

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SYLACAUG HELD JULY 6, 2023**

1. Call meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. by Council President, Ashton Fowler.
2. Roll Call: Councilmembers present: Ashton Fowler, Nate Brewer, Laura Heath, Laura Heath, Tiffany Nix, Lee Perryman; Councilmembers absent: None. Mayor James Heigl and City Clerk/Treasurer Alexandra Lambert were also present.
3. Invocation was provided by Councilmember Brewer prior to the work session.
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Report from Mayor Heigl:

Mayor James Heigl began by expressing his gratitude to Laura Strickland, Director of the Sylacauga Chamber of Commerce, the staff, and all the supporters who contributed to the splendid fireworks display organized by the Chamber on June 30th in celebration of the Fourth of July holiday. The Mayor also extended his appreciation to the Sylacauga Fire Department for providing a sprinkler during the event, noting the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Furthermore, the Mayor made an important announcement regarding the upcoming visit of the Horseless Carriage Club of America to Sylacauga. He acknowledged Phoebe Wyatt, a longstanding member of the organization, for bringing this event to the city. On behalf of himself and the City Council, he warmly welcomed the organization and conveyed their honor and privilege in being chosen as the host for the club's 86th Anniversary celebration. The Mayor also informed the public that detailed route maps for spectators would be made available.

Lastly, the Mayor took the opportunity to present Lily Edwards with a plaque, recognizing her dedicated community service and her generous and compassionate fundraising efforts for the Sylacauga Animal Shelter on May 22nd, 2023. Stephanie Engle, Sylacauga Animal Shelter Manager, was present to express her gratitude as well. She provided details of how seven-year-old Edwards spearheaded an initiative that raised \$1,200.00 worth of much-needed supplies for the shelter.
6. Amend Agenda: During the work session, it was resolved to remove agenda item number twelve from the agenda based on the decision of the Council.

A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to amend the agenda was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.
7. Adopt Agenda:

A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to adopt the agenda was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.
8. Approve minutes of the regular council meeting held June 22, 2023:

A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to approve the minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.
9. Approve minutes of the regular work session meeting held June 22, 2023:

A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

10. Action that is necessary to amend Resolution No. 72-2022 authorizing a three-year Landscape and Horticultural Services to Simcut Lawn Care, LLC effective December 1, 2022, for multiple city-owned properties, public planters, and greenspaces throughout the city. The purpose of this amendment is to correct administrative errors, including names, signature errors and incorrect dates.

A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to amend Resolution No. 72-2022 authorizing Simcut Lawn Care, LLC the Landscape and Horticultural Services beginning December 1, 2022 and set to expire December 1, 2025 by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.

11. Action that is necessary to approve “Santa Magic Service Agreement” beginning on the effective date of the signed “Santa Magic Service Agreement” and set to expire January 10th, 2024. Funding not to exceed \$5,000.00 provided from FY24 funds.

A motion by Councilmember Heath second by Councilmember Brewer to approve “Santa Magic Service Agreement” beginning on the effective date of the signed “Santa Magic Service Agreement” and set to expire January 10th, 2024. Funding not to exceed \$5,000.00, provided from FY24 funds, by the following roll call vote:

Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman.

12. Removed from the Agenda. Action that is necessary to approve “Street Sounds” Initial Cost of Placement and Set-Up Phase I in the amount of \$22,440.00, with the City of Sylacauga in the amount of \$11,220.00 and the Commercial Development Authority funding \$11,220.00.

13. Action that is necessary to approve the release of funds in the amount of \$2.5 million dollars from the Ad Valorem account to the Sylacauga City School system for the purpose of physical improvements, building repairs, and safety upgrades across the district.

A motion by Councilmember Heath, second by Councilmember Perryman to approve the release of funds in the amount of \$2.5 million dollars from the Ad Valorem account to the Sylacauga City School system for the purpose of physical improvements, building repairs, and safety upgrades across the district was carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas Fowler, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None. Councilmember Brewer recused himself from voting.

14. Action that is necessary to approve travel/training expenses for Firefighters Logan Blake, Shelby Byrd, Josh Forbus and Clay Upchurch to attend the course The Grab Academy – Them and Us course hosted by Fire Life Training Associates at the Mountain Brook Fire Department November 14-16, 2023. Registration fee of \$306.48 per person. Employees will carpool using a city provided vehicle. Total estimated expenses for Firefighters Logan Blake, Shelby Byrd, Josh Forbus and Clay Upchurch total \$1,225.92. These funds will be allocated from the FY24 budget.

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Yeas: Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.

15. Action that is necessary to approve payroll for June 2023 in the amount of \$442,606.93
*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to approve payroll for June 2023 in the amount of \$442,606.93, was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas: Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.*
16. Action that is necessary to approve Accounts Payable invoices received to date for June 2023 in the amount of \$199,901.76
*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to approve Accounts Payable invoices received to date for June 2023 in the amount of \$199,901.76, was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas: Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.*
17. Having no further business to discuss:
*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to adjourn was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas: Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.*

(Time of adjournment: 5:30 p.m.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL JULY 18, 2023


Ashton Fowler, President of City Council

CERTIFICATION

I, ALEXANDRA LAMBERT, 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 City Council held July 18, 2023.


Alexandra Lambert, City Clerk/Treasurer
City of Sylacauga