

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on September 14, 2023 at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:54 p.m. by Council President McDonald. Roll call was as follows:

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

Attorney Andy Rutens was present.

Councilmember Cromer opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 24, 2023 and September 7, 2023. Motion carried.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to ratify emergency repairs to Fire Rescue Truck #3 in the amount of \$6,607.97 from Chuck Stevens Automotive. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to approve the parade application for the Witches Ride to be held October 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize payment for invoice # 22014.13 from Chambless-King in the amount of \$228,734.00, to be paid from the General Obligation Warrant 2022A. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize Engineer Kirby Latham to open the bids received on the Second Avenue Drainage Improvement Phase 2 project. Motion carried.

The following bid was received and opened:

S.C. Stagner Contracting, Inc. –

1. Bid Bond enclosed from Merchants National Bonding.
2. Addendum #1 was acknowledged.
3. Bid amount - \$271,069.75.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize Engineer Kirby Latham to tabulate the bid and return a recommendation to Mayor Rubenstein. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize expenses for the Mayor and Councilmembers to attend the Alabama League of Municipalities meeting to be held Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve expenses for Mayor and Councilmembers to attend the Alabama League of Municipalities Board of Directors meeting to be held October 18-19, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize the Mayor to sign the annual Hold Harmless Agreement and Indemnity Agreement with the Mobile County Engineering & Public Works for work to be performed from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

Gas Fund

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| 1. Neel-Schaffer – Inv. # 1090036 Services thru July 2023 | \$55,185.45 |
| 2. Gulf Coast Right of Way–Inv.# 8 Property Acquisition Services | \$9,487.50 |

Motion carried.

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

General Fund

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| 1. Galloway Wettermark & Rutens – Interim Billing | \$8,520.00 |
| 2. R. Jeffrey Perloff – August 2023 | \$4,750.00 |
| 3. Volkert – Inv. # 00708103, General Engineering Services | \$3,124.05 |
| 4. M.D. Bell Company – Appraisal for 727 Saraland Blvd. | \$850.00 |

Motion carried.

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve travel expenses for Kevin Fuller, Dylan Gardner, Colin Wilson, and Garrett McClain to attend a one-day event at EMS World Expo, September 20, 2023, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2303

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

WHEREAS a cash advance for Kevin Fuller, Dylan Gardner, Colin Wilson, and Garrett McClain to attend the EMS World Expo, September 20, 2023, in New Orleans, Louisiana; 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 14th day of September, 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Joe McDonald, Natalie Moye and Ashley-Nicole Flowers to tour artificial turf facilities, September 26 & 27, 2023 in Montgomery & Dadeville, Alabama. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2304

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

WHEREAS a cash advance for Joe McDonald, Natalie Moye and Ashley-Nicole Flowers to tour artificial turf facilities, September 26 & 27, 2023, in Montgomery and Dadeville, 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 14th day of September, 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Kenny Mathews, Ray Pecue, and Tywone Johnson to attend Southeastern Leadership Executive Development Seminar, October 29 - November 3, 2023, in Opelika, Alabama. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2305

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

WHEREAS a cash advance for Kenneth Mathews, Ray Pecue & Tywone Johnson to attend Southeastern Leadership Executive Development Seminar, October 29 thru November 3, 2023, in Opelika, 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 14th day of September 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye to authorize educational and training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Ethan Smith and Chase Taylor to attend Fire Officer III Training October 30 - November 3, 2023, in Orange Beach, Alabama. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2306

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

WHEREAS a cash advance for Ethan Smith and Chase Taylor to attend Fire Officer III training, October 30 – November 3, 2023, in Orange Beach, 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 14th day of September, 2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve the application for Julie Smith, Bail Bondsman with Moonlight Bonding. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve the 2023-2024 municipal budget. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Bryson McDaniel to attend FBI National Academy Quantico, September 22nd – December 8th, 2023, in Stafford, VA. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2307

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

WHEREAS a cash advance for Bryson McDaniel to attend FBI National Academy Quantico, September 22 – December 8, 2023, in Stafford, Virginia; 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 14th day of September, 2023.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Biggs to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 28th day of September, 2023.



Judi Smith, City Clerk



Joe McDonald, Council President