

**AGENDA FOR A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SYLACAUGA TO BE HELD JANUARY 23, 2020**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Council President, Lee Perryman.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Tiffany Nix, Donnie Blackmon, Dallas Davenport, and Lee Perryman. Absent: Ashton Fowler. 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.
5. Mayor James Heigl proclaimed January 26-February 1, 2020, as Sylacauga School Choice Week in the City of Sylacauga. Mayor Heigl congratulated the Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement (SAFE) for being named one of four nationwide recipients of the Chick-Fil-A's, "True Inspirational Award". He added that Governor Ivey recognized this award during a 3:00 p.m. press conference in the Old House Chambers at the State Capitol. Mayor Heigl stated that creating an atmosphere of safe working environments is part of the City's commitment to creating a habit of excellence. He invited HR Specialist Jayne McGee to present Safety Awards to representatives from those departments who had no lost time accidents in the previous year.
6. Adopt Agenda:
A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to adopt the agenda was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
7. Approve minutes of the regular city council meeting held January 7, 2020:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Blackmon to approve the minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

8. Action that is necessary to adopt ordinance establishing an additional retirement benefit for full-time firefighters:
Ordinance #2217-20 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; 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: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
Upon unanimous consent by Council to give the ordinance immediate consideration:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Blackmon to approve Ordinance 2217-20 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
9. Action that is necessary to approve resolution requesting that the State Legislature assist with the annexation of certain non-contiguous properties into the corporate limits of the City of Sylacauga as petitioned by the respective property owners:
Resolution #04-2020 was introduced by Councilman Blackmon; Read by City Clerk.

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Davenport to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Nix, 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 04-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

10. Action that is necessary to approve resolution declaring Fire Chief Adam Gardner's duty fire helmet with personalized face shield and his Fire Chief badge as surplus property and authorize presentation of same to Chief Gardner upon his retirement as part of his retirement benefit:

Resolution #05-2020 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; 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: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

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

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Davenport to approve Resolution 05-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

11. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing expenditure in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Sylacauga Arts Council, Marble Festival Fund, to be used to promote the City of Sylacauga, its marble resources and history, and to help defray expenses of promoting and hosting Sylacauga's annual "Magic of Marble Festival" to be held March 31-April 11, 2020:

Resolution #06-2020 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; 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: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

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

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Davenport to approve Resolution 06-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

12. Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from EDT, as City's project E & I consultant, to accept the 2015 TAP Streetscape Improvement Along SR-21 from 3rd to 4th Street (Project: TAPAA-TA15 (906), as complete and to authorize release of final payment to contractor upon submission of all required documentation and expiration of required advertisement timeframe--Approval authorizes Mayor James Heigl to provide ALDOT with notice of project completion and City's acceptance of project:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to accept recommendation and authorize action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

13. Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from EDT as City's consultant, to approve the proposed remediation plans to correct LWCF Grant compliance deficiency findings as presented and to authorize Mayor James Heigl to execute related documents necessary for transmittal of such plans to ADECA for

consideration—Approval by Council authorizes commitment of remediation funding required:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Blackmon to accept recommendation and authorize action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

14. Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from Police Chief Kelley Johnson to accept donation of four (4) portable (classroom) units from the Sylacauga Housing Authority—Approval includes permission to have said units relocated to the City's firing range in Industrial Park to be utilized as part of the firing range facility and authorizes City Clerk-Treasurer Patricia G. Carden to execute related transfer documents:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to accept donation of portable units as recommended was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

15. Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from HR Specialist Jayne McGee to authorize contract with Employment Screening Services, Inc. for the provision of drug screening services and to authorize Mayor James Heigl to execute the related contract documents:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Blackmon to authorize contract for services as recommended was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

16. Action that is necessary to authorize refund in the amount of \$56.27 to the Alabama Department of Revenue, Property Tax Division for 11/26/2019 remittance of property tax litigation to the City for Parcel #612704204003007004, C/S # 61-16-0096--Purchaser voided purchase of the referenced assignment because the sale to the State has been cancelled:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Davenport to authorize refund as requested was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

17. Action necessary to approve request from Police Chief Kelley Johnson to authorize the temporary assignment of Police Officer Kelly White as Interim Sergeant on the B-1 Watch for a period not to exceed 120 days, and to authorize a 5% pay increase during the temporary assignment period, to become effective January 18, 2020--Night shift incentive will apply:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Davenport to approve request and authorize action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

