

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SYLACAUGA HELD APRIL 20, 2021**

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:57 P.M. by Council President, Lee Perryman:
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Nate Brewer, Lee Perryman, Laura Heath; Absent: None; Mayor James Heigl and Interim City Clerk/Treasurer were also present.
3. The invocation was provided by Dr. Rick Patrick, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Sylacauga
4. Council President Perryman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Mayor James Heigl gave no report at this meeting.
6. Adopt Agenda:
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Nix to adopt the 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 April 6, 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 zoning and annexation of properties located at 500 Loblolly Trace, Alpine; 90 Rocky Mount Church Road, Talladega; and 1 Tuskegee Street, Sylacauga. *Hearing set March 2, 2021 by Resolution 15-2021:*
Council President opened the public hearing and called for comments:
No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to this matter.
Council President closed the public hearing and called for action by Council:
Ordinance 2233-21 was introduced by Councilman Brewer; Dispensed with reading of the Ordinance.
A motion by Councilwoman Heath, 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 ordinance at this meeting,
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Ordinance 2233-21 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.
9. Action that is necessary to adopt ordinance authorizing City's participation in the 2021 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday scheduled for July 16-18, 2021:
Ordinance 2234-21 was introduced by Councilwoman Heath; Dispensed with reading of 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, Heath; Nays: None.

Upon unanimous consent to consider ordinance at this meeting,
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve Ordinance 2234-21 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

10. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing City to enter into contract with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission for Administration and Project Management of CDBG Project LR-CE-PR-19-011, Citywide Demolition and Clearance of Dilapidated Structures in the amount of \$25,000.00; *action ratifies Mayor Heigl's signature on contract documents:*

Resolution #28-2021 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 consider resolution at this meeting,
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to adopt Resolution 28-2021 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 City to enter into contract with Focused Construction Services, LLC for Resident Inspection Services of CDBG Project LR-CE-PR-19-011, Citywide Demolition and Clearance of Dilapidated Structures in the amount of \$27,500.00; *action ratifies Mayor Heigl's signature on contract documents:*

Resolution #29-2021 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.

Upon unanimous consent to consider resolution at this meeting,
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to adopt Resolution 29-2021 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 City to enter into contract with Livingston and Harkins, LLC, for Legal Services of CDBG Project LR-CE-PR-19-011, Citywide Demolition and Clearance of Dilapidated Structures in the amount of \$300.00 per parcel title search; *action ratifies Mayor Heigl's signature on contract documents:*

Resolution #30-2021 was introduced by Councilwoman Heath; Dispensed with reading of 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 Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to adopt Resolution 30-2021 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

13. Action that is necessary to approve contract with the Commercial Development Authority effective April 1, 2021, and continuing for the remainder of FY21, to actively recruit retail, wholesale, and service organizations, and to attract

economic development opportunities within Sylacauga; City to provide funding in the amount of \$8,000.00, to be paid in equal monthly payments beginning April 30, 2021, and ending September 30, 2021:
A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Fowler to approve action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

14. Action that is necessary to authorize Walter D. Lewis of Piper Sandler & Co. to begin work with the City of Sylacauga on the feasibility of issuing new bonds and other financial options for future planning and projects; approval authorizes Mayor Heigl to execute G-17 letter on behalf of the City:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Brewer to authorize action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.
15. Action that is necessary to reimburse Sylacauga P/Rec for one (1) 12' x 24' Portable Building for Lake Howard, purchased from Harris Storage Solutions, at a cost of \$6,129.31 to be paid from Lake Howard Recreational funds; capital purchase was previously authorized by the LHRA:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilwoman Heath to authorize reimbursement 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 purchase of one 18,000 BTU Mitsubishi Mini Split Unit from Culver Heating & Air in the amount of \$4,450.00 for Fire Station #1; purchase to be paid from CH Building Maintenance Fund:
A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Brewer to authorize purchase as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.
17. Action that is necessary to accept donation of one 2003 Ford Expedition, SIN 1FMRU15W53LA61695, from the Talladega County Commission; vehicle to be used as a PD K-9 unit:
A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilwoman Nix to accept donation from Talladega County Commission was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.
18. Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from PD Chief Kelley Johnson to adopt the Public Safety-Police (PS-PD) Pay Plan associated with the pay structure/plan (adopted 1-5-21), and to change effective date of plan from April 1, 2021, to the first pay period beginning in April (April 10, 2021):
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 request for refund due to overpayment of 2021 business license fees in the amount of \$33.80 to Fermenters Market at the Rex:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Brewer to approve request as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.
20. Action that is necessary to approve request for refund due to overpayment of 2021 business license fees in the amount of \$215.05 to East Side Jersey Dairy, Inc., DBA Barber's Dairy:
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve request as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

21. Action that is necessary to authorize travel/training expenses for Municipal Court Magistrate Portia Ford to attend the 2021 Regional Seminar for Municipal Court Officials in Mobile, May 6-7, 2021. Registration fee of \$195.00 paid for 2020 seminar (cancelled due to COVID-19) has been applied to this training; additional fees for mileage, meals, and lodging will be incurred. Total estimated expenses for Ford are \$636.00.

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve travel/training 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 Firefighters Clay Upchurch and Logan Blake to attend the Apparatus Operator: Aerial training to be held at the Anniston Regional Training Center May 10-14, 2021. No registration fee; expenses for meals and use of a city-provided vehicle will be incurred; Upchurch and Blake to carpool. Estimated expenses for Upchurch and Blake are \$75.00 each:

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

23. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$400,620.76 for March payrolls:

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; Nays: None.

24. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$207,232.73 for balance of accounts payable invoices for March 2021:

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

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

Councilman Brewer commented on how well the Cherokee Garden Club's garden looked today and thanked them for keeping this area up.

29. Having no further 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 6:10 P.M.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL MAY 4, 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 a rescheduled regular meeting of the City Council held April 20, 2021.



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