

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SYLACAUGA HELD JANUARY 17, 2017**

1. Council President Lee Perryman called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Donnie Blackmon, Lee Perryman, Dallas Davenport; Absent: None. Mayor James Heigl and City Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Carden were also present.
3. Invocation was given by Jonathan Hall, member of Board of Adjustment/Appeal and Planning Commission member.
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Council President.
5. Report from Mayor:
Mayor Heigl announced that City will host a retirement reception for FD Chief Jon Williams on January 31, 2017, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. and invited everyone to attend.
6. Adopt Agenda:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Davenport to amend the agenda to add an item to consider an ordinance authorizing providing a fire fighter his/her fire helmet and turn-out gear as part of his/her retirement benefit, and to add an item to declare Fire Chief Williams's helmet and turn-out gear surplus to be given to him as part of his retirement benefit was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
7. Approve minutes of the regular city council meeting held January 3, 2017:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

8. *Action necessary to approve resolution setting public hearing date for consideration of rezoning request made by the City of Sylacauga and Hutton Team, LLC for the city-owned property located on US Hwy 280, and containing four (4) parcels totaling 33.33 acres—Requested rezoning of those portions of the 33+ acre property which are currently zoned B-1 Local Shopping District, B-2 General Business District and M-2 General Industry District, all to a single B-2 General Business District in order to accommodate a retail development on the site—first available date for hearing is March 7, 2017:*

Resolution #02-2017 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by City Clerk.

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilwoman Nix to set March 7, 2017, on or about 6:00 p.m. as the public hearing date and time was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
9. Action necessary to accept award of ADECA/LETS Pathways Grant in the amount of \$19,500.00, and to ratify Mayor's signature on related documents necessary to confirm acceptance of grant which was secured on behalf of Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement—*Grant requires no local match; however, City will be responsible for indirect costs associated with expanding City audit to cover grant and financial employee time spent on related bookkeeping and processing pass-through grant funds:*
A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to authorize action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

10. Action necessary to authorize payment of additional funding in the amount of \$1,500.00 to Sylacauga Parks & Recreations Department as sponsorship of the Miss Sylacauga and Miss Marble Valley Pageants to be held January 28, 2017:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to authorize funding as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

11. Action necessary to consider approval of request from William Ferreira dba Liquid Airbrush, for permission to set up portable trailer to sell airbrushed items in the parking lot at Advance Auto Parts during the period of February 1-8, 2017—*Business License ordinance requires Council's permission for non-store retail vendors to set up in a specific location:*
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve request as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

12. Action necessary to approve travel/expenses for PD Sgt. Mike Smith, Sgt. Shane Bland, and Sgt. Tim Collier to attend the *First Line Supervision Series Training* to be held in Montgomery, February 27 – March 3, 2017—*No registration fee; Additional costs for meals will be incurred:*
A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve travel/expenses as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

13. Action necessary to approve travel/expenses for PD Lt. Willis Whatley and Investigator Ben Layton to attend the *Firearm Instructor Training Program* to be held at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Academy in Glynco, GA, June 18-30, 2017—*Tuition, lodging, and meals during training is provided by FLETC (~\$3,475.00 per Officer); Additional costs for meals and fuel for department vehicle to and from training will be incurred:*
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve travel/expenses as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

14. Action necessary to authorize payments totaling \$547,510.37 for payrolls for December, 2016:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Blackmon to authorize payment of payrolls as reported was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

15. Action necessary to authorize payments totaling \$378,810.73 for balance of accounts payable invoices received for December, 2016:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Blackmon to authorize payment of accounts payable invoices as presented was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

Item added to Agenda by amendment:

16. Action necessary to adopt ordinance setting the conditions and authorizing providing a fire fighter his/her fire helmet and turn-out gear at no cost to him/her upon his/her retirement as part of his/her retirement benefit:

Ordinance #2182-17 was introduced by Councilman Fowler; Read by City Clerk.

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

Upon unanimous consent by Council to give ordinance immediate consideration at this meeting:

A motion by Councilman Davenport, second by Councilman Blackmon to adopt Ordinance 2182-17 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

Item added to Agenda by amendment:

17. Action necessary to approve resolution declaring Fire Chief Jon Williams' fire helmet and turn-out gear surplus property and authorizing presentation of same to Chief Williams upon his retirement as part of his retirement benefit:

Resolution #03-2017 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by City Clerk.

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

Upon unanimous consent by Council to give resolution immediate consideration at this meeting:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution 03-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

18. Council President asked anyone wishing to address Council to come to the microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council:

- 1) Councilman Blackmon stated that he wanted to let the Fire Chief know how much we appreciate his role and that of the Fire Department, as well as the Police Department, in protecting all of us.
- 2) Wanda Kay Powell, 224 Kingwood Drive—Ms. Powell stated that as a grandmother, she has made some observations regarding the local school buses and offered the suggestion of each bus having both a driver and an aide. Doing so would provide more safety for the students by allowing the driver to concentrate on driving the bus while the aide would be concentrating on student behavior; adding that she is seeking grants to provide the approximate \$300,000.00 needed to provide aides for the 17 buses. Ms. Powell also noted that often students have to wait out in the weather for buses at centrally located bus stops, and suggested that shelters be provided at the stops so that students would be able to get out of the weather while waiting for their buses. Councilman Perryman told Ms. Powell that if she would provide him a copy of her proposal, he would get it to the Board of Education for their consideration.

19. Having no further business to discuss,

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to adjourn was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None. (Time of adjournment 6:18 p.m.)


APPROVED BY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 7, 2017:



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 the regular meeting of the Sylacauga City Council held January 17, 2017.



Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer