant program designed to address infrastructure challenges of this type and magnitude, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to improving our nation's infrastructure through the National Infrastructure Assistance Program, or "MEGA Grant" program, and

WHEREAS, this program can be a key funding component to address this crucial infrastructure need of local, regional, and national importance,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Saraland supports the Alabama Department of Transportation's application for a MEGA Grant and any other sources of federal funding that may become available, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Saraland supports the MPO's who are immediately initiating the process within all applicable regulations and bylaws of adding the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project in the TIP to move the project forward and to qualify for and apply for the MEGA Grant; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Saraland supports the MPO's who will finalize the process of including the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway project in their TIPs as soon as possible under the ongoing review and oversight of their respective boards.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 10th day of August 2023.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

General Fund

1. R. Jeffrey Perloff, July 2023 Statement	\$3,375.00
2. Senior Blue Book	\$1,500.00
3. Volkert – General Services – Inv.# 00607114	\$1,058.85

Motion carried.

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

Gas Tax Fund

1. S.C. Stagner, Construction Est. No. 10 (Final) Celeste Rd.	\$202,020.39
2. Neel Schaffer, Inv.# 1088481 (Final) Project # 14605-014	\$13,187.88

Motion carried.

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

American Rescue Plan

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| 1. Chambless King, Invoice #22014.12 | \$503,874.40 |
| 2. HPM, Invoice # 4664-9 | \$70,320.00 |

Motion carried.

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

Alabama Trust Fund

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| 1. Professional Roofing & Const., LLC – Civic Ctr roof | \$175,486.00 |
| 2. Patco – Civic Center AC Unit Replacement | \$22,980.00 |

Motion carried.

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to approve the submission of the FY 2024 application for Title III funding Area Agency on Aging, South Alabama Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye to authorize Chief West to pre-order (4) Police Vehicles to be paid from the 2023-24 budget. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs to declare the property located at 723 Shelton Beach Road unsafe and in emergency need of demolition, photos and documentation will be filed with the minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs to approve resolution for the FY 2024 Annual Transportation Improvement Plan. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2298

WHEREAS, the 2019 Alabama Legislature has passed an HB2 to levy additional excise tax on gasoline and diesel fuel; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland is to receive a portion of said tax; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland pledges to keep this money in separate fund and expend only for maintenance, improvement, replacement and construction of roads and as mandated by the law passed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland is to adopt an annual transportation plan no later than August 31 for the next fiscal year based on an estimate of revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the Saraland, Alabama that the City of Saraland intends to spend the expected funds of \$104,328.00 on Project #STPMB-4919 (251) – Additional lanes on CR41 (Celeste Road) from Forest Avenue to West of I-65.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 10th day of August 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer to authorize training expense and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Greg Cully and Austin Sullivan to attend 2023 Annual MSCI Association Conference, August 13-17, 2023, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2299

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

WHEREAS a cash advance for Greg Cully and Austin Sullivan to attend 2023 annual MSCI Association Conference, August 13-17, 2023, in New Orleans, La; 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 10th day of August 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to approve expenses for the Mayor and Council to attend the 2023 Alabama League of Municipalities Municipal Leadership, November 8-10, 2023 in Perdido Beach, AL. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to approve a resolution disclaiming any right of way connecting Harris Road and Oak Road. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2300

RESOLUTION DISCLAIMING ANY CLAIM OR INTEREST IN AN EXISTING TRAIL CONNECTING HARRIS AVENUE AND OAK DRIVE

WHEREAS, in September of 1950 the owner of property located in Saraland, Alabama applied for and obtained a subdivision of property otherwise known as the Ed Senack Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, said subdivision contained a dedicated roadway otherwise known as Oak Drive; and

WHEREAS, in July 1954 the owner of property adjacent to the Ed Senack Subdivision subdivided their area of property otherwise known as the Adams and Harris Addition subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Adams and Harris Addition subdivision contained a dedicated public roadway otherwise known as Harris Road; and

WHEREAS, while the two subdivisions are immediately adjacent, the dedicated Harris Road and the dedicated Oak Drive do not abut one another and are otherwise off-set; and

WHEREAS, over the years, a trail connecting Harris Road and Oak Drive was developed on Lot 36 of the Adams and Harris Addition subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the city has no record of receiving any easement or right of way encompassing this trail across Lot 36 and no evidence or documentation has been discovered illustrating an intent to dedicate that trail for public use; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with the community in and around these two off-set roadways and an analysis of city needs, it is the determination of the city council that it makes no claim to the trail as a right of way or easement, there being no current or anticipated need.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SARALAND, ALABAMA THAT THE CITY OF SARALAND DISCLAIMS ANY RIGHT, INTEREST OR CLAIM TO ANY EASEMENT OR RIGHT OF WAY OVER AND ACROSS LOT 36 OF THE ADAMS AND HARRIS SUBDIVISION WHICH CONNECTS HARRIS ROAD AND THE DEDICATED OAK DRIVE.

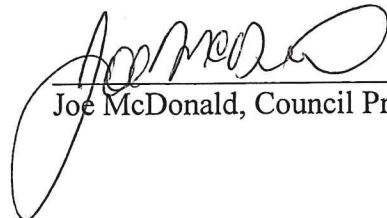
Adopted and approved this 10th day of August, 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to approve a parade permit for the Land Rush, Saturday, August 19, 2023. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Hudson to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 24th day of August, 2023.


Judi Smith, City Clerk


Joe McDonald, Council President