

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SYLACAUGA HELD JANUARY 7, 2020**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Council President, Lee Perryman.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Donnie Blackmon, Dallas Davenport, and Lee Perryman. Absent: Tiffany Nix. Mayor James Heigl and City Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Carden were also present.
3. Invocation was given by Donnie Blackmon, City Council D-3:
4. Council President Lee Perryman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Perryman wished everyone a happy new year.
5. Mayor James Heigl proclaimed January, 2020, as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in the City of Sylacauga. Mayor Heigl reported on activity at the Animal Shelter, comparing prior year numbers with current counts. He also encouraged donations of cleaning products, food, bedding, and similar animal care items. Mayor Heigl wished everyone a happy and prosperous new year, stating that there is a busy year ahead. He reminded everyone of the importance of participating in the upcoming Census and of the work opportunity for those interested in becoming census takers. Heigl also reminded everyone that 2020 is an election year, and that citizens will be electing the mayor and all five council members in the city election to be held in August. He also pointed out that county and national elections will also be held this year, and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.
6. Adopt Agenda:
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Blackmon to adopt agenda was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
7. Approve minutes of the regular city council meeting held December 17, 2019:
A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

8. Action that is necessary to approve resolution setting public hearing date for consideration of petitions for annexation and recommendations related to zoning of those certain properties located at or otherwise described as 134 Houston Road and 520 Fulton Gap Road—*first available date for hearing is February 20, 2020:*
Resolution #01-2020 was introduced by Councilman Blackmon; Read by City Clerk.
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Davenport to approve Resolution 01-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
9. Action that is necessary to approve resolution accepting award of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Enhancement Fund Grant for demolition & clearance in the amount of \$250,000.00, to be supervised by the Alabama Dept. of Economic & Community Affairs (ADECA)—*Local match committed through budget amendment authorized by Resolution 64-2019, on 12/03/2019:*
Resolution #02-2020 was introduced by Councilman Blackmon; Read by City Clerk.

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Davenport to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

Upon unanimous consent by Council to give the resolution immediate consideration:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve Resolution 02-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

10. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing amendment modifying the term of the Section 5311 Non-urbanized Area Public Transportation agreement between the City and East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission from one year to three years, at the recommendation of ALDOT— Agreement for FY2020 authorized through Resolution 30-2019, 5/21/2019; Amendment approval will take contract through FY2022:

Resolution #03-2020 was introduced by Councilman Fowler; Read by City Clerk.

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

Upon unanimous consent by Council to give the resolution immediate consideration:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Davenport to approve Resolution 03-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

11. Action that is necessary to revise the approved job description for Fire Chief by removing the five year lieutenant service requirement from the credentials section:
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Blackmon to revise job description as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

12. Action that is necessary to approve training travel/expenses for Police Lt. Willis Whatley to attend the two-day AACOP-CLEEP Certification Leadership Training Courses: The ABC's of the XYZ's & Real Deal Leadership/Performance Reviews/Media Relations to be held in Dothan, January 16 & 17, 2020— Registration fee is \$99.00 per course; Additional costs for lodging, meals, and *use of a department vehicle/fuel will be incurred (*Whatley & Cummings will carpool)-- Estimated total cost of travel/training for Whatley is \$563.15:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Davenport to approve travel/training expenses as requested was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

13. Action that is necessary to approve training travel/expenses for Police Lt. Renea Cummings to attend the two-day AACOP-CLEEP Certification Leadership Training Courses: The ABC's of the XYZ's & Real Deal Leadership/Performance Reviews/Media Relations to be held in Dothan, January 16 & 17, 2020— Registration fee is \$99.00 per course; Additional costs for lodging, meals, and *use of a department vehicle/fuel will be incurred (*Cummings & Whatley will carpool)-- Estimated total cost of travel/training for Cummings is \$463.15:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Davenport to approve travel/training expenses as requested was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

14. Action that is necessary to approve training travel/expenses for Police Chief Kelley Johnson to attend the AACOP Winter Conference to be held in Montgomery, February 17-20, 2020—Registration fee is \$200.00; Additional costs for *use of a department vehicle/fuel will be incurred (*All officers will carpool)—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Johnson is \$200.00:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve travel/training expenses as requested was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

15. Action that is necessary to approve training travel/expenses for Police Captain Rondell Muse to attend the AACOP Winter Conference to be held in Montgomery, February 17-20, 2020—Registration fee is \$200.00; Additional costs for *use of a department vehicle/fuel will be incurred (*All officers will carpool)—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Muse is \$200.00:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Davenport to approve travel/training expenses as requested was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

16. Action that is necessary to approve training travel/expenses for Police Lt. Renea Cummings to attend the AACOP Winter Conference to be held in Montgomery, February 17-20, 2020—Registration fee is \$200.00; Additional costs for *use of a department vehicle/fuel will be incurred (*All officers will carpool)—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Cummings is \$200.00:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Blackmon to approve travel/training expenses as requested was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

17. Action that is necessary to approve training travel/expenses for Police Lt. Willis Whatley to attend the AACOP Winter Conference to be held in Montgomery, February 17-20, 2020—Registration fee is \$200.00; Additional costs for *use of a department vehicle/fuel will be incurred (*All officers will carpool)—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Whatley is \$200.00:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Davenport to approve travel/training expenses as requested was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

18. Action that is necessary to approve training travel/expenses for Police Lt. Mike Moore to attend the AACOP Winter Conference to be held in Montgomery, February 17-20, 2020—Registration fee is \$200.00; Additional costs for *use of a department vehicle/fuel will be incurred (*All officers will carpool)—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Moore is \$200.00:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve travel/training expenses as requested was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

19. Action that is necessary to approve travel/training expenses for CCT Administrative Assistant Kim Morris to attend the 2020 Spring Municipal Clerk's Training Institute to be held in Birmingham, February 18-20, 2020—Registration fee is \$265.00; Additional costs for mileage will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Morris is \$453.00:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve travel/training expenses as requested was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

20. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$220,863.18 for accounts payable invoices received to date for December, 2019:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Blackmon to authorize payment of accounts payable invoices as presented was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

21. Council President asked anyone wishing to address Council to come to the microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council: **No one addressed the Council at this meeting.**

22. Having no further business to discuss,

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Fowler to adjourn was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

(Time of adjournment 6:17 p.m.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL JANUARY 23, 2020:



Lee Perryman, President of City Council

CERTIFICATION:

I, PATRICIA G. CARDEN, as City Clerk-Treasurer of the CITY OF SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA, do hereby certify that the foregoing document constitutes a true and correct permanent record of the action taken during a regular meeting of the Sylacauga City Council held January 7, 2020.


Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer