

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on July 25, 2024 at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Council President McDonald. Roll call was as follows:

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

Mayor Rubenstein was absent from the meeting.

Attorney Melissa Hunter was present.

Councilmember Hudson opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 11, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve the minutes for the Work Session of July 22, 2024. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize Rabren Construction to order an additional 25,000 cubic yards of fill dirt for the Sportsplex project. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve Construction Change Directive 10R and change order #2, this removes the field remediation for Fields 5 and 7 from Rabren Construction's scope of work and moves them to Hellas which will allow for construction to move along more quickly and will also have that remediation done to Hellas' standards. Motion carried.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to approve the 2024-2025 City of Saraland holiday schedule. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve an invoice from Galloway, Wettermark & Rutens, in the amount of \$11,991.20. Motion carried

Councilmember Moye announced the following motion was made at the special meeting held on July 22, 2024 and needs to be corrected:

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to approve KemperSports request for July funding request in the amount of \$12,334.73 for operating expenses, \$20,500.00 for management fees and \$5,087.42 for payroll. Motion carried.

The corrected motion reads as follows:

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to approve KemperSports request for July funding request in the amount of \$31,184.92 (\$12,334.73 for operating expenses, \$20,500.00 for management fees and \$5,087.42 for payroll). The operating funding request had a credit balance of 6,737.23, which would bring the amount for operating expense requested to \$5,597.50. Motion carried.

Councilmember Moye announced the following motion was made at the special meeting held on June 10th, 2024 and needs to be corrected for clarification’s sake:

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve the purchase of playground equipment for Bethel Forest Park, Norton Park, Robinette Park, Dixon Park, Hertz Park and Kali Oka Park. The city has been approved for a grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 from T-Mobile and Park and Recreation Director, Ashley-Nicole Flowers requested an additional amount of \$345,000.00 from the budget to cover the City’s portion. Motion carried.

The corrected motion reads as follows:

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to proceed with improvements to Dixon, Kali Oka (Pridgen), Robinette (Shelton Beach Estates), Rufus Harbin (Norton), Bethel Forest and Hertz Park in the amount of \$549,731.00, with discounts of \$100,271.00 (Game Time ARPA Grant Funds), \$12,348.65 (Non-Grant discounts), Shipping costs of \$15,312.38 for a total of \$452,423.73. This purchase is through an Alabama Bid List approved vendor (Game Time). The budgeted amount in the 2023-2024 budget year is \$205,800.00. The additional funds for this project will be provided by doing an amendment to the 2023-2024 budget in the amount of \$139,200.00 out of revised upward projections on income for the current fiscal year, as well as \$107,423.73 which is the amount previously planned to be allocated in the upcoming 2024-2025 budget, therefore there will no funds budgeted in property purchases for the Park and Recreation Department for the 2024-2025 budget. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

General Fund

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| 1. Galloway Wettermark & Rutens – General Matters | \$10,334.01 |
| 2. Neel-Schaffer – General Services thru 6-30-24 | \$9,797.00 |

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to approve the following invoice:

Gas Tax Fund

1. Neel-Schaffer – Celeste Rd. I-65 to Forest Ave. \$6,474.11

Motion carried.

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

AFTER PROPER PUBLIC NOTICES HAVING BEEN DULY GIVEN, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD TO CONSIDER THE annexation of Lot 1A of the “Resubdivision of Lot 1, Shelton Beach Subdivision”, located at 1877 Shelton Beach Rd Ext., to be zoned B-2 General Business, approx. 0.59 acres, filed by Hess Enterprises, LLC / John Hess.

Council President McDonald declared the public hearing open.

There was no one in favor of or in opposition to the application.

Council President McDonald declared the public hearing closed.

ORDINANCE 1334

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF SARALAND UNDER CODE SECTION 11-42-21

WHEREAS, the owner of the below-described territory has filed a written petition with the City Clerk requesting that the territory be annexed to the City of Saraland; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Saraland is desirous of annexing the said territory to the City of Saraland; and

WHEREAS, the said territory is contiguous to the City’s present corporate limits and otherwise meets the requirements of Section 11-42-21, Code of Alabama 1975.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARALAND, ALABAMA, THAT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS HEREBY ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF SARALAND:

Section 1: The City of Saraland assents to the annexation of the following described property to the City, to-wit:

Parcel 2204370003002.002, located at 1877 Shelton Beach Road, approximately 0.59 acres, petitioned by Hess Enterprises, LLC / John Hess, as described by the legal description here:

Lot 1A, Resubdivision of Lot 1 Shelton Beach Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded with instrument number 2023002554, in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate, Mobile County, Alabama.

The same is hereby annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Saraland, and said property of territory hereby is made a part of the City of Saraland, and is to adopt the zoning B-2.

Section 2: The City Clerk of the City of Saraland shall file the description of the territory annexed by this ordinance in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Mobile County, Alabama

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

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 25th day of July 2024.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance for the annexation of Lot 1A of the "Resubdivision of Lot 1, Shelton Beach Subdivision", located at 1877 Shelton Beach Rd Ext., to be zoned B-2 General Business, approx. 0.59 acres, filed by Hess Enterprises, LLC / John Hess.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Council President Joe McDonald
Councilmember Newton Cromer
Councilmember Veronica Hudson
Councilmember Natalie Moye

Motion carried.

