

**MINUTES OF A RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYLACAUGA HELD JANUARY 25, 2021
(Rescheduled from January 21, 2021)**

1. Council President, Lee Perryman, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Nate Brewer, Lee Perryman, and Laura Heath. Absent: None. City Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Carden was also present. Mayor James Heigl was not present.
3. Nate Brewer, District 3 Councilman, provided an invocation.
4. Council President Perryman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Mayor James Heigl was not present for the meeting due to having surgery earlier in the day.
6. Adopt Agenda:
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Nix to adopt agenda was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.
7. Approve minutes of the regular city council meeting held January 5, 2021:
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

8. Action that is necessary to adopt ordinance authorizing participation in the 2021 Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday, beginning on Friday, February 26 and ending on Sunday, February 28, 2021:
Ordinance #2231-21 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Dispensed with reading of the ordinance.
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.
Upon unanimous consent by Council to give the ordinance immediate consideration:
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve Ordinance 2231-21 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.
9. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing Renewal Amendment for Grant Agreement with East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission (EARPC) Area Agency on Aging for Title III Aging Supportive/Nutrition Services during the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, and including the commitment of \$82,395.98 in local/matching funds to provide said services—*Total Program Budget of \$118,645.19 includes grant funds in the amount of \$36,249.19, in addition to the local funds:*
Resolution 01-2021 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Dispensed with reading of the resolution.
A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Brewer to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

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

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve Resolution 01-2021 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

10. Action that is necessary to approve Pinecrest Park Veterans Memorial Project, Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$6,998.00 from Clements Dean Building Company (project contractor) for additional work/materials necessary to undercut unsuitable soil and to modify footings as recommended by InSite Engineering (City's contract engineer) and approved by Code Department:

Resolution 02-2021 was introduced by Councilwoman Heath; Dispensed with reading of the resolution.

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

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

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve Resolution 02-2021 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

11. Action that is necessary to approve resolution designating Kimberly Morris and Yourlanda Burns as authorized signatories for checks drawn on City of Sylacauga bank accounts and for conducting other financial transactions on behalf of the City of Sylacauga—*Action necessary to become effective upon retirement of City Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Carden:*

Resolution #03-2021 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Summary given by City Clerk-Treasurer.

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve Resolution 03-2021 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

12. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing the use of a facsimile signature of Mayor James Heigl for checks drawn on City of Sylacauga bank accounts, designating Kimberly Morris as the required counter-signer, and setting out the procedures for use thereof--*Action necessary to become effective upon retirement of City Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Carden:*

Resolution #04-2021 was introduced by Councilman Brewer; Summary given by City Clerk-Treasurer.

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve Resolution 04-2021 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

13. **Appointment to the Commercial Development Authority—Four-year term of Michael L. Richardson, expiring March 15, 2021--Mr. Richardson was the only applicant:**

Action that is necessary to make an appointment to the Commercial Development Authority for the four-year term ending March 15, 2025:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Heath to re-appoint Michael L. Richardson to the Commercial Development Authority for the four-year term ending March 15, 2025, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

- 14. Appointment to the Commercial Development Authority—Four-year term of Bryan Taunton, expiring March 15, 2021--Mr. Taunton was the only applicant:**
- Action that is necessary to make an appointment to the Commercial Development Authority for the four-year term ending March 15, 2025:
- A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to re-appoint Bryan Taunton to the Commercial Development Authority for the four-year term ending March 15, 2025, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.*
- 15.** Action that is necessary to approve request from the Sylacauga Housing Authority to authorize payment to the Sylacauga City Schools in the amount of \$6,274.98 for the education portion of the SHA FY2019 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (Property) paid to the City in error—*SHA normally makes separate payments to City and BOE:*
- A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to authorize payment to BOE as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.*
- 16.** Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from Mayor Heigl to authorize the roll-over of any unused 2020 vacation leave to the 2021 vacation allocation of those affected employees who were unable to use the leave due to COVID and/or departmental circumstances beyond their control:
- A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to authorize vacation roll-over as recommended was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.*
- 17.** Action that is necessary to accept quote in the amount of \$14,881.66 from Reams Custom Homes, Inc., for replacing the roof and repairing interior water damage to the city-owned building located on 4th Street which houses the ARC:
- A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to authorize work/expenditure as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.*
- 18.** Action that is necessary to accept quote in the amount of \$7,800.00 from Standard Roofing of Montgomery, Inc., for roof repairs on the city-owned building located on N. Broadway Avenue which houses the Comer Museum:
- A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Brewer to authorize work/expenditure as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.*
- 19.** Action that is necessary to authorize posting of the position of City Clerk-Treasurer according to CSB procedures (internally, then externally) using the existing council-approved job description:
- A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to authorize action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.*
- 20.** Action that is necessary to authorize posting of the position of Director of Codes Enforcement according to CSB procedures (internally, then externally) using the existing council-approved job description:
- A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Brewer to authorize action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.*

21. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$18,901.30 for additional FY2020 accounts payable invoices received after year-end:
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Brewer to authorize payment of accounts payable invoices as presented was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.
22. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$506,556.28 for payrolls for December, 2020:
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to authorize payment of payrolls as reported was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.
23. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$226,308.73 for balance of accounts payable invoices received for December, 2020:
A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Brewer to authorize payment of accounts payable invoices as presented was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.
24. Council President asked anyone wishing to address Council to come to the microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council:
- 1) *With this being the last council meeting for retiring City Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Carden, Councilman Fowler took the opportunity to officially thank her for being there to help him along the way as a new council member and for her decades of service to the city, adding that she will be missed. Council President Perryman added that the City has been fortunate to have had Carden, adding that her accountability with institutional knowledge to be able to provide the information needed to best inform Council's decisions is greatly appreciated, and that Council will miss her. Carden advised Council that they have a very capable and willing staff in the Clerk's office at their disposal and encouraged Council to take advantage of that.*
 - 2) *Councilwoman Heath announced that Giovanni's (local restaurant) is in competition with three other Alabama restaurants in the ALFA Farmer's Federation's Alabama's Famous Best Pizza social media contest. Judging will be on Friday, great recognition for Sylacauga.*
25. Council President announced that the Council had a need to go into executive session to discuss certain matters for which an executive session is allowed pursuant to Section 36-25A-7(a)(1) Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and referenced a letter from the City Attorney supporting such action—**Perryman advised that Council would not return to the council meeting following adjournment of the ES, but would adjourn the meeting immediately upon its conclusion:**
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilman Fowler to enter into executive session was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.
- All Council members, joined by the City Attorney, City Clerk-Treasurer, and CCT Admn. Assistant, entered into executive session at approximately 5:23 p.m.**
- A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilman Fowler to exit the executive session and to adjourn the council meeting at approximately 6:14 p.m. was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.
- (Time of adjournment of council meeting 6:14 p.m.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2, 2021:



Lee Perryman, President of City Council

CERTIFICATION:

I, KIMBERLY S. MORRIS, as Interim 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 rescheduled regular meeting of the Sylacauga City Council held January 25, 2021.



Kimberly S. Morris, Interim City Clerk-Treasurer