

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SYLACAUGA HELD JULY 20, 2021**

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:37 P.M. by Council President, Lee Perryman.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Nate Brewer, Lee Perryman, Laura Heath; Absent: None. Mayor Jim Heigl and Interim City Clerk/Treasurer Kim Morris were also present.
3. Invocation was provided by Pastor Don Neal, First United Methodist Church.
4. Council President Perryman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Report from Mayor James Heigl:  
The Mayor gave no report at this meeting.
6. Adopt Agenda:  
*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to amend the agenda by **adding items 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19** was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.*
7. Approve minutes of the rescheduled city council meeting held July 8, 2021:  
*A motion by Councilwoman Heath, 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.*

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

8. Shelly Bullard, Fermenters Market, presented Chief Kelley Johnson with a \$1,000.00 donation from the Back Street Rumble event. Bullard reported that over 1,500 attended the event, our hotels were all booked, and the local restaurants were very pleased with business received from the event. Bullard thanked the City Clerk's office for assisting her with obtaining the ABC permit.
9. Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from Police Chief Kelley Johnson to approve resolution declaring 2001 Jeep Cherokee, S/N 1J4FF48S41L605526, as surplus property, no longer needed for municipal purposes, and authorizing donation to Coosa County Sheriff's Department:

**Resolution #70-2021** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Dispensed with reading of Resolution.

*A motion by Councilwoman Heath, 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 Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution #70-2021 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.*

10. Action that is necessary to authorize travel/training expenses for Police Recruits Joseph Bridges and Kirby Days to attend the NE AI Law Enforcement Academy in Anniston, August 30-December 2, 2021. Tuition of \$1,000.00, food and lodging of 3,800.00, ammunition costs of \$284.00; APOSTC to reimburse \$500.00 of tuition fee upon successful graduation. Total estimated expenses for Bridges and Days are \$5,084.00/each:  
*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve travel/training expenses as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.*

11. Action that is necessary to authorize travel/training expenses for Fire Chief Nate Osgood and Firefighter Kyle Moseley to attend the Live Fire Instructor Crossover/Update in Tallassee, July 20, July 27, and August 3, 2021; no registration fee and no expenses will be incurred; employees will use a city-provided vehicle:

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

12. Action that is necessary to authorize travel/training expenses for Firefighters Logan Blake and Harmony Kelley to attend the Fire Life Training Alabama HOT (Hands on Training) Conference in Tallassee, November 3-4, 2021; registration fee of \$299.00/each; employees will use a city-provided vehicle. Total estimated expenses for Blake and Kelley are \$299.00/each:

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

13. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$400,244.69 for June payrolls:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve payments 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 payments totaling \$435,262.03 for balance of June accounts payable invoices:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, 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.

15. Action that is necessary to approve resolution setting a date for public hearing to correct addresses needed to notify property owners of structures identified as public nuisances and being considered for possible demolition under the FY19 CDBG LR-CE-PF-19-011 project

**Resolution #71-2021** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Dispensed with reading of Resolution.

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, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

**Upon unanimous consent to consider resolution at this meeting,**

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution #71-2021 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

16. Action that is necessary to authorize travel/training expenses for PD Investigators Chris Vinson and Roman Hubbard to attend the ROCIC 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Homicide Conference in Biloxi, MS, August 15-18, 2021; registration fee of \$150.00/each; additional expenses for lodging, meals and fuel; employees will carpool in a city-provided vehicle. Total estimated expenses for Vinson are \$772.56; expenses for Hubbard are \$672.56:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve travel/training expenses 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 seeking bids for the demolition of structures identified as public nuisances under the FY19 CDBG LR-CE-PF-19-011 project:

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

18. Action that is necessary to authorize seeking bids for the demolition of the former Food World building located on North Main Avenue:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to authorize 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 accept recommendation of Street Supt. Reed Calfee to rehire Hallie Payton as Animal Shelter Technician at Grade SM1, Step 2 (\$11.17/hr), pending approval of CSB, if required:

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

20. Police Chief Kelley Johnson and Lt. Renea Cummings presented Meritorious Awards to the following officers responding and assisting in a robbery with a gun at Sally's Beauty Supply in May of 2021. Sgt. Lee Davenport, Sgt. Ben Layton, Officer TJ Gallahair, Officer Kyle Smith, Sgt. Kelly White, Investigator Chris Vinson, and Talladega County Investigator Daniel Ledbetter were all recognized and presented awards by Chief Johnson. Chief Johnson presented Captain Rondell Muse with a 25-yr service bar and pin. Officer Ben Layton was chosen by his fellow officers as Sylacauga Police Officer of the Year for 2020 and was presented the award by Lt. Cummings and Chief Johnson. Lt. Cummings then presented Chief Johnson with a plaque thanking him for his dedication and leadership of the PD throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and difficulties that faced law enforcement during 2020.

21. Public hearing to consider abatement of nuisance structures identified through CDBG Program LR-CE-PF-19-01; Public hearing set June 15, 2021, by Resolution #65-2021:

**Council President opened the advertised public hearing and announced that Council has set a new date for public hearing, as property owners affected were not properly notified. Council President closed the public hearing.**

22. Council President asked anyone wishing to address Council to come to the microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council. **Councilwoman Nix thanked Chief Johnson for his leadership and offered the Council's support of the PD.**

23. 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, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

(Time of adjournment 6:04 pm)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL AUGUST 3, 2021:



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 rescheduled meeting of the City Council held July 20, 2021.



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