

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SYLACAUGA HELD MARCH 7, 2023**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Council President, Ashton Fowler.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Nate Brewer, Lee Perryman, and Laura Heath. Council Members Absent: None. Mayor James Heigl and Interim City Clerk/Treasurer Kim Morris were also present.
3. Invocation was provided by Police Chaplain Mark Ledbetter prior to the work session.
4. Council President Fowler led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Report from Mayor James Heigl:
Mayor Heigl had no report at this meeting.
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, Brewer, Perryman, and Heath; Nays: None.
7. Approve minutes of the regular city council meeting held February 23, 2023:
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, Brewer, Perryman, and Heath; Nays: None.
8. Approve minutes of the regular work session held February 23, 2023:
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, Brewer, Perryman, and Heath; Nays: None.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

9. Action that is necessary to declare property located at 614 Brentwood Street, the Verlie Collins Community Center, no longer needed for municipal purposes, and authorizing conveyance of property to Sylacauga Housing Authority; *Action authorizes Mayor Heigl to sign necessary documents for property transfer.*
Ordinance #2255-23 was introduced by Councilman Brewer; 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, Brewer, Perryman, and Heath; Nays: None.
Upon unanimous consent to consider ordinance at this meeting:
A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Brewer to adopt Ordinance #2255-23 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, and Heath; Nays: None.
City Attorney Livingston thanked Sam Royster and the SHA Attorney for their assistance with the property transfer.
10. Action that is necessary to accept the recommendation of Engineering Environmental and Forest Services Company, PC (EEFS) to award bid received for Sylacauga Drainage Improvements project to Central Alabama Asphalt and Construction Company, LLC with the low bid of \$594,000.00: *Funding from American Rescue Funds:*

Resolution #15-2023 was introduced by Councilman Brewer; Dispensed with reading of the 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, Brewer, Perryman, and Heath; Nays: None.

Upon unanimous consent to consider resolution at this meeting:

A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Perryman to approve Resolution #15-2023 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, and Heath; Nays: None.

11. Action that is necessary to approve request from Advanced Integrated Security DBA Wesson Companies to refund \$50.00 for overpayment of 2023 business license fees:

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

12. Action that is necessary to approve request from Mayor James Heigl and HR Specialist Jayne McGee to reimburse PD Officer Harry Brown for dental insurance premiums paid in error in the amount of \$1,764.00 for the period 2016 through 2022:

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve reimbursement as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, and Heath; Nays: None.

13. Action that is necessary to approve request from SAFE Transportation to declare 2010 Ford Starcraft 15-passenger van, S/N 1FDEE3FL6ADA90142 as surplus; Action also authorizes action necessary to request disposal from East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission and ALDOT:

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

14. Action that is necessary to approve travel/training request for Firefighter Donnie Lester to attend the Alabama Fire College Apparatus Operator: Pumper course hosted by the Anniston Regional Training Center April 3-7, 2023. No registration fee; additional expenses for meals will be incurred; Lester will carpool with Autrey and Carpenter (training approved 2-23-23). Total estimated expenses for Lester are \$75.00:

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

15. Action that is necessary to approve travel/training request for Firefighters Isaac Holmes and Clay Upchurch to attend the Alabama Fire College Fire Investigator I course hosted by the Anniston Regional Training Center May 1-5, 2023. Registration fee of \$330.00/ea.; additional expenses for meals and use of a city-provided vehicle will be incurred. Employees will carpool. Total estimated expenses for Holmes and Upchurch are \$405.00/ea.:

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

16. Action that is necessary to approve travel/training expenses for Firefighters Logan Blake and AJ Tubbs, Lt. Josh Forbus, and Interim Fire Captain Scott Kines to attend the Alabama Fire College Rescue Technician: Surface Water I and II courses in Prattville July 10-12, 2023; Registration fee of \$240.00 per employee; additional expenses for meals and use of a city-provided vehicle will be incurred. Employees will carpool. Total estimated expenses for Blake, Tubbs, Forbus, and Kines are \$285.00/ea.:

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

17. Action that is necessary to approve travel/training expenses for Firefighters Logan Blake and AJ Tubbs, Lt. Josh Forbus, and Interim Fire Captain Scott Kines to attend the Alabama Fire College Rescue Technician: Swiftwater I and II courses in Prattville July 13-14, 2023; Registration fee of \$180.00 per employee; additional expenses for meals and use of a city-provided vehicle will be incurred. Employees will carpool. Total estimated expenses for Blake, Tubbs, Forbus, and Kines are \$210.00/ea.:

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

18. Action that is necessary to approve travel/training expenses for Court Magistrates Samantha Armstrong and Ginger McDonough to attend the 2023 AOC Regional Seminar for Municipal Court Officials April 6-7, 2023 in Birmingham. Registration fee of \$210.00/ea.; additional expenses for mileage and a meal will be incurred. Employees will carpool. Total estimated expenses for Armstrong are \$230.00; for McDonough \$325.00:

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

19. Action that is necessary to approve Accounts Payable invoices received to date for February 2023 in the amount of \$241,182.48:

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

20. Council President asked anyone wishing to address Council to come to the microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council. Stephanie Garrett, a resident of Autumn Trace Apartments, asked about the possibility of adding sidewalks along 13th Street. With three apartment complexes along the roadway, many residents walk along the road. Brewer commended she talk with Asst. Street Supt. Kromer regarding the possibility. Mayor Heigl stated that he had talked with Michael Rice regarding available grants. Police SRO Officer Harry Brown further discussed today's shooting of the teenager in the Drew Court area and urged the Council to provide activities for the children in the City.

21. Having no further business to discuss:

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

(Time of adjournment 6:23 P.M.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL MARCH 21, 2023



Ashton Fowler, 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 a regular meeting of the City Council held March 7, 2023.



Kimberly S. Morris, Interim City Clerk/Treasurer
City of Sylacauga