

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on September 24, 2023, at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Council President McDonald. Roll call was as follows:

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

Attorney Andy Rutens was present.

Councilmember Biggs opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 10 and 21, 2023. Motion carried.

Council President McDonald requested that item #8 concerning the Ordinance on feeding of bears be withdraw from the agenda. Councilmember Cromer and Councilmember Biggs approved the withdrawing of item #8 – “Consider ordinance establishing prohibitions for feeding the bear population and for providing penalties for feeding the bears in the wild”.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Mike Black to attend 2023 Alabama Electrical Training Class, September 15-16, 2023, in Huntsville, Alabama. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2301

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

WHEREAS a cash advance for Mike Black to attend 2023 Alabama Electrical Training Class, September 15-16,2023, in Huntsville, Alabama; 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 24th day of August 2023.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize Mayor to sign agreement allowing C-Spire to have access to Threat Advice Cyber Security, pending review by the City Attorney. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

General Fund

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| 1. Tindle Construction – Inv# 3024 – Final | \$15,000.00 |
| 2. Galloway Wettermark & Rutens, LLP – 10/21-5/10/2023 | \$8,667.52 |
| 3. Wattier Surveying – Inv# 23-147 – Surveying Lots 1 & 2 Plaza N, | \$6,000.00 |
| 4. Neel-Schaffer – Inv# 1089916 – On-call services for July 2023 | \$4,045.00 |
| 5. Wise Technology, LLC – Inv# 2023101855 - Web & Mobile App | \$3,750.00 |

Motion carried.

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

Gas Tax Fund

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| 1. Neel-Schaffer – Inv# 1086566 – Celeste Road Project | \$41,557.20 |
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Motion carried.

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to adopt a resolution authorizing the mayor to issue a letter of intent to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Transportation Infrastructure Bank for a loan of seven million dollars for infrastructure projects.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Council President Joe McDonald
Councilmember Wayne Biggs
Councilmember Newton Cromer

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2302**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER
TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE
BANK FOR PURPOSES OF SECURING A LOAN FROM THE BANK FOR
INFRASTRUTURE PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland, Alabama has been assessing its infrastructure needs based upon recent growth and anticipated growth; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Transportation Infrastructure Bank is a state entity created to assist municipalities in obtaining low interest bond revenue to fund road improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City has been in conversation and negotiation with representatives of the Alabama Transportation Infrastructure Bank to determine if it is in the best interest of the City of Saraland to utilize the bank to secure funding for infrastructure improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the city council that the City should secure loan proceeds in and around SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS to assist in payment of infrastructure projects and to pledge appropriate gas tax funds for the payment of the loan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SARALAND, ALABAMA THAT MAYOR HOWARD RUBENSTEIN IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT AND DELIVER IT TO DIRECTOR JOHN COOPER THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK TO SECURE LOAN PROCEEDS THROUGH THE ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK.

Adopted and approved this 24th day of August, 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize the mayor to execute a sublease agreement with Martin-Marietta for property on Sawmill Road. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to authorize the Mayor to renew one year contract for disaster debris removal services with TFR Enterprises, Inc. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to authorize expenditure in the amount of \$6,700.00 for the purchase of a cutter for the 2020 Rescue Truck. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Mobile County for approximately \$9,284.00 to cut the right-of-way on Radcliff Road. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve the bid from H & H Electric Co., Inc., in the amount of \$9,552.00 from the American Rescue Plan account, for electrical service for the incinerator. Motion carried.

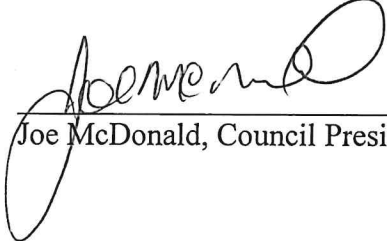
Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer to authorize advertisement to bid out the Station one (1) addition project. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Biggs to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 14th day of September, 2023.



Judi Smith, City Clerk



Joe McDonald, Council President