Unanimous consent being given to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance, motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to adopt the ordinance for the annexation of Lot 1A of the "Resubdivision of Lot 1, Shelton Beach Subdivision", located at 1877 Shelton Beach Rd Ext., to be zoned B-2 General Business, approx. 0.59 acres, filed by Hess Enterprises, LLC / John Hess.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Council President Joe McDonald
Councilmember Newton Cromer
Councilmember Veronica Hudson
Councilmember Natalie Moye

Motion carried.

AFTER PROPER PUBLIC NOTICES HAVING BEEN DULY GIVEN, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD TO CONSIDER THE annexation of Lot 1B of the "Resubdivision of Lot 1,

Shelton Beach Subdivision”, located at 1877 Shelton Beach Rd Ext., to be zoned B-2 General Business, approx. 22.84 acres, filed by Hess Enterprises, LLC / John Hess.

Council President McDonald declared the public hearing open.

There was no one in favor of or in opposition to the application.

Council President McDonald declared the public hearing closed.

ORDINANCE 1335

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF SARALAND UNDER CODE SECTION 11-42-21

WHEREAS, the owner of the below-described territory has filed a written petition with the City Clerk requesting that the territory be annexed to the City of Saraland; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Saraland is desirous of annexing the said territory to the City of Saraland; and

WHEREAS, the said territory is contiguous to the City’s present corporate limits and otherwise meets the requirements of Section 11-42-21, Code of Alabama 1975.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARALAND, ALABAMA, THAT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS HEREBY ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF SARALAND:

Section 1: The City of Saraland assents to the annexation of the following described property to the City, to-wit:

Parcels 2204370002003.003 and 2204370003002.005, located at 1877 Shelton Beach Road, approximately 22.84 acres, petitioned by Hess Enterprises, LLC / John Hess, as described by the legal description here:

Lot 1B, Resubdivision of Lot 1 Shelton Beach Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded with instrument number 2023002554, in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate, Mobile County, Alabama.

The same is hereby annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Saraland and said property of territory hereby is made a part of the City of Saraland and is to adopt the zoning B-2.

Section 2: The City Clerk of the City of Saraland shall file the description of the territory annexed by this ordinance in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Mobile County, Alabama

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

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 25th day of July 2024.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance for the annexation of Lot 1B of the "Resubdivision of Lot 1, Shelton Beach Subdivision", located at 1877 Shelton Beach Rd Ext., to be zoned B-2 General Business, approx. 22.84 acres, filed by Hess Enterprises, LLC / John Hess.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Council President Joe McDonald
Councilmember Newton Cromer
Councilmember Veronica Hudson
Councilmember Natalie Moye

Motion carried.

Unanimous consent being given to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance, motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to adopt the ordinance for the annexation of Lot 1B of the "Resubdivision of Lot 1, Shelton Beach Subdivision", located at 1877 Shelton Beach Rd Ext., to be zoned B-2 General Business, approx. 22.84 acres, filed by Hess Enterprises, LLC / John Hess.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Council President Joe McDonald
Councilmember Newton Cromer
Councilmember Veronica Hudson
Councilmember Natalie Moye

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember , to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Kathie Hatchett, Jessie Abbott, Stephanie Anderson, Paige Bryan, Angela Grantham, and Kaylii Porter to attend the 2024 AMCCMA Annual Conference, September 25-27, 2024, in Orange Beach, Alabama.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2355

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

WHEREAS a cash advance for Kathie Hatchett, Jessie Abbott, Stephanie Anderson, Paige Bryan, Angela Grantham, and Kaylii Porter to attend the 2024 AMCCMA Annual Conference, September 25-27, 2024, 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 25th day of July, 2024.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for James West and Bryson McDaniel to attend the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police Summer Conference, July 28 – August 1, 2024, in Orange Beach, AL. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2356

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

WHEREAS a cash advance for James West and Bryson McDaniel to attend the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police Summer Conference, July 28 – August 1, 2024, 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 25th day of July, 2024.

Authorize Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Amanda Robbins and Sophia Anthony to attend the Women in Command Training, August 26-27, 2024, in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2357

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

WHEREAS a cash advance for Amanda Robbins and Sophia Anthony to attend the Women in Command Training, August 26-27, 2024, in Gulf Shores, 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 25th day of July, 2024.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve payment of invoice from Restoration 1 for \$49,431.13 to be paid from the vandalism insurance claim. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve the Hoar Program Management framework contract. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve the Business License Tax Agreement for Discovery/Recovery with Avenu Insights. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize a resolution awarding the service weapon Glock Model 22, Serial #EBT 314 to Bruce Harbin upon his retirement. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2358

WHEREAS, School Resource Chief Officer, James “Bruce” Harbin, has announced his retirement effective July 26, 2024, from the City of Saraland’s Police Department and,

WHEREAS, a service weapon Glock Model 22, Serial # EBT314 was issued to School Resource Chief Officer, James “Bruce” Harbin by the City of Saraland,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Saraland, hereby award said weapon to James “Bruce” Harbin upon his retirement.

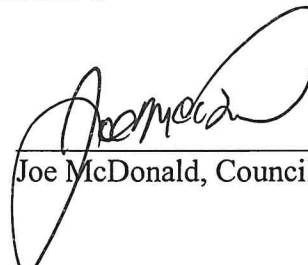
ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 25th day of July 2024.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Hudson to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 8th day of August 2024.



Judi Smith, City Clerk



Joe McDonald, Council President