

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on September 26, 2024 at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:22 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

Attorney Andy Rutens was present.

Councilmember Cromer opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to approve payment to Delta Deep, for repairing and cleaning of the McAuthor-McKinney Recreation Center in the amount of \$2,525.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve payment to Alabama Power, for installation of a transformer at the Sportsplex, in the amount of \$5,268.00, to be paid from the General Obligation Warrant 2022-A. Council President McDonald asked to make a note that it was originally \$47,579.00, and thanked Jeff Schmitz and everyone at Alabama Power that helped lower this cost. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize the purchase of 2 (two) new vehicles, for the Building Inspections Department, off the State Bid List, not to exceed \$44,000.00 each. This item is a budgeted item in 2024-25 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to authorize purchase of 2 (two) new streetlights at Spruce and Kali Oka, as well as 3075 Radcliff Road. Motion carried.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve \$18,938.63 worth of supplies for networking at the new City Hall Complex, by Diversified

Technology Solutions, to be paid from the General Obligation Warrant 2023-A. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

General Fund

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| 1. CA Built Construction Services – Inv# 100, Drainage Clearing | \$28,200.00 |
| 2. H&H Electric Co. – Inv# 1040, Repair Lights at Skidmore Park | \$7,290.13 |
| 3. Neel-Schaffer – Inv# 1099824, August 2024 On-Call Services | \$2,415.00 |

Motion carried.

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

General Obligation Warrant 2022-A Sportsplex

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| 1. Chambless King Architects – Inv# 22014.23 | \$56,610.08 |
| 2. Geotechnical Engineering Testing – Inv# 22207-824-174 | \$19,405.06 |
| 3. Geotechnical Engineering Testing – Inv# 24168-824-173 | \$16,060.70 |
| 4. Neel-Schaffer – Inv# 1100391, Celeste Rd. Imp. at The Land | \$15,237.80 |
| 5. Geotechnical Engineering Testing – Inv# 24177-824-188 | \$1,428.60 |
| 6. Geotechnical Engineering Testing – Inv# 24182-824-197 | \$414.60 |

Motion carried.

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

General Obligation Warrant 2023-A New City Hall Complex

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| 1. PCDA Architecture – Inv# 4005, Design Development | \$23,400.00 |
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Motion carried.

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize the opening of bids for the Federal Aid Project No. TAAPAA-TA22(920), sidewalks in Spanish Trace. Motion carried.

Bids are as follows:

Bidders	Bid Bond	Addendum #1	Addendum # 2	Total Project Amount Bid
1) McElhenney Const. Co, LLC	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$893,958.69
2) PL Russell, LLC	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$863,513.30
3) L&K Construction, LLC	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$822,974.74
4) Parten Smith, Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$850,000.00
5) C. Thornton, Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$985,397.00

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize the city Engineer, Kirby Latham to tabulate the bids and return a recommendation to the Mayor, who is authorized to execute the contract. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Austin Sealey, Colin Wilson, and Dylan Gardner to attend the Alabama Association of Arson Investigators Conference, October 28-30, 2024, in Orange Beach, Alabama. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2368

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

WHEREAS a cash advance for Austin Sealey, Colin Wilson, and Dylan Gardner to attend the Alabama Association of Arson Investigators Conference, October 28-30, 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.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to appoint Judge Bucky Thomas the presiding judge of Saraland Municipal Court. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to appoint Will Keeney, 1104 Shelton Beach Road, to the Saraland Water Board, for the expired position, for the full term, the position will expire September 26, 2030.

The following votes were recorded:

Council President Joe McDonald	Yes
Councilmember Newton Cromer	Yes
Councilmember Veronica Hudson	Yes

Councilmember Natalie Moye

Yes

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer to appoint Drew Taylor, 6787 TM Brent Blvd, to the Saraland Water Board position due to resignation of Chief Jeff Ludlam, expiring on May 6, 2030.

The following votes were recorded:

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

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to re-appoint Mrs. Josephine Rogers to the Saraland School Board. Motion carried.

Council President McDonald announced that he would step down from chair to vote on the Saraland Lion Club’s Lion Trot due to two (2) recused votes, Council Vice President Cromer, stepped in as chair.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember McDonald to approve the parade permit for the Saraland Lion Club’s Lion Trot, to be held on November 9, 2024. Councilmembers Cromer and Hudson recused themselves and Councilmembers Moye and McDonald voted in favor. Motion Carried.

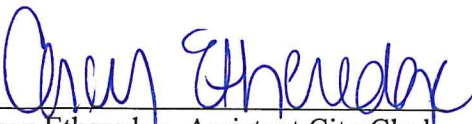
Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to postpone agenda item number 7 (seven), to the first council meeting in October. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Cromer, to approve KemperSports’ funding request, in the amount of \$57,045.23 – operating expense, \$20,500.00 – management fees, and \$5,087.42 – payroll, to be paid from the general fund. Motion carried.

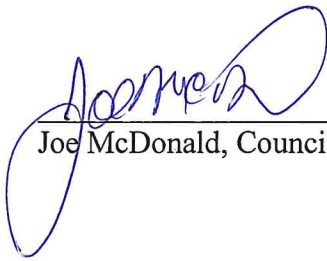
Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve the Alabama Power Company proposal for lighting at the Town Center Park, with an average monthly cost of \$174.86. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Hudson to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 10th day of October 2024.



Casey Etheredge, Assistant City Clerk



Joe McDonald, Council President