

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYLACAUGA HELD JUNE 23, 2022

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:19 P.M. by Council President, Lee Perryman.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Nate Brewer, Lee Perryman, and Laura Heath; Council Members Absent: None; Mayor James Heigl and Interim City Clerk/Treasurer Kim Morris were also present.
3. Invocation was provided by Councilman Nate Brewer prior to the work session.
4. Council President led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Report from Mayor James Heigl:  
Mayor Heigl offered condolences to all suffering losses in the June 8 flooding. Reported that the City suffered damage to its Police Department. Heigl reported that engineers would be using cameras in the City's storm sewers beginning June 28 to identify blockages or collapse. Reported that the Subdivision Plan adopted two years ago by the Planning Commission requires a review of the sewer systems proposed for all new subdivisions.  
Heigl announced that Sylacauga was growing. We are seeing new businesses totaling approximately \$32 million along 280, as well as expansions on 21 and Ogletree Plaza.
6. Adopt Agenda:  
*A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to amend agenda to add items #18, #19, #20, #21, and #22 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 June 7, 2022:  
*A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilman Fowler to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.*
8. Approve minutes of the regular work session held June 7, 2022:  
*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:

9. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing adoption of the updated Division G Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan:  
**Resolution #36-2022** was introduced by Councilman Brewer; Dispensed with reading of the 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 Councilman Brewer, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution #36-2022 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 a one-time lump sum payment to eligible retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees as allowed by Act 2022-229 of the State Legislature; *City's cost estimated at \$37,814.00:*

**Resolution #37-2022** was introduced by Councilman Brewer; Dispensed with reading of the resolution.

*A motion by Councilman Brewer, 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 approve Resolution #37-2022 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.*

11. Action that is necessary to authorize City's participation in the update of the Talladega County Solid Waste Management Plan; *City's cost estimated at \$1,650.00:*

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

12. **Appointment to the Board of Education -- Five-year term of Rekha Chadalawada expired April 2022:**

**Council President opened the floor & called for nominations.**

*Councilwoman Nix nominated Rekha Chadalawada.*

**Hearing no other nominations, Council President called for nominations to be closed.**

*A motion by Councilwoman Heath second by Councilwoman Nix to close nominations was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None; Abstain: Brewer*

**Council President closed the floor & called for the vote on nominations.**

*Council President declares Rekha Chadalawada re-appointed to the Board of Education for the five-year term ending April 2027 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None; Abstain: Brewer.*

13. Action that is necessary to accept recommendation of Councilman Nate Brewer to appoint Frankie Thompson as the District 3 representative to the Nuisance Abatement Board to fill the unexpired term of Sharman Brown expiring October 2025:

*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.*

14. Action that is necessary to authorize Comer Museum to apply for grant funding through the Alabama Historical Commission of up to \$25,000.00 for building improvements and education supplies:

*A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve 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 approve travel/training expenses for PD Sgt. Ryan Gaither and Stephen Ledbetter to attend the Law Enforcement Instructor Development course in Montgomery August 1-5, 2022; *No registration fee;*

expenses for meals will be incurred. Employees will carpool in a city-provided vehicle. Estimated expenses for Gaither and Ledbetter are \$125.00/ea.

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

**16.** Action that is necessary to authorize payment of May payrolls in the amount of \$411,748.25:

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.

**17.** Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$207,461.69 for balance of May accounts payable invoices:

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

**18.** Action that is necessary to approve recommendation of Fire Chief Nate Osgood to purchase two X Series Monitor/Defibrillators, with accessories and four-year service plan from Zoll Medical Corporation through the NPP Purchasing Coalition at a cost of \$66,982.54; Purchase includes trade-in credit of \$2,000.00; funding from American Rescue funds:

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.

**19.** Action that is necessary to approve recommendation of Fire Chief Nate Osgood to purchase eight recertified Zoll AED Plus and two Zoll AED Wall Cabinets at a cost of \$9,803.94 from Innovative Service Solutions, LLC; funding from American Rescue funds:

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.

**20.** Action that is necessary to approve recommendation of Fire Chief Nate Osgood to seek bids for Fire Station 1 and Station 2 Area Remodel and painting of Station 1 Bay and Stairwell; funding from CH Building Reserve or Trust Fund:

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.

**21.** Action that is necessary to authorize Fire Chief Nate Osgood to purchase cabinets, appliances, furniture, backplash, and garbage disposal for Station 2; and to relocate current fire alarm panel at Fire Station #2 at an estimated cost of \$36,000.00; funding from Trust Fund: .

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.

**22.** Action that is necessary to authorize EEFS to seek bids for the paving of City's portion of Marble City Heights Circle; estimated project cost of \$100,000.00; funding from Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax Funds:

A motion by Councilman Brewer, 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.

23. Council President asked anyone wanting to address to Council to come to the microphone and state name and address for the record. Mayor Heigl reminded citizens that the Railroad had recently repaired the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street crossings. Councilman Brewer asked Street Supt. Reed Calfee about the concrete street project; Calfee stated completion of 109 streets. Brewer also asked Chief Johnson and Calfee about locking the gates at Marble City Cemetery, due to the amount of trash and debris in the cemetery. Johnson reported that homeless are living in the cemetery. Officers are patrolling and asking them to leave. Brewer also asked for an update on a four-way stop sign at the 1<sup>st</sup> Street/Norton intersection; Mayor Heigl recommends a pedestrian walkway. Johnson and Calfee are working on a cost estimate.

24. Having no further business to discuss:

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

*(Time of adjournment 6:38 p.m.)*

APPROVED BY COUNCIL JULY 7 2022:



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 regular meeting of the City Council held June 23, 2022.



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