

The Saraland City Council met in special session on September 23, 2024 at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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 Biggs opened the meeting with prayer.

Council President McDonald advised the purpose of this meeting is to consider change orders for the sportsplex. Other municipal business may be considered at this time.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract with Coastal Weather Research Center for weather forecasting and warning service system in the amount of \$3,600.00 from September 23, 2024 to September 30, 2025, to be paid from the General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to place a ½ color ad in the Call News Homecoming edition in the amount of \$559.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moya, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to approve change order from Hellas Construction, Inc., # COR#6 in the amount of \$29,750.00 for labor and material to install approximately 1,190 LF of additional perimeter curb on field 5,6,7 and 8. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moya, to approve a contract with AT&T for internet service at the new City Hall located at 727 Saraland Blvd., South, pending final approval by the City Attorney. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moya, to pass a resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept deeds for right-of-way acquisition and entry into agreements for the right of entry to begin work on the Celeste Road expansion project. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2367

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT DEEDS
FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND ENTER INTO
AGREEMENTS FOR THE RIGHT OF ENTRY TO BEGIN WORK ON
THE CELESTE ROAD EXPANSION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the City Council that the expansion of Celeste Road will facilitate economic development in the City of Saraland, Alabama and will alleviate future traffic congestion caused by the City's anticipated population growth; and

WHEREAS, the road expansion project requires the City of Saraland, Alabama to purchase certain tracts of land running along Celeste Road; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Saraland to authorize the Mayor to accept deeds to the right-of-way tracts necessary for the Celeste Road Expansion Project No. NS-14605, and for the Mayor to enter into agreements for the right-of-entry to begin work on the road expansion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, Alabama that the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept Deeds for the acquisition of right-of-way tracts for Celeste Road Expansion Project No. NS-14605, and that the Mayor is further authorized to secure and execute agreements for the right-of-entry to begin work on road improvement to be constructed under the project, for the following tracts of real property:

1. Fee Simple Deed to Right-of-Way Tract 1 for the purchase price of \$78,207.00;
2. Fee Simple Deed to Right-of-Way Tract 9 for the purchase price of \$19,390.00;
3. Fee Simple Deed to Right-of-Way Tract 18 for the purchase price of \$60,267.00.

Said documents are by reference made a part of this Resolution as if fully set forth herein, and copies will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Saraland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That Mark Jones of Gulf Coast Right of Way Services, the City Engineer, the City's legal counsel, or the Mayor of the City of Saraland, Alabama are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate and to execute for and in the name of the City of Saraland whatever supporting documents, affidavits, closing statements, or other forms necessary to complete the right-of-way acquisitions, execute the right of entry agreements, and pay the Grantors the approved purchase price for the tract described herein and to pay all approved closing costs.

Adopted and approved this 23rd day of September, 2024.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to pay for the playground equipment on order upon receipt of invoice in an effort to pay during the current Fiscal Year. Motion carried.

Council President McDonald advised there is a matter to be discussed in executive session concerning a matter of possible 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 Hudson, to adjourn into executive session with Mayor Rubenstein and Andy Rutens to discuss a matter of possible threatened litigation.

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 20 minutes.

The Council adjourned into executive session with the Mayor and City Attorney at 6:35 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to reconvene at 7:02 p.m. with all members present. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract to have the following work done on the "Welcome Sign" on Saraland Boulevard, in the amount of \$1,653.00

- 1) Remove existing city seal and dispose
- 2) Manufacture and install (1) 24" digitally printed city seal on ACM backer and (1) 12" x 72" painted aluminum pan face

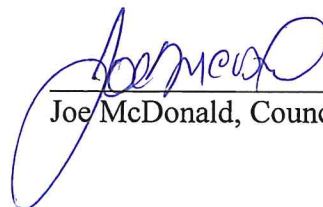
Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Cromer to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 10th day of October 2024.



Judi Smith, City Clerk



Joe McDonald, Council President