

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SYLACAUGA HELD MAY 5, 2020**

1. Council President, Lee Perryman, called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Donnie Blackmon, Dallas Davenport, and Lee Perryman. Absent: None. Mayor James Heigl and City Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Carden were also present.
3. The invocation was given by District 3 Councilman, Donnie Blackmon.
4. Council President Perryman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Mayor James Heigl reported that the Census field offices in Alabama will reopen May 6<sup>th</sup>, and will continue to follow all current health and safety guidelines. Mayor Heigl stressed the importance of everyone participating in the Census by returning the Census documents or going online to complete the forms and explained that the Census numbers impact various sources of funding for public services in Sylacauga.
6. Adopt Agenda:  
*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to adopt the agenda was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*
7. Approve minutes of the special city council meeting held April 15, 2020:  
*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler 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. Action that is necessary to approve resolution rescheduling the date for public hearing for consideration of adoption of new building related codes to Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.—*Council meeting & public hearing scheduled for 4/07/2020 (Resolution 11-2020; 2/20/20) was cancelled due to the COVID-19/stay home order.*  
**Resolution #32-2020** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by City Clerk.  
*A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve Resolution 32-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*
9. Action that is necessary to approve resolution appointing Barry Vaughn as Municipal Judge for a two-year term beginning June 1, 2020, and ending May 31, 2022:  
**Resolution #33-2020** was introduced by Councilman Blackmon; Read by City Clerk.  
*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution 33-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*
10. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing the participation in the Alabama First Responders Benefits Association in order to provide cancer and disability insurance for eligible paid fire department career firefighters in compliance with ACT 2019-361, and to purchase the ALFRBP Group Enhanced Critical Illness and Long Term Disability Plan for the 2020 calendar year—*First*

year plan (2020) will include paid basic coverage for eligible F/T firefighters & eligible P/T firefighters who do not have a primary FD employer; 100% participation is required with covered firefighters paying any premium amount above the mandated Basic Cancer & LTD Plan (currently \$186.48 per firefighter):

**Resolution #34-2020** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by City Clerk.

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix 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 the resolution immediate consideration:**

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution 34-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

11. Action that is necessary to accept FAA CARES Grant 3-01-0068-024-2020 in the amount of \$30,000.00 to be used for operating expenditures of Lee Merkel Field Sylacauga Municipal Airport, and to authorize Mayor James Heigl to execute related documents to accept said award:

**Resolution #35-2020** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by City Clerk.

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix 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 the resolution immediate consideration:**

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve Resolution 35-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

12. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing the form of agreement for provision of fire services to businesses and industries located within the Sylacauga Fire Department jurisdiction under the administration of the Fire Chief and to authorize the Mayor to execute such agreements as necessary on behalf of the City of Sylacauga:

**Resolution #36-2020** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by City Clerk.

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, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

**Upon unanimous consent by Council to give the resolution immediate consideration:**

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve Resolution 36-2020 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 Minnesota Regis Corporation for a refund in the amount of \$275.00 for overpayment of 2020 business license fee:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix 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 request from Mayor James Heigl and HR Specialist Jayne McGee to extend contract with TempForce-Smart Staffing Solutions for the services of one (1) temporary worker for the Mayor's office and to help with Human Resources for up to 60 additional days at the billable rate of \$13.50 per hour (\$10/hour employee rate plus 35% markup)—Original term of 120 days was approved 11/19/19; extension will bring original term to maximum 180 days allowed per CSB/City rules:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Blackmon to approve request to extend contract for temporary worker as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: Nix.

15. Action that is necessary to approve request from City Clerk-Treasurer to contract with TempForce-Smart Staffing Solutions for the services of one (1) temporary general clerical worker to assist with reporting for residential solid waste collection and other clerical functions within the Admin/Finance Dept. for up to 60 additional days at the billable rate of \$13.50 per hour (\$10/hour employee rate plus 35% markup)--Original term of 120 days was approved 12/03/19; extension will bring original term to maximum 180 days allowed per CSB/City rules:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve request to extend contract for temporary worker as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

16. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for newly hired Police Recruit Robert Aaron Osbourn to attend the Police Academy Basic Recruit Training at the NE Alabama Law Enforcement Academy in Anniston, actual training dates to be determined subject to the COVID-19 pandemic—Total estimated cost is \$2,334.00 (Academy tuition \$250.00, Room/Board \$1,800.00 & ammunition \$284.00); Use of a departmental vehicle and fuel will also be incurred:

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

17. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$426,486.54 for accounts payable invoices received to date for April, 2020:

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.

18. Council President asked anyone wishing to address Council to come to the microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council: **No one addressed the Council at this meeting.**

19. 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, 5:36 p.m.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL MAY 19, 2020:



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 a regular meeting of the Sylacauga City Council held May 5, 2020.



Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer