

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SYLACAUGA HELD JULY 16, 2019**

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m. by Council President, Lee Perryman.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Dallas Davenport, and Lee Perryman. Absent: Donnie Blackmon. Mayor James Heigl and City Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Carden were also present.
3. Invocation was given by Associate Pastor Greg Patterson, Rising Star Baptist Church.
4. Council President Lee Perryman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Mayor James Heigl gave no report at this meeting.
6. Adopt Agenda:
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to adopt the agenda was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Davenport; Nays: None.
7. Action that is necessary to amend the minutes of the regular city council meeting held June 18, 2019, to add item # 4 referencing the Pledge of Allegiance and which was inadvertently omitted during transcription:
 4. Council President Lee Perryman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to amend minutes to add item #4 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Davenport; Nays: None.
8. Approve minutes of the regular city council meeting held July 2, 2019:
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Davenport; Nays: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing request from Sylacauga BOE for the services of four SRO officers for the period August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020, with a financial commitment of \$84,569.36 to offset the salaries/benefits of the two full-time officers and the salary of the two part-time officers--Approval includes authorization for Police Chief Kelley Johnson to sign MOU with BOE:

Resolution #42-2019 was introduced by Councilman Fowler; 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, 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 42-2019 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Davenport; Nays: None.

10. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing Mayor Heigl to execute agreement with Babe Ruth All-star Team (13 year olds) for the provision of end-of-season cleaning and maintenance services for the Walton Cruise Field at a cost of \$500.00:

Resolution #43-2019 was introduced by Councilman Fowler; 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, 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 43-2019 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Davenport; Nays: None.

11. Action that is necessary to authorize pass-through of funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Talladega County Commissioner, Greg Atkinson, to the Babe Ruth 13 year-old All-star team to help cover the costs of competition in the regional tournaments to be held in Arkansas:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to authorize pass-through of funds was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Davenport; Nays: None.

12. Action necessary to accept recommendation from The Center for Municipal Solutions (CMS), as cell tower oversight consultant for City, to approve request from Verizon for refund of their escrow balance in the amount of \$5,858.92 due to the cancellation of the approved cell tower modification project at 105 East Second Street (MOD 4)—Permit approved 5/06/2018; Resolution 12-2018:

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

13. Action that is necessary to approve the recommendation of Mayor James Heigl to accept the proposal from Tate & Associates for a three-month extension of the agreement for providing HR consulting services at a project cost of \$6,500.00 for the three-month period:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to accept the proposal for extension as recommended was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Davenport; Nays: None.

14. Action that is necessary to approve request from Municipal Court Clerk Amber Johns to authorize the entry rate of pay for Portia Ford, Court Magistrate I, at Pay Grade AO-2, Step 2 at a pay rate of \$12.10/hour; \$25,170.81 annually—City Policies allow recommendations of entry pay levels above established Grade minimums based on documented qualifications and with approval of Council; request is in excess of the minimum—Ford has a BS Degree in Criminal Justice; action to become effective with date of hire within the first pay period ending following Council approval:

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

15. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for Admin. Asst. Kim Morris to attend the 2019 AAMCA Fall Training Institute to be held in Tuscaloosa, August 27-30, 2019—Registration fee is \$265.00; Additional cost for lodging, *mileage, and meals will be incurred (*Morris and Carden will carpool)—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Morris is \$801.44:

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

16. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for City Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Carden to attend the 2019 AAMCA Fall Training Institute to be held in Tuscaloosa, August 27-30, 2019—Registration fee is \$265.00; Additional cost for lodging, *mileage, and meals will be incurred (*Carden and Morris will carpool)—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Carden is \$912.44:

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

17. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$411,724.38 for payrolls for June, 2019:

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

18. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$227,809.32 for balance of accounts payable invoices received for June, 2019:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to authorize payment of accounts payable invoices as presented was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Davenport; Nays: None.

19. Council President asked anyone wishing to address Council to come to the microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council. Gregory Patterson stated that he preferred not to give his residential address publicly for fear of backlash to his comments and concern for his family's safety. Mr. Patterson addressed the Council regarding his concerns over a Facebook post made by Councilman Dallas Davenport. Mr. Patterson read from a prepared statement and asked Councilman Davenport to explain his comments in the post. Councilman Davenport explained what prompted his post and clarified what he meant by his comment. Mr. Patterson completed his statement and provided a copy for inclusion in the minutes.


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Having no further business to discuss,

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

(Time of adjournment 6:13 p.m.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL AUGUST 6, 2019:



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 July 16, 2019.

Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer