

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SYLACAUGA HELD JULY 18, 2017**

1. Council President Lee Perryman called meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Donnie Blackmon, Lee Perryman, Dallas Davenport; Absent: None. Mayor James Heigl and City Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Carden were also present.
3. Invocation was given by Rev. Dorothy Scott, Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Council President.
5. Mayor Jim Heigl recognized Shop Supt. Ed Ford for his 25 years of service to the City and City Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Carden for 40 years of service to the City. Both employees were presented certificates of appreciation. Mayor Heigl further commented that in the past, the City has been approached by various athletic and civic groups with funding requests, and that the City can't legally provide such funding. Heigl stated that he will be putting together a plan going forward to help the City comply with the law while still being able to provide some financial sponsorship for projects that benefit the community.
6. Adopt Agenda—*Item 13 was deleted from agenda prior to adoption; numbering has not been adjusted:*
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 rescheduled regular city council meeting held July 6, 2017:
A motion by Councilman Blackmon, 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 necessary to adopt ordinance to authorize the execution by Mayor James Heigl of an easement in favor of Alabama Power Company granting permission to cross a portion of property owned by the City of Sylacauga along Billingsley Road to install a new electrical service to the IDB Speculative Building to be utilized by Fleetwood Metal. *(Said execution shall be subject to approval by FAA and after a determination is made that said real estate across which the easement will be granted is not part of the ALP.)*

Ordinance #2186-17 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 ordinance immediate consideration:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to adopt Ordinance 2186-17 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
9. Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from Police Chief Kelley Johnson to approve resolution declaring one (1) Police Dept. vehicle (2011 Ford Crown Victoria, S/N 2FABP7BV6BX160125) as surplus property no longer

needed for municipal purposes, and authorizing disposal of said item through GovDeals online auction or other appropriate means:

Resolution #25-2017 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by City Clerk.

A motion by Councilman Davenport, second by Councilman Blackmon to approve Resolution 25-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

10. Action necessary to approve resolution authorizing funding of one-time bonus for City retirees as provided by Act 2017-367—Total cost of one-time payment is anticipated to be \$30,634.00:

Resolution #26-2017 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by City Clerk.

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, 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 resolution immediate consideration:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution 26-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon; Nays: None; Abstain: Davenport.

11. Action necessary to approve resolution authorizing advertising for grant consulting and engineering firms to assist city in the application development process related to a FY2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project:

Resolution #27-2017 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; 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 resolution immediate consideration:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Davenport to approve Resolution 27-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

12. Action necessary to approve tax abatement request from Pursell Agri-Tech, LLC for a fertilizer coatings plant which will result in the creation of approximately twenty-two (22) new jobs over the next three (3) years, and a capital investment of \$8,450,000.00:

Resolution #28-2017 was introduced by Councilman Fowler; Read by City Clerk.

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, 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 resolution immediate consideration:

A motion by Councilman Davenport, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution 28-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

Deleted Item--

13. Industrial Development Board —Expired six-year term ended April 15, 2017: Action that is necessary to make appointment to the Industrial Development Board for the six-year term ending April 15, 2023—Expired term of Henry T. Grubbs, deceased:

Councilman _____ nominate _____

A motion by Councilman _____, second by Councilman _____ to appoint _____ to the Industrial Development Board for the six-year term ending April 15, 2023, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____.

14. Action necessary to authorize a part-time Building Inspector position in the Code Enforcement Department—Approval by Council also authorizes funding of the p/t position and the job description for the newly created position:

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.

15. Action necessary to authorize amendment to contract with Chamber Commerce in the amount of \$1,000.00 (\$500.00 provided by Talladega County Commission) to cover the cost of promotional expenses related to the Babe Ruth team competition in the Regional Tournaments:

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

16. Action necessary to authorize sending two (2) attendees to the upcoming Leadership Sylacauga training program sponsored through the Chamber of Commerce; Tuition is \$450.00 each with an additional \$10.00 application fee each—Attendees submitted are Payroll Specialist Sandy Sorensen and PD Lt. Renea Cummings:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Fowler 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 travel/expenses for HR Specialist Jayne McGee to attend the AL Association of Public Personnel Administrators Developing Education & Certification Program Training: Personnel Policies and Procedures to be held in Hoover, August 3-4, 2017—Registration fee is \$200.00; Additional costs for mileage and meals will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for McGee is \$278.15:

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

18. Action necessary to approve travel/expenses for Council members to attend the ALM CMO Regional Training to be held in Montgomery on Saturday, August 12, 2017, or in Alabaster on Thursday, September 14, 2017—Registration fee is \$125.00 each; Additional costs for mileage, and possibly meals, will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training is up to \$200.00 each if driving:

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


19. Action necessary to approve travel/expenses for Accounting Specialist Yourlanda Burns to attend the *GFOAA 2017 Summer Conference* to be held in Orange Beach, August 16-18, 2017—*Registration fee is \$250.00; Additional costs for lodging, mileage, and meals will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Burns is \$1,100.00:*
A motion by Councilman Davenport, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve travel/expenses as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
20. Action necessary to approve travel/expenses for Municipal Court Judge Barry Vaughn to attend the *2017 Fall Municipal Law Conference* to be held in Orange Beach, September 21-23, 2017—*Registration fee is \$200.00; Additional costs for lodging, meals, and mileage will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Vaughn is \$1,120.70; Expenses to be paid to the extent possible from Municipal Court Admin. Funds:*
A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve travel/expenses as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
21. Action necessary to approve travel/expenses for Municipal Court Prosecutor Joe Carlton to attend the *2017 Fall Municipal Law Conference* to be held in Orange Beach, September 21-23, 2017—*Registration fee is \$200.00; Additional costs for lodging, meals, and mileage will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Carlton is \$1,100.00; Expenses to be paid to the extent possible from Municipal Court Admin. Funds:*
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Blackmon to approve travel/expenses 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 travel/expenses for HR Specialist Jayne McGee and Payroll Specialist Sandy Sorensen to attend the *Local Government Health Insurance Board's 2017 Payroll Clerk & Unit Administrator Conference* to be held in Wetumpka, October 4, 2017—*No registration fee; Additional costs for mileage and meals will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for McGee and Sorensen is \$65.00:*
A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve travel/expenses as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
23. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$529,234.99 for payrolls for June, 2017:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to authorize payment of payrolls as reported was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
24. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$200,276.72 for balance of accounts payable invoices received for June, 2017:
A motion by Councilman Blackmon, 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, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

25. Council President asked anyone wishing to address Council to come to the microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council. **Jeanie Mae Holcombe, 305 Sherry Street—Presented pictures showing an issue with storm water in the area of her residence. Ms. Holcombe indicated that she had reported the situation previously and that the city had come out and done some work which improved the situation, but the water still stands in the ditch and comes over the road because the pipe under the road is too small (she was told). Code Enforcement Director Eddie Bentley explained the situation to the Council, and assured Ms. Holcombe that he would get with the Street Dept. and try to come up with a plan to help with the problem.**

26. Having no further business to discuss,
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Blackmon to adjourn was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

(Time of adjournment 6:23 p.m.)

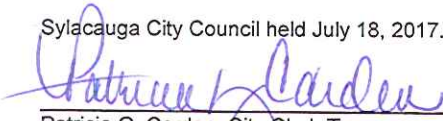
APPROVED BY COUNCIL AUGUST 1, 2017:



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 the regular meeting of the Sylacauga City Council held July 18, 2017.



Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer