

The Saraland City Council met in regular session on December 19, 2024, at the Saraland Municipal Annex. The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by Council President McDonald. Roll call was as follows:

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

Attorney Andy Rutens was present.

Councilmember Moya opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Moya, to approve the minutes of the meetings of November 18, December 3, December 9 and December 16, 2024. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve and adopt a resolution to authorize payment of invoicing from Rabren General Contractors using American Rescue Plan Funds in the amount of \$105,200.28. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2380

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF INVOICING FROM RABREN GENERAL CONTRACTORS USING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland has received American Rescue Plan funds and has a remaining available balance of \$105,200.28; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saraland has a contract with Rabren General Contractors to provide services in the construction of the Saraland Sportsplex Complex; and

WHEREAS, this complex will provide sports fields, nature trails and other amenities designed to help provide for the physical health and wellbeing of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the payment of current invoicing for Rabren General Contractors from the available balance of \$105,200.28 of American Rescue Plan funds is appropriate to help defray the current invoicing from Rabren for the project; and

WHEREAS, any excess amount above that of the available American Rescue Plan funds are to be paid out of the general obligation warrants secured by the City to help fund the construction of the Sportsplex project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Saraland City Council that the current balance held by the City in American Rescue Plan funds should be utilized to pay current invoicing from Rabren General Contractors for the Sportsplex project, any excess amount due and owing under the current invoicing shall be paid from the general obligation warrants.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 19th day of December 2024.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve and adopt a resolution to surplus the 115 Suzuki Boat Motor from the Fire Department and sell it to the Fire Department's Morale Fund in the amount of \$100.00. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2381

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 is not needed for public or municipal purposes:

Suzuki Boat Motor with Serial Number 11502F-211004

Section 2: That the surplus property indicated above owned by the City of Saraland be sold to the Fire Department's Morale Fund.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 19th day of December 2024.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Moye, to purchase 15 outdoor bullet cameras, 4 outdoor fisheye cameras and a 5-Year camera license in the amount of \$29,462.82 from Arey Jones Educational Solutions to be paid from the 2023A General Obligation Warrant. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to reappoint Eddie Menton to the Mobile County Racing Commission for a four-year term. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

General Fund

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| 1. Neel-Schaffer – Inv# 1101923, Services Oct & Nov. 2024 | \$20,112.73 |
| 2. Skipper Consulting, Inv.# 18995 – Traffic Study | \$19,900.00 |
| 3. Neel-Schaffer – Inv# 1101922, General Services Nov. 2024 | \$8,455.00 |
| 4. Top Turf – Inv# 493, Remove oak tree at Norton Park | \$2,600.00 |
| 5. Top Turf – Inv# 494, Remove two trees at Kali Oka Club House | \$1,300.00 |
| 6. Jones Walker – Inv# 1253375, Celeste Rd. Project, Tract 21 | \$750.00 |

Motion carried.

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

Gas Tax Fund

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| 1. ALDOT- ATRP2-49-2023-442, Const Cost CE & I | \$149,736.01 |
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Motion carried.

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

General Obligation Warrant 2022-A Sportsplex

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| 1. Geotechnical Eng. – Inv# 22207-1124-313, Testing materials for Sportsplex | \$13,366.20 |
| 2. Geotechnical Eng. – Inv# 24168-1124-309, Testing materials for Phase 1A | \$9,613.76 |
| 3. Geotechnical Eng. – Inv# 24177-1124-308, Testing materials for Athletic Fields | \$3,054.20 |

Motion carried.

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

American Rescue Plan

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| 1. Mobile County Property Tax – New Municipal Complex | \$62,921.25 |
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Motion carried.

ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & OTHER BUSINESS

AFTER PROPER PUBLIC NOTICES HAVING BEEN DULY GIVEN, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD TO CONSIDER THE approval of alcoholic beverage application for on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages (liquor, wine & beer) 010 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class 1 for RG 158 Entertainment, LLC, 1444C Industrial Pkwy., Saraland, AL 36571.

Council President McDonald declared the public hearing open.

There was no one to speak for or against the application.

Council President McDonald declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to suspend the rules to allow for the consideration of the alcoholic beverage application for on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages (liquor, wine & beer) 010 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class 1 for RG 158 Entertainment, LLC, 1444C Industrial Pkwy., Saraland, AL 36571.

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 application, motion was made by Councilmember Moye, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to approve the alcoholic beverage application for on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages (liquor, wine & beer) 010 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class 1 for RG 158 Entertainment, LLC, 1444C Industrial Pkwy., Saraland, AL 36571.

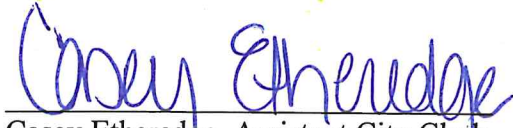
The following votes were recorded:

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

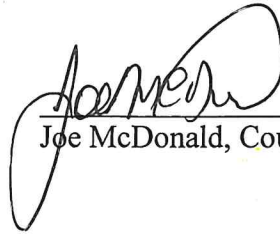
Motion carried.

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

ACCEPTED and APPROVED the 9th day of January, 2025.



Casey Etheredge, Assistant City Clerk



Joe McDonald, Council President