

The Saraland City Council met in special session on October 21, 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 Wayne Biggs
Councilmember Veronica Hudson
Councilmember Natalie Moye

Absent: Councilmember Newton Cromer

Attorney, Andy Rutens was present.

Councilmember Biggs opened the meeting with prayer.

Council President McDonald advised the purpose of this special meeting is to consider change orders for the sportsplex.

Other municipal business may be considered at this time.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize the mayor to execute an easement agreement with Alabama Power concerning service to the sportsplex project. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve Harrison Construction’s change order # 004, in the amount of \$59,782.60, to add rock underneath the building foundation footings from the found presence of ground water, where they over excavated. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve Harrison Construction’s change order # 005, in the amount of \$9,353.41, regarding ASI01 pricing, which is changing some of their plumbing fixtures and piping. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve Hellas Construction’s change order # 5, in the amount of \$18,199.00, to add intermediate foul poles at the back fields, fields one (1) and eight (8). Motion carried.

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

General Fund

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| 1. Neel-Schaffer – Inv# 1100666, General Services September 2024 | \$9,315.00 |
| 2. Neel-Schaffer – Inv# 1100668, Celeste Rd Imp. at The Land | \$8,927.60 |

Motion carried.

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

Gas Tax Fund

1. Neel-Schaffer – Inv# 1100667, Add. lanes to Celeste Rd from I-65 \$23,623.76

Motion carried.

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

General Obligation Warrant 2022-A Sportsplex

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| 1. Geotechnical Engineering – Inv# 22207-624-103 | \$18,075.60 |
| 2. Geotechnical Engineering – Inv# 22207-524-078 (Revised) | \$17,169.20 |
| 3. Geotechnical Engineering – Inv# 22207-324-018 | \$7,195.80 |
| 4. Geotechnical Engineering – Inv# 24168-924-219 | \$4,213.70 |

Motion carried.

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

Alabama Trust Fund

1. Professional Roofing – Inv# 498, HVAC Install at the Civic Center \$4,944.83

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to authorize training expenses and adopt a resolution for a cash advance for Anthony Taylor and Ethan Smith to attend, the Fire Officer IV Certification Class, November 11-15, 2024, in Orange Beach, Alabama. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2372

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

WHEREAS a cash advance for Anthony Taylor and Ethan Smith, to attend the Fire Officer IV Certification Class, November 11-15, 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 Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to approve the parade permit for a car show at Bayou Sara Baptist Church on October 26, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to ratify the authorization of the mayor to execute a contract with LIVsafe, for the database of fire suppression inspection monitoring services. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to authorize the mayor to renew the annual contract with the Saraland Area Chamber of Commerce per the budget changes made. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to reimburse the Saraland Area Chamber of Commerce for the deposit on the 2025 Fireworks Show, to Pyro Shows of Alabama, deposit invoice # 25PSAL0001 in the amount of \$13,125.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to reschedule the November 11, 2024, meeting to November 14, due to Veteran's Day; reschedule the November 25, 2024 and November 28, 2024 meetings to November 18, 2024, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday; reschedule the December 23, 2024 and December 26, 2024 meetings to December 19, 2024, due to the Christmas Holiday. Motion carried.

Mayor Rubenstein advised there is a matter to be discussed in executive session to discuss issues of threatened imminent or pending litigation involving the City of Saraland.

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 Moye, to adjourn into executive session with Mayor Rubenstein and Andy Rutens to discuss issues of threatened, imminent or pending litigation involving the City of Saraland.

The following votes were recorded:

Yes: Council President Joe McDonald
Councilmember Wayne Biggs
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 6:57 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to reconvene at 7:33 p.m. with all members present. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to declare the old Red Barn building surplus and authorize its demolition, with the exception of saving the Red Barn facade for future use. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2373

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland, as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland, Alabama, has certain equipment which is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-43-56 of the Alabama Code of 1975 authorizes the municipal governing body to dispose of unneeded property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Saraland, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1: That the below listed item is personal property owned by the City of Saraland, Alabama that are not needed for public or municipal purposes:

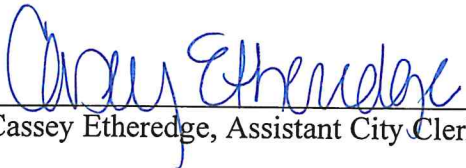
The old Red Barn building, except the facade

Section 2: That the surplus property indicated above owned by the City of Saraland be demolished.

Motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve payment to Galloway Wettermark & Rutens for general matters of August 12, 2024, in the amount of \$10,247.99. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Hudson to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 24th day of October 2024.



Cassey Etheredge, Assistant City Clerk



Joe McDonald, Council President