

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYLACAUGA HELD MAY 19, 2020

1. Call meeting to order at 5:24 p.m. by Council President, Lee Perryman:
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany, Donnie Blackmon, Dallas Davenport, and Lee Perryman. Absent: None. Mayor James Heigl also present. Kim Morris was in for City Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Carden.
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 Heigl announced that Planning Commission member Bob Green's wife, Susan, passed away this morning. The Mayor reported that the re-opening of City Hall on Monday, May 18, went well, with the Court office waiting on 22 citizens. He asked that all employees and citizens continue to practice social distancing and good hygiene. The Mayor announced a \$10,000 donation to the Animal Shelter from the Estate of Carolyn Langston Williams Yeager, a retiree of Alabama Power. Ms. Yeager was an animal lover that had no connection to Sylacauga other than having caregivers from Sylacauga. The Mayor also announced that last week was Police Officer's Week and recognized Police Chief Kelley Johnson. Mayor Heigl reminded everyone to complete their census forms. The Mayor also announced the City's recent request for non-contiguous annexations had been approved at the State level.
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 regular city council meeting held May 5, 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 adopt ordinance authorizing City of Sylacauga's participation in the State of Alabama Department of Revenue 2020 Sales Tax Holiday during the weekend of July 17-19, 2020:

If to consider at this meeting:

Ordinance #2228-20 was introduced by Councilman Blackmon; Dispensed with reading of the ordinance.

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 ordinance immediate consideration:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to adopt Ordinance 2228-20 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 Municipal Court Judge Barry Vaughn for additional court dates for the Municipal Court to help eliminate the

docket backlog created by cancellation of in-person court appearances due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the state of emergency imposed restrictions on public gatherings issued by the Governor:

Resolution #37-2020 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Dispensed with reading of the resolution.

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 37-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

10. Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from The Center for Municipal Solutions (CMS), as cell tower oversight consultant for City, to approve request from Barinowski Investment Company for refund of their escrow balance in the amount of \$2,595.49--*Project is complete; CMS has confirmed BIC's compliance & payment of all related invoices for the cell tower construction project identified as Bedrock, AL-438324 (Sylacauga AL Verizon 395 Alabama Avenue)—Permit approved 7/02/2019; Resolution 40-2019:*

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

11. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for PD Chief Kelley Johnson to attend the Alabama Assn. of Chiefs of Police (AACOP) Summer Conference to be held in Orange Beach, July 26-31, 2020—*Registration fee is \$200.00; Additional costs for lodging (up to comparable conference rate), meals, and fuel reimbursement will be incurred--Estimated total cost of travel/training for Johnson is \$1,564.60:*

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

12. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$406,550.40 for payrolls for April, 2020:

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

13. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$303,343.32 for balance of accounts payable invoices received for April, 2020:

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, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

14. 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.

15. 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 5:34 PM)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL June 2, 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 19, 2020.



Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk/Treasurer