

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYLACAUGA HELD MARCH 16, 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 Heigl and Interim City Clerk/Treasurer Kim Morris were also present.
3. Invocation was provided by Pastor Roger Holtzclaw, St. John Missionary Baptist Church.
4. Council President Perryman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Mayor Heigl reported that City Hall would close at noon on March 17, due to the expected severe weather. Mayor Heigl also announced that the Beautification Council, with assistance from the Street Dept., has installed a new Welcome to Sylacauga sign on Hwy 148 coming into Sylacauga. The Mayor stated that CVMC currently has zero COVID patients.
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, Heath; Nays: None.
7. Approve minutes of the regular city council meeting held March 2, 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, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

8. Public hearing to consider incentive agreement between the City and Robo Motors, LLC for an economic development project at 40811 US Hwy 280. Hearing date set 2/18/2021 by Resolution 07-2021:
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.
Resolution #17-2021 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Dispensed with the reading of the Resolution.
A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Fowler to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.
Upon unanimous consent to give the resolution immediate consideration:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve Resolution 17-2021 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None; Sustain: Brewer.
9. Reading into Minutes as a record of Mayor Heigl's appointment of Jessie Harrison as Commissioner of the Sylacauga Housing Authority to fill the unexpired term of Alma Jean Cook expiring February 3, 2022 — *Informational only, no action required by Council.*

10. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing agreement with ALDOT for Project #ST-061-999-015-CN; CPMS Ref #10073442 for the widening and resurfacing of James Payton Blvd; project authorized by Resolution 62-2020 09-15-2020; authorization accepts \$250,000.00 ALDOT funding and authorizes Mayor Heigl to sign required documents:
- Resolution #18-2021** was introduced by Councilman Brewer; Dispensed with reading of Resolution.
- A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Nix to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.
- Upon unanimous consent to give the resolution immediate consideration:**
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution 18-2021 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.
11. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing EEFS Co., PC to seek bids for ALDOT Project #ST-061-999-015-CN, for the widening and resurfacing of James Payton Blvd:
- Resolution #14-2021** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Dispensed with reading of Resolution.
- 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, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.
- Upon unanimous consent to give the resolution immediate consideration:**
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Brewer to approve Resolution 14-2021 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.
12. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing Barge Design Solutions to submit grant application for FAA CARES funding in the amount of \$13,000.00 for operating expenditures at Lee Merkel Field; no local match required; action authorizes Mayor Heigl to sign required grant documents:
- Resolution #19-2021** was introduced by Councilman Brewer; Dispensed with reading of Resolution.
- 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, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.
13. Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from Fire Chief Nate Osgood to approve Automatic Aid Agreement with the Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department; approval authorizes Fire Chief to sign agreement on behalf of the City:
- A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Brewer to authorize action as requested was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.
14. Recommendation from Street Supt. Reed Calfee to authorize/fund increase in number of F/T positions at Animal Shelter by replacing the three current P/T Laborer positions (\$10.26/hr, 28/hrs per week, \$14,938.56/annual) with two FT

Technician positions (Grade SM-1, \$10.47/hr, Probation, 40/hrs per week, \$21,763.04/annual). Changes will result in a total of five F/T Technician positions at Shelter and zero P/T Laborer positions; estimated additional budget increase of \$14,040.47; approval authorizes posting of said position through the CSB:

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

15. Action that is necessary to accept remaining FY21 quarterly donations from the Town of Oak Grove to assist with the care and storage of animals at the Shelter:

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

16. Action that is necessary to authorize a waiver of the ordinance provision for passing on to residents an increase in the current rate for a second residential garbage container (\$3.00 increase, from \$5.00 to \$8.00), as bid and awarded to GFL Environmental effective April 1, 2021—Garbage ordinance states that garbage rates shall be subject to increase annually equal to the amount of any increase charged for providing such services by the independent service provider under contract at the time and 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 Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilwoman Heath to authorize waiver as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

17. Action that is necessary to authorize travel/training expenses for PD Investigator Roman Hubbard and Investigator Kelly White to attend the APOSTC-CBPLE Investigator Academy Schedule Session #2 at JSU Center for Best Practices in Law Enforcement on the following dates: July 20-22; August 24-25; September 21-23, and October 19-20, 2021. No registration fee; expenses for meals and the use of city-provided vehicles will be incurred; estimated expenses for Hubbard and White are \$150.00/each:

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

18. Action that is necessary to approve travel/training expenses for Adam Chasteen to attend the 183rd Basic Session of the NE Alabama Law Enforcement Academy at JSU April 26-July 29, 2021. Tuition of \$1,000.00 (City to pay \$500.00, with APOSTC paying \$500.00 upon successful completion), lodging and meals in the amount of \$3,800.00, and ammunition in the amount of \$284.00. Chasteen to use a city-provided vehicle; total estimated expenses for Chasteen are \$5,084.00.

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

19. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$419,772.97 for February payrolls:

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

20. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$191,536.94 for balance of accounts payable invoices for February 2021:

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

21. **Council President asked anyone wishing to speak to come to the microphone and state name and address for the record prior to addressing the Council.**

Councilman Brewer announced that Mignon Baptist would open at noon on March 17 for anyone needing shelter during the expected storms.

22. **Having no additional business to discuss,**

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

(Time of adjournment 6:12 pm)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL APRIL 6, 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 March 16, 2021.



Kimberly S. Morris, Interim City Clerk-Treasurer