

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SYLACAUGA HELD FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Council President, Lee Perryman.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Donnie Blackmon, Dallas Davenport, and Lee Perryman. Absent None. Mayor James Heigl and City Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Carden were also present.
3. Invocation was given by Dennis Murphy, Sycamore Methodist Church.
4. Council President Lee Perryman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Mayor James Heigl proclaimed February 10-14, 2020, as Clergy Appreciation Week in the City of Sylacauga. Heigl presented the proclamation to the Civitan Club President, Beverly Murphy.
6. Adopt Agenda:  
*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to adopt agenda 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 23, 2020:  
*A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport 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. Public hearing to consider adoption of a revised Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance based on a model ordinance provided by FEMA—Hearing date set 1/23/2020:  
**Council President opened the public hearing and called for comments. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposed action. Council President closed the public hearing and called for action by Council.**  
**Ordinance #2218-20** 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: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*  
**Upon unanimous consent by Council to give the ordinance immediate consideration:**  
*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to adopt Ordinance 2218-20 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*
9. Action that is necessary to approve resolution setting date for public hearing for consideration of Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission—First available date for public hearing is 3/17/2020:  
**Resolution #07-2020** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by City Clerk.  
*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix 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 the resolution immediate consideration:**

*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution 07-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

10. Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from the Airport Authority to approve resolution declaring approximately fifty old runway light fixtures and nine old runway signs as surplus property no longer needed for municipal purposes and authorizing appropriate disposal of same:

**Resolution #08-2020** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by City Clerk.

*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler 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 the resolution immediate consideration:**

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution 08-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

11. Action that is necessary to approve request from the Comer Museum Board for authorization to replace two doors with transom and three windows in the city-owned museum building at a projected total cost of \$4,900.00 (Sylacauga Glass Company)--Museum will apply Alabama Historical Commission grant funds in the amount of \$3,280.00 toward project, with balance of \$1,620.00 to be paid by City:

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

12. Action that is necessary to contract with the Sylacauga Utilities Board for the installation of one LED light (including pole) to be placed behind the Comer Museum in the grassed area between the steps and 8th Street in order to provide adequate lighting for museum visitors and others using the adjacent parking lot-- Approval includes authorization to pay the ongoing monthly utility increase of \$29.00:

*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.*

13. Action necessary to authorize a waiver of the ordinance provision for passing on to residents, the \$0.24 per customer CPI rate increase from Republic Services for residential garbage pick-up effective April 1, 2020--*Garbage ordinance states that all rate increases resulting from CPI escalation clause in garbage contract will be passed on to the residents upon a 30-day notice at the time the increase becomes effective to the City.*

*A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to absorb the cost of the CPI rate increase was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

14. Action that is necessary to reschedule the date and time for the Tuesday, April 21, 2020, council meeting and work session to Thursday, April 23, 2020, with work session beginning at 4:00 p.m. and council meeting following immediately afterward:

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to reschedule said council meeting and work session as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

**15.** Action that is necessary to rescind Council's 1/23/2020, approval of refund request from Alabama Dept. of Revenue, Property Tax Division (\$56.27 for Parcel #612704204003007004, C/S # 61-16-0096)—Per ADOR, refund request was sent in error.

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

**16.** Action that is necessary to approve request from Police Chief to authorize additional funding in the amount of \$3,878.00 for the balance of light fixtures and hardware necessary for the Sylacauga Utilities Board to complete the LED replacements/upgrades to the street lights located at the Hwy 280/Hwy 231 intersection—Projected cost for Phases I & II in the amount of \$69,000.00 to be paid from the 2017 Bond Proceeds was approved 4/02/2019:

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

**17.** Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from Mayor James Heigl to appoint FD Lt. Jarrod Cunningham as Interim Fire Chief until such time as a permanent Fire Chief can be hired—Cunningham will remain on shift rather than move to straight days and will receive a 5% increase in pay during interim position; effective February 4, 2020, following appointment:

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

**18.** Action that is necessary to approve training travel/expenses for Police Officer Chris Wykoff to attend the Dallas PD Standoff Debrief training to be held in Oxford, February 6, 2020—No registration fee; No additional costs other than \*use of a department vehicle/fuel will be incurred (\*Wykoff & Kircus will carpool):

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

**19.** Action that is necessary to approve training travel/expenses for Police Sgt. Chariton Kircus to attend the Dallas PD Standoff Debrief training to be held in Oxford, February 6, 2020—No registration fee; No additional costs other than \*use of a department vehicle/fuel will be incurred (\*Kircus & Wykoff will carpool):

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

**20.** Action that is necessary to approve training travel/expenses for PD Sgt. Shane Bland, PD Lt. Mike Moore, Police Officers Harry Brown, Jr., Mike Davenport, Terry Gallahair, Jr., Josh Jones, Ben Layton, Curt Looney, Josh Morris, Austin Pitts, and Kyle Smith to attend the 2020 DMT New Operator Training course to be held in Pelham, February 6, 2020—No registration fee; Additional cost for meals and \*use of a department vehicle/fuel will be incurred (\*All Officers will carpool):

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

**21.** Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for CCT Accounting Specialist Yourlanda Burns to attend the Alabama City/County Management Association (ACCM) Certificate Program: Public Management & Community Development segment of the Local Government Professional Management Certificate Program to be held in Prattville, February 27-28, 2020—Registration fee is \$225.00; Additional cost for mileage and meals will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Burns is \$400.00:

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

22. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for CCT Accounting Clerk Sandy Sorensen to attend the five-part, AAPP Alabama Certified Risk Management Specialist Training Course--1) Risk Management Legal Foundations segment to be held in Montgomery, February 21, 2020; 2) Risk Management Basics segment to be held in Auburn, May 1, 2020; 3) Workers Compensation segment to be held in Auburn, August 7, 2020; 4) Risk Safety & Health segment to be held in Auburn, October 16, 2020; 5) Risk Benefits segment to be held in Auburn, November 6, 2020--Registration fee is \$180.00 per course; Additional cost for mileage and meals will be incurred--Estimated total cost of travel/training for Sorensen is \$270.75 per segment.

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

23. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$311,919.99 for accounts payable invoices received to date for January, 2020:

*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler 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.*

24. 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.**

25. Having no further business to discuss,

*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler 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 20, 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 February 4, 2020.

  
Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer