

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SYLACAUGA HELD JUNE 2, 2020**

1. Council President, Lee Perryman, called the meeting to order at 5:44 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 a peaceful demonstration and march will be held on Friday, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall and ending at Noble Park. He added that there have been rumors of another protest on Thursday, but understands it has been cancelled. Police Chief Kelley Johnson provided additional details about the rumored protest. Johnson stated that he has been in contact with the reported juvenile organizer and has been assured that the Thursday event has been cancelled with the request that anyone who planned to come on Thursday join the Friday event instead. Chief Johnson added that he does not anticipate any problems and that the PD is preparing to provide accommodations for both events in case people do show up on Thursday.
6. Adopt Agenda:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler 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 May 19, 2020:
A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport 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 amending procedures for board appointments by reassigning responsibilities related to advertising and applications—*Action amends Resolution 57-2018:*
Resolution #38-2020 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by City Clerk.
A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport 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 38-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
9. Action that is necessary to approve resolution in support of CVMC's request to Legislature for reallocation of unused bridge funds (tax proceeds):
Resolution #39-2020 was introduced by Councilman Blackmon; 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 39-2020 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 contract with Barge Design Solutions in the amount of \$86,650.00 for the provision of engineering services relative to the Airport Improvement Project-Rehab Taxiway Lighting (AIP #3-01-0068-023-2020)—Approval authorizes Mayor Heigl to execute related documents; Funding for services are covered through grant:

Resolution #40-2020 was introduced by Councilman Fowler; 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 40-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

11. Action necessary to approve resolution authorizing working agreement with Talladega County for provision of services and voting equipment for the 2020 Municipal Officials Election:

Resolution #41-2020 was introduced by Councilman Fowler; 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 41-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

12. Action necessary to approve resolution authorizing Mayor James Heigl to execute and deliver a Warrant Purchase Agreement between the City and Piper Sandler & Company, investment bankers, pertaining to the issuance and sale by the City of its GO Warrants, Series 2020, expected to be issued on or about June 25, 2020:

Resolution #42-2020 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 42-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

13. Action necessary to approve resolution designating City Clerk-Treasurer to perform 2020 Municipal Election duties:
Resolution #43-2020 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by City Clerk.
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution 43-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
14. Action necessary to authorize payment in the amount of \$540.00 per month from Municipal Judicial Admin Funds to Aarons Cleaning Service for COVID-19 cleaning and disinfecting services of the Court Room related to Municipal Court sessions on each Tuesday per week—*Contract approved & funding source recommended/authorized by Municipal Judge Barry Vaughn & Municipal Court Clerk Amber Johns:*
A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to authorize payment for services as recommended was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
15. Action necessary to authorize payment in the amount of \$1,327.00 per month to Aarons Cleaning Service for four (4) days per week, Tuesday-Friday, COVID-19 cleaning and disinfecting services for the city council chambers and public areas of City Hall:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to authorize payment for services as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
16. Action that is necessary to authorize Code Department to issue and enforce Right of Way Use Permits and to utilize contracted outside engineer for related technical services when needed:
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to authorize action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
17. Action that is necessary to approve request from AT&T for ROW use permit to provide service access to a new business located in the 200 block of N. Broadway Avenue:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve ROW use permit as requested was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
18. Action that is necessary to authorize the City Attorney to prepare a resolution requesting an opinion from the Attorney General providing clarification of eligibility requirements for firefighter critical illness and LTD benefits mandated by legislative ACT 2019-361:
A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to authorize action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
19. Action that is necessary to authorize payment in the amount of \$4,163.04 to Alabama First Responders Benefits Association for the 2020 calendar year premium for Group Enhanced FD Critical Illness & LTD Plan—*This action replaces approval of estimated premium payment of \$5,034.96, 12/17/2019, and is due to insurance company adjustment of eligibility roster as reflected in Resolution 34-2020, approved 5/05/2020.*

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

- 20.** Action that is necessary to authorize refund in the amount of \$35.28 to the Sylacauga Fireman's Fund for payment of employee portion of the FD Enhanced Critical Illness & LTD Plan premium for three (3) P/T firefighters removed from the 2020 invoice by the insurance company.
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to authorize refund as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

- 21.** Action that is necessary to authorize refund in the amount of \$198.24 to Firefighter Matthew Stivers for FD Enhanced Critical Illness & LTD Plan premium paid in full by employee:

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

- 22.** Action that is necessary to approve request from Police Chief Kelley Johnson to accept quote in the amount of \$2,320.00 from CE Electrical Services for work at the PD Firing Range located in the industrial park:

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

- 23.** Action that is necessary to approve increase in travel/expenses for newly hired Police Recruit Robert Aaron Osbourn for attending the Police Academy Basic Recruit Training at the NE Alabama Law Enforcement Academy in Anniston beginning June 1, 2020—Increase in associated training costs are due to COVID-19 requirements: Academy tuition increased from \$250.00 to \$1,000.00, Room/Board increased from \$1,800.00 to \$3,800.00; Reimbursement of academy costs upon successful completion reduced from \$1,300.00 to \$500:

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

- 24.** Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for PD Lt. Willis Whatley to attend the two-day AACOP-CLEEP Certification Leadership Training Courses: Community Policing & When Good Cops Go Bad to be held in Jacksonville, June 11 & 12, 2020—Registration fee is \$99.00 per course; Additional costs for use of a department vehicle/fuel will be incurred (*Whatley & Cummings will carpool)-- Estimated total cost of travel/training for Whatley is \$198.00:

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.

- 25.** Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for PD Lt. Renea Cummings to attend the two-day AACOP-CLEEP Certification Leadership Training Courses: Community Policing & When Good Cops Go Bad to be held in Jacksonville, June 11 & 12, 2020—Registration fee is \$99.00 per course; Additional costs for use of a department vehicle/fuel will be incurred (*Cummings & Whatley will carpool)-- Estimated total cost of travel/training for Cummings is \$198.00:

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.

26. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$70,958.07 for accounts payable invoices received to date for May, 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.

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

1) **No one addressed the Council at this meeting.**

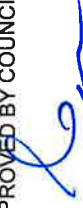
2) **Council President thanked those in attendance and reminded everyone that Council will return to its regular work session and council meeting schedule once the declared state of emergency has been cancelled.**

28. 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 6:02 p.m.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL JUNE 16, 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 June 2, 2020.


Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer