

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SYLACAUGA HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

1. Council President Lee Perryman called meeting to order at 6:21 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 Rev. Ed Jenkins, American Legion.
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Council President.
5. Report from Mayor:
Mayor Heigl conceded his time to the Council due to the length of the agenda.
6. Amend Agenda:
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Davenport to amend the agenda to add an item to authorize the Street Dept. to purchase a tractor, subject to conditions was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
6. a. Adopt Agenda:
A motion by Councilman Blackmon, 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 February 7, 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. Reading into Minutes as record of Mayor Heigl's re-appointment of Alma Jean Cook as Commissioner of the Sylacauga Housing Authority for the five-year term effective February 3, 2017 through February 3, 2022—*Informational only, no action required by Council.*
9. Request from Comer Museum to close West 8th Street between Broadway and Norton Avenues from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2017, for their *4th Annual Car & Bike Show* (rain date is March 11, 2017)—*Informational only, no formal action is required by Council; street closings are handled by Police Chief as the Traffic Director.*
10. *Action that is necessary to approve resolution setting public hearing date for consideration of a request from the abutting property owners for road closing/vacation of an unnamed road located off US Hwy 280, and adjacent to Holiday Inn Express—first available date for hearing is April 4, 2017:*

Resolution #04-2017 was introduced by Councilman Blackmon; Read by City Clerk.

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution 04-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

11. Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from The Center for Municipal Solutions (CMS) as consultant for City, to approve resolution granting an extension of the Special Use Permit issued to Verizon Wireless on July 6, 2016, for modifications to existing equipment on the existing 123' self-support telecommunications tower mounted on a 35' building located at 105 East Second Street—*Verizon did not pull a building permit for the modification due to the radio equipment being back-ordered and not being available; Permit expired for the project on January 2, 2017, and the modification was not completed:*

Resolution #05-2017 was introduced by Councilman Blackmon; Reading by City Clerk was dispensed with in consideration of David Andrews with CMS explaining the proposed action.

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 resolution immediate consideration at this meeting:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution 05-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

12. Action that is necessary to approve request from Regions Financial Corporation for a refund in the amount \$105.00 for overpayment of 2017 business license fee:

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

13. Action that is necessary to authorize educational incentive pay increase for Code Dept. Administrative Secretary Shannon Plexico for earning an Associate in Science, General Studies Degree (awarded 12/14/2016)—*Educational incentive for Associate Degree earned during employment & related to job is one Step (from Pay Grade AO-5; Step 9 at \$19.08 to Pay Grade AO-5; Step 10 at \$19.61); effective February 18, 2017:*

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

14. **Comments from Council President relative to board appointments:**

Council President Perryman announced that the appointments to the Airport Authority and the (Zoning) Board of Adjustment & Appeals were being postponed to the March 7th meeting in order to clear up a couple of questions regarding the terms. Perryman further explained that Council would be implementing a new procedure for rating/appointing the applicants to the various boards, and briefly described the process before calling for action by Council to suspend the rules of procedure for board appointments during this meeting:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to suspend rules of procedure for board appointments during this meeting was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

Council President—Called for Candidate Order of Preference for Commercial Development Authority—Two (2) positions available:

Candidate Order of Preference:

Sharon Hardy
Michael Richardson

15. Commercial Development Authority—Unexpired remainder of Supernumerary term ending March 15, 2017, and vacant four-year Supernumerary term ending March 15, 2021:

Action that is necessary to make appointment to the Commercial Development Authority for the remainder of the unexpired four-year Supernumerary term ending March 15, 2017, and the vacant four-year Supernumerary term ending March 15, 2021—*Unexpired term of Brandon Pingrey, vacated due to relocation in 2015:*

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Davenport to appoint Sharon Hardy to the Commercial Development Authority for the remainder of the unexpired four-year Supernumerary term ending March 15, 2017, and to the four-year Supernumerary term ending March 15, 2021, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

16. Commercial Development Authority—Unexpired four-year Supernumerary term ending March 15, 2019:

Action that is necessary to make appointment to the Commercial Development Authority for the unexpired four-year Supernumerary term ending March 15, 2019—*Unexpired term of Jeff Bates, appointed to active Member term:*

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Blackmon to appoint Michael Richardson to the Commercial Development Authority for the unexpired four-year Supernumerary term ending March 15, 2019, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

Council President—Called for Candidate Order of Preference for Historical Commission—Two (2) positions available:

Candidate Order of Preference:

C. J. Lee
Adam Pinson

17. Historical Commission—Unexpired three-year term ending March, 2019:

Action that is necessary to make appointment to the Historical Commission for the unexpired three-year term ending March, 2019—*Unexpired term of Mary Ellen Woodson, resigned April, 2016:*

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to appoint C. J. Lee to the Historical Commission for the unexpired three-year term ending March, 2019, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

18. Historical Commission—Vacant three-year term ending March, 2019:

Action that is necessary to make appointment to the Historical Commission for the vacant three-year term ending March, 2019—*Expired term of Geri Davee, ended March, 2016:*

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Davenport to appoint Adam Pinson to the Historical Commission for the three-year term ending March, 2019, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

Council President—Called for Candidate Order of Preference for Library Board—Two (2) positions available:

Candidate Order of Preference:

James (Jim) Clark
Becky Hackett

- 19. Library Board—Expired four-year term, ended October, 2016:**
Action that is necessary to make appointment to the Library Board for the four-year term ending October, 2020—*Expired term of James Clark, ended October, 2016:*

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Blackmon to re-appoint James (Jim) Clark to the Library Board for the four-year term ending October, 2020, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

- 20. Library Board—Expired four-year term ended October, 2016:**
Action that is necessary to make appointment to the Library Board for the four-year term ending October, 2020—*Expired term of Donna Dickey, ended October, 2016:*

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to appoint Becky Hackett to the Library Board for the four-year term ending October, 2020, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

Council President—Called for Candidate Order of Preference for Parks & Recreation Board—Two (2) positions available:

Candidate Order of Preference:

Blaine Green
John Wesson

- 21. Parks & Recreation Board—Unexpired five-year term ending October, 2018:**
Action that is necessary to make appointment to the Parks & Recreation Board for the unexpired five-year term ending October, 2018—*Unexpired term of Pam Landers, resigned September, 2015:*

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to appoint Blaine Green to the Parks & Recreation Board for the unexpired five-year term ending October, 2018, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

- 22. Parks & Recreation Board—Unexpired five-year term ending October, 2019:**
Action that is necessary to make appointment to the Parks & Recreation Board for the unexpired five-year term ending October, 2019—*Unexpired term of Dawn Stevens, resigned September, 2015:*

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Davenport to appoint John Wesson to the Parks & Recreation Board for the unexpired five-year term ending October, 2019, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

Council President announced the conclusion of board appointments for this meeting; thanked all those who had applied.

- 23.** Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for Building Inspector Wayne Sayers and Utilities Inspector Mike Whetstone to attend the *Alabama Association of Plumbing, Gas & Mechanical Inspectors 54th Annual Educational Conference* to be held in Auburn, April 5-7, 2017—*Registration fee is \$150.00 per employee & includes meals; No additional costs other than use of department vehicle 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.

- 24.** Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for City Clerk Patricia Carden and Administrative Assistant Kim Morris to attend the *Certified Municipal Clerks/Master Municipal Clerks Training Institute* to be held in Birmingham,

March 29-31, 2017—Registration fee is \$265.00 each; No additional costs other than mileage and meals will be incurred:

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

25. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for PD Records Clerk Kassey Epperson to attend the *Southern Software 2017 Alabama State User Training* to be held in Montgomery, March 14-15, 2017—No registration fee; Additional costs for mileage and meals will be incurred:

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

26. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for HR Specialist Jayne McGee to attend the *AAPPA Education & Certification Program Training Course: Recruitment, Selection & Retention* to be held in Montgomery, March 2-3, 2017—Registration fee is \$200.00; Additional costs for mileage and meals will be incurred:

A motion by Councilman Davenport, 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.

27. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$389,240.18 for payrolls for January, 2017:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Fowler to authorize payment of payrolls as reported was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

28. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$214,791.25 for balance of accounts payable invoices received for January, 2017:

A motion by Councilman Davenport, 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.

29. Action that is necessary to authorize Street Dept. to purchase one (1) 2013 Massey Ferguson Model 4609 Tractor at a cost not to exceed \$36,825.00, subject to meeting any applicable bid requirements:

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

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

Jonathan Hall, 811 Pinewood Lane—VVA Representative, and reminded everyone that March 29th is designated as Vietnam Veterans Day. Mr. Hall announced that there will be a commemorative service at the city hall flagpole at noon on that day, with refreshments at the American Legion Hall following the service, and invited everyone who can to attend.

31. Having no further business to discuss,

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, 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 6:41 p.m.)

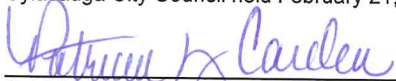
APPROVED BY COUNCIL MARCH 7, 2017:



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 February 21, 2017.



Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer