

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SYLACAUGA HELD APRIL 4, 2017**

1. Council President Lee Perryman called meeting to order at 6:10 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. Brian Taunton, Christ Point Community Church.
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Council President.
5. Report from Mayor Jim Heigl:
 - 1) Announced that the 2017 Marble Festival has started and that the number of sculptors anticipated is growing. Heigl encouraged everyone to be sure to make Stefano Pierotti, the visiting Italian sculptor, feel welcome since this is his first trip to America.
 - 2) Announced that the Street Dept. has started picking up residential trash/yard waste again, and asked that residents be patient as the routes are a little backed up right now, but everything should be back on schedule shortly.
 - 3) Reported that the city-wide clean-up campaign was a success, and expressed thanks to all those who turned out for the event.
 - 4) Allowed Pam Landers to introduce the 2017 local pageant winners: Miss Sylacauga, Caitlyn McTier; Miss Sylacauga's Outstanding Teen, Jayla Duncan; and Miss Marble Valley's Outstanding Teen, Grayson Gann. Miss Marble Valley, Sammy Rizzuto had encountered traffic issues in route from Auburn, and was not available for introduction during this portion of the meeting. Miss Rizzuto arrived later in the meeting and was introduced during the public comment period of the meeting.
 - 5) Issued a proclamation honoring Dr. Shirley Spears for her years of service to the community as Library Director, and naming her as an Outstanding Citizen of Sylacauga.
6. Adopt Agenda—*An item relative to an employee's compensation was inserted between Items 10 & 11 of the agenda prior to adoption; numbering has been adjusted accordingly:*

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport 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 April 4, 2017:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix 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 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—*Public hearing date set 2/21/2017, Resolution 04-2017:*

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 #13-2017 was introduced by Councilman Fowler; Read by City Clerk.

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Blackmon 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:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution 13-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

9. Action that is necessary to approve request from the Sylacauga Young Professionals group for permission to use a small portion of the City-owned parking lot and alley located directly behind Fermenters Market at the Rex in order to host a book drive for the B. B. Comer Library on Friday, April 7, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (event will host a band and likely include some food):
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve the request as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
10. Action that is necessary to approve request from Municipal Court Clerk Amber Johns to authorize Change of Status pay increase for Magistrate Wendy Mickler for completion of six (6) month probationary period (from Pay Grade A-02; Step 1 at \$10.91/hr to Pay Grade A-02; Step 2 at \$11.30/hr)—Department Head requests that pay increase be retroactive to 1/19/2017:
A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to authorize pay increase as stated retroactive to 1/19/2017, 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 Shop Supt. Ed Ford to authorize retroactive Change of Status pay increase for Shop Administrative Clerk Patricia Garrett for 10/18/2016 completion of six (6) month probationary period (from Pay Grade SM-1; Step 4 at \$10.92/hr to Pay Grade SM-1; Step 5 at \$11.27/hr). (Department Head requested that pay increase be retroactive to date probationary period ended)—Reconsideration of Council action taken 3/21/2017 due to policy relative to end of probation increases:
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to authorize pay increase as stated retroactive to 10/18/2016, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
12. Action that is necessary to accept proposal from Kellis Vegetation Management, Inc. for fire ant control treatment on approximately eight (8) acres of runway areas at the Sylacauga Municipal Airport Lee Merkel Field—Total cost for proposed treatment is \$1,200.00:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to authorize expenditure as recommended was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
13. Action that is necessary to approve request from J J Morley Enterprises, Inc. for a refund in the amount \$233.82 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.

14. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for HR Specialist Jayne McGee to attend the 2017 BSHRM Law and HR Legislative Update: A Melody of Employment Law for the 21st Century to be held in Birmingham, April 12, 2017—Registration fee is \$100.00; Additional costs for mileage 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.

15. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$45,325.75 for accounts payable invoices received to date for March, 2017:

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.

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

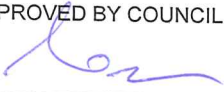
- 1) Jonathan Hall, 811 Pinewood Lane—On behalf of VVA Chapter 945, thanked everyone for the turnout on Veterans Day.
- 2) Mary Cardwell, 316 Poplar Street—Congratulated the Mayor and Council on winning the 2016 election. She gave Council members copies of her proposal for a project featuring a garden facility on city-owned property and stated that she would like to get it back on the Council's agenda for consideration. Ms. Cardwell stated that she needs the former Avondale property off Pine Street in order to be eligible to apply for USDA funding for the project. After a short discussion relative to zoning of the property and other factors, Council President Lee Perryman advised Ms. Cardwell that the Planning Commission would be meeting the next evening and that he would try to get the Commission to discuss the matter then.

17. 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 6:34 p.m.)

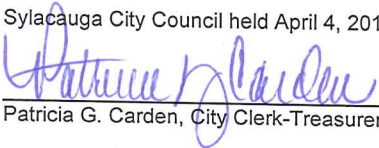
APPROVED BY COUNCIL APRIL 18, 2017:



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 April 4, 2017.



Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer