

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYLACAUGA HELD FEBRUARY 2, 2021

1. Council President, Lee Perryman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Nate Brewer, Lee Perryman, and Laura Heath. Absent: None. Mayor James Heigl and Interim City Clerk-Treasurer Kim Morris were also 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. Report from Mayor James Heigl:
Mayor Heigl proclaimed January 16 to February 1, 2021 as Sylacauga School Choice Week and provided an update from CVMC regarding local COVID cases.
6. Adopt Agenda:
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to adopt agenda was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.
7. Approve minutes of the rescheduled city council meeting held January 25, 2021:
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix 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 declare fire-proof file cabinets currently stored in the former Board of Education office building at 605 W 4th Street as surplus property and authorize donation to B.B. Comer Memorial Library:
Resolution #05-2021 was introduced by Councilman Brewer; 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 05-2021 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.
9. Action that is necessary to adopt the City's FY2021 Transportation Plan as prepared by Michael Rice of EEFS, pledging up to 50% of projected revenue from the gas tax (total estimated revenue of \$56,000.00), toward planned eligible projects:
Resolution #06-2021 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Dispensed with reading of resolution.
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 resolution immediate consideration:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution 06-2021 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

10. Action that is necessary to adopt policy providing for special paid time off for employees under certain circumstances:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to adopt policy as submitted was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

11. **Appointment to the Historical Commission—Three-year term of Linda Dickson expiring March, 2021—Linda Dickson was the only applicant:**

Action that is necessary to make an appointment to the Historical Commission for the three-year term ending March, 2024:

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to appoint Linda Dickson to the Historical Commission for the three-year term ending March, 2024, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

12. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for PD Chief Kelley Johnson, Captain Rondell Muse, Lt. Renea Cummings, Lt. Willis Whatley, and Lt. Mike Moore to attend the AACOP Winter Conference & CLEEP Training in Montgomery, February 15-18, 2021. Registration fee of \$225.00 per employee. No additional expenses will be incurred other than the use of two department vehicles:

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

13. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for Council member Laura Heath and Fire Lt. Don Blair to attend Leadership Sylacauga from January 28 – July 26, 2021. Registration fee of \$750.00 per attendee.

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

14. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for Fire Lt. Scott Kines and Lt. Sam Ogilvie to attend Leadership Sylacauga January 28 – July 26, 2021. Registration fee of \$750.00 per attendee.

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

15. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$7,139.70 for additional FY2020 accounts payable invoices received after year-end:

A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Brewer to authorize payments as submitted was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

16. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$838,189.32 for accounts payable invoices received to date for January 2021:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to authorize payments as submitted was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

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

Councilman Fowler thanked Linda Dickson for her many years of dedication to the Historical Commission and for her involvement in obtaining historical markers currently displayed throughout the city.

18. 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 Councilwoman Nix, 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, and Interim City Clerk-Treasurer entered into executive session at approximately 6:12 p.m.

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to exit the executive session and to adjourn the council meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m. was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

(Time of adjournment of council meeting 6:30 p.m.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 18, 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 regular meeting of the Sylacauga City Council held February 2, 2021.



Kimberly S. Morris, Interim City Clerk-Treasurer