18. Action that is necessary to approve travel/training expenses for HR Specialist Jayne McGee, in her role as a Planning Commission member, to attend the Economic Development Leadership Institute: Essentials of Economic Development course to be held in Scottsboro, February 6, 2020—Registration fee is \$95.00; Additional costs for mileage will be incurred--Estimated total cost of travel/training for McGee is \$242.32:

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

19. Action that is necessary to approve training travel/expenses for Police Officer Curt Looney to attend the JSU's Evaluating Truthfulness & Detecting Deception through Non-verbal Behavior Training Course to be held in Jacksonville, January 22-23, 2020—No registration fee; No additional costs other than *use of a department vehicle/fuel will be incurred (*Looney & Pitts will carpool):

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

20. Action that is necessary to approve training travel/expenses for Police Officer Austin Pitts to attend the JSU's *Evaluating Truthfulness & Detecting Deception through Non-verbal Behavior Training Course* to be held in Jacksonville, January 22-23, 2020—No registration fee; No additional costs other than *use of a department vehicle/fuel will be incurred (*Pitts & Looney will carpool):

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

21. Action that is necessary to approve travel/training expenses for Interim Code Director Mike Whetstone to attend the *Alabama Association of Plumbing, Gas & Mechanical Inspectors 57th Annual Educational Conference* to be held in Auburn, April 1-3, 2020—Registration fee is \$150.00; No additional costs other than *use of a department vehicle/fuel will be incurred (*Whetstone & Sayers will carpool)—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Whetstone is \$150.00:

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

22. Action that is necessary to approve travel/training expenses for P/T Bldg/Code Inspector Wayne Sayers to attend the *Alabama Association of Plumbing, Gas & Mechanical Inspectors 57th Annual Educational Conference* to be held in Auburn, April 1-3, 2020—Registration fee is \$150.00; No additional costs other than *use of a department vehicle/fuel will be incurred (*Sayers & Whetstone will carpool)—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Sayers is \$150.00:

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

23. Action that is necessary to authorize replacement of the roof skylights at the Animal Shelter building at an estimated cost of \$4,000.00:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Blackmon to authorize expenditure as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

24. Action that is necessary to authorize City Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Carden to publish notice of a public hearing to consider adoption of a revised Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance based on a model ordinance provided by FEMA, to be held on a date and time determined to the extent possible to comply with the March 6, 2020, compliance deadline:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilwoman Nix to authorize action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

25. Action that is necessary to approve request from Street Dept. Supt. Reed Calfee to authorize a five-year/60 month in arrears capital lease with Thompson Tractor Co., Inc. through the NIPANJPA Purchasing Coalition for the quoted combined lease/purchase with a monthly payment amount of \$5,855.53 for the following equipment:

- 1) One (1) new 308-07CR Mini Excavator, financed amount of \$107,541.00 (Payment \$1,379.96/mo. LE Purchase Option \$49,980.00);
- 2) One (1) new 420F2 Backhoe, financed amount of \$117,983.38 (Payment \$1,533.02/mo. LE Purchase Option \$53,445.00);
- 3) One (1) new 938M Wheel Loader, financed amount of \$219,181.48 (Payment \$2,942.55/mo. LE Purchase Option \$92,400.00).

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Davenport to authorize action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

26. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$437,237.63 for payrolls for December, 2019:

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: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

27. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$267,437.62 for balance of accounts payable invoices received for December, 2019:

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: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

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

- 1) Dr. Ted Spears, Marble Festival—Announced March 31-April 11, 2020, as the dates for the upcoming Marble Festival, and thanked Council for their ongoing support of the event. Council President thanked Drs. Ted & Shirley Spears for all they do to promote Sylacauga. Councilman Blackmon also thanked the Spears; stating that it's clear that they do it out of their love for Sylacauga.
- 2) Councilwoman Nix congratulated the various departments receiving the safety awards; it's a big deal and each should be proud of the accomplishment.

29. 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: Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

(Time of adjournment 6:28 p.m.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 4, 2020:

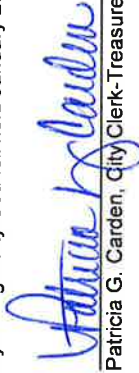


Lee Perryman, President of City Council

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 23, 2020.


Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer