

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SYLACAUGA HELD MARCH 21, 2023**

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:50 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 led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Report from Mayor James Heigl:
Mayor Heigl had no report at the meeting.
6. Adopt Agenda:
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to amend the agenda to add Items #19-23 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 7, 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, Heath; Nays: None.
8. Approve minutes of the regular work session held March 7, 2023:
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Nix 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:

9. Action that is necessary to declare City property at 201 West 4th Street as surplus property, no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, and authorizing sale of property to Blue Bell Creameries; Action authorizes Mayor Heigl to sign required deed of conveyance:
Ordinance #2256-23 was introduced by Councilman Brewer; Dispensed with reading of the ordinance.
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, 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, Heath; Nays: None.
Upon unanimous consent to consider ordinance at this meeting,
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to adopt Ordinance #2256-23 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.
10. Action that is necessary to approve FY23 Special Fund Budgets:
Resolution #16-2023 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Dispensed with reading of the resolution.

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Brewer 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 consider resolution at this meeting,

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve Resolution #16-2023 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

11. Action that necessary to set date for public hearing to consider the annexation and zoning of property located at 415 Odena Road South. Recommendation from Planning Commission for zoning of property. First available date for public hearing is May 2, 2023:

Resolution #17-2023 was introduced by Councilwoman Heath; 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, Heath; Nays: None.

Upon unanimous consent to consider resolution at this meeting,

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution #17-2023 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

12. **Appointment to Historical Commission – Three-year term of Gloria Owens expiring March 2023:**

Council President opened the floor & called for nominations:

Councilman Perryman nominated Gloria Owens.

Hearing no other nominations, Council President called for nominations to be closed.

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

Council President closed the floor & called for the vote on nominations:

Those in favor of Gloria Owens; Roll call vote (Yeas): Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Those opposed: Roll call vote (Nays): None.

A motion by Councilwoman Heath second by Councilman Brewer to appoint Gloria Owens to the Historical Commission for the three-year term ending March 2026 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

13. **Appointment to Historical Commission – Three-year term of Stephen McClurg expiring March 2023:**

Council President opened the floor & called for nominations:

Nominations:

Councilman Perryman nominated Stephen McClurg.

Hearing no other nominations, Council President called for nominations to be closed.

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

Council President closed the floor & called for the vote on nominations.

Those in favor of Stephen McClurg; Roll call vote (Yeas): Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Those opposed: Roll call vote (Nays): None.

A motion by Councilman Brewer second by Councilwoman Heath to appoint Stephen McClurg to the Historical Commission for the three-year term ending March 2026 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

14. Appointment to Commercial Development Authority – Four-year term of Keith Honeycutt expired March 15, 2023:

Council President opened the floor & called for nominations.

Councilman Brewer nominated Keith Honeycutt.

Hearing no other nominations, Council President called for nominations to be closed:

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

Council President closed the floor & called for the vote on nominations.

Those in favor of Keith Honeycutt; Roll call vote (Yeas): Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath. Those opposed: Roll call vote (Nays): None.

A motion by Councilman Brewer second by Councilwoman Heath to appoint Keith Honeycutt to the Commercial Development Authority for the four-year term ending March 15, 2027 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

15. Appointment to Commercial Development Authority – Four-year term of DeCorey Hale expired March 15, 2023:

Council President opened the floor & called for nominations:

Councilman Brewer nominated DeCorey Hale.

Hearing no other nominations, Council President called for nominations to be closed.

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

Council President closed the floor & called for the vote on nominations:

Those in favor of DeCorey Hale; Roll call vote (Yeas): Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Those opposed: Roll call vote (Nays): None.

A motion by Councilman Perryman second by Councilwoman Nix to appoint DeCorey Hale to the Commercial Development Authority for the four-year term ending March 15, 2027 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

16. Appointment to Parks and Recreation Board to fill the five-year unexpired term of Jonathan Douglas expiring October 2023:

Council President opened the floor & called for nominations:

Nominations:

Councilwoman Heath nominated Zach Nelson.
Councilwoman Nix nominated Jada Combs.

Hearing no other nomination, Council President called for nominations to be closed:

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

Council President closed the floor & called for the vote on nominations:

Those in favor of Zach Nelson; Roll call vote (Yeas): Brewer, Heath, Fowler, Those opposed: Roll call vote (Nays): Perryman, Nix.

A motion by Councilman Brewer second by Councilwoman Heath to appoint Zach Nelson to the Parks and Recreation Board to fill the unexpired term of Jonathan Douglas expiring October 2023 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

17. Reading into the minutes Mayor Heigl's re-appointment of Patrick Lozito to the Sylacauga Housing Authority for the five-year term to expire February 2028. No Council action required.

18. Action that is necessary to approve 020-Restaurant Retail Liquor application from Bogue Eli Stevens, owner of Tallakas, LLC, DBA Lloyds Restaurant, located at 40810 US Hwy in Sylacauga. Police report received:

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, Heath; Nays: None.

19. Action that is necessary to approve resolution clarifying health and dental insurance benefits for retirees:

Resolution #18-2023 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Dispensed with reading of the resolution.

A motion by Councilman Perryman, 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 consider resolution at this meeting:

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilman Perryman to approve Resolution #18-2023 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

20. Action that is necessary to approve travel/training expenses for Firefighters Brett Autrey, Shelby Byrd, and Matt Carpenter to attend the Alabama Fire College Rescue Technician: Rope I course hosted by the Anniston Fire Department April 17-21, 2023. No registration fee; expenses for lunches will be incurred. Employees will carpool in a city-provided vehicle. Total estimated expenses for Autrey, Byrd, and Carpenter are \$75.00/ea.

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

21. Action that is necessary to approve travel/training expenses for Firefighters Brett Autrey, Logan Blake, Matt Carpenter, Harmony Kelley, A J Tubbs, and Cass Patterson to attend the Alabama Fire College Rescue Technician: Rope II course hosted by the Anniston Regional Training Center April 24-26, 2023. Registration fee of \$240.00 per employee; expenses for lunches will be incurred. Employees

will carpool in a city-provided vehicle. Total estimated expenses for Autrey, Blake, Carpenter, Kelley, Tubbs, and Patterson are \$285.00/ea.

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

- 22.** Action that is necessary to approve travel/training expenses for Fire Lt. Kyle Moseley to attend the Alabama Fire College Fire Rescue Technician: Cave I and II courses hosted by the Huntsville Regional Training Center July 27-31, 2023. Registration fee of \$350.00; additional expenses for lunches and use of a city-provided vehicle will be incurred. Total estimated expenses for Moseley are \$425.00:

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, Heath; Nays: None.

- 23.** Action that is necessary to approve travel/training expenses for Fire Inspector Chad Toland to attend the Alabama Fire College Live Fire Instructor/Instructor in Charge course hosted by the Oxford Fire Department April 17-21, 2023. Registration fee of \$350.00; additional expenses for lunches and use of a city-provided vehicle will be incurred. Total estimated expenses for Toland are \$425.00:

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, Heath; Nays: None.

- 24.** Action that is necessary to approve February payrolls in the amount of \$404,511.43:

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, Heath

- 25.** Action that is necessary to approve balance of February Accounts Payable invoices in the amount of \$356,477.05:

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

- 26.** Council President asked anyone wishing to address Council to come to the microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council. Jordan Moon, a student at SHS, spoke in response to the recent shootings in Sylacauga and asked the Council how they planned to address the issue. Moon does not want to see his friends become victims, stating that the youth of the area need entertainment and recreation.

- 27.** 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, Heath; Nays: None.

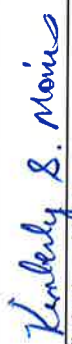
(Time of adjournment 6:05 P.M.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL APRIL 4, 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 21, 2023.


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