

MINUTES OF A RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYLACAUGA HELD JULY 23, 2020

1. Council President, Lee Perryman, called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Donnie Blackmon, Dallas Davenport, and Lee Perryman. Absent: None. Mayor James Heigl and City Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Carden were also present.
3. The invocation was given by District 3 Councilman, Donnie Blackmon.
4. Council President Perryman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Mayor James Heigl announced that he and City Clerk-Treasurer, Patricia Carden, had been invited to Montgomery for the ALM Annual Conference where Ms. Carden was presented with a Distinguished Service Award for her forty years of dedicated municipal service.
6. District 3 Councilman, Donnie Blackmon—Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class Project presentation:
Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Laura Strickland provided a little background information on the Leadership program, its origination some twenty-eight years ago, and what the program covers. Strickland explained that the current Leadership class used a SWOT analysis to determine the community's strengths and weaknesses in order to develop a plan to meet the needs of the community. The project originally was intended to try to do something about the empty storefronts, but after COVID hit those plans did not develop. The pandemic has continued but Sylacauga has experienced the opening of four new businesses and thankfully, no businesses have closed as a direct result of the virus. The Leadership project also changed and the resulting campaign titled, "Positively Sylacauga" officially launched this week. Mrs. Strickland and members of the Leadership group displayed posters and window hangers depicting the Positively Sylacauga logo, and explained that the plan is to expand the program by putting up light pole banners, and a Facebook page has been created. Local businesses are being encouraged to make their display windows attractive and to spruce up their areas by planting flowers to make their businesses more inviting.
7. Adopt Agenda:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to adopt the agenda was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
8. Approve minutes of the rescheduled regular city council meeting held July 9, 2020:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve the minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. Action that is necessary to approve request from Gary Wesson, Teddy Byrd, and Ron Cummings for use of the city-owned parking lot behind Odie's Deli and Fermenter's Market to hold a motorcycle show and stereo sound-off competition between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 22, 2020. (Fermenter's has applied for a Special Event Alcohol Permit for event & will require Council approval once application is complete.)--PD Chief Johnson has also recommended closing East 2nd Street from Broadway to Calhoun Avenue during the event:
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve requested use of parking lot as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
10. Action that is necessary to approve request from City Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Carden for authorization to extend contract with TempForce-Smart Staffing Solutions for the services of one (1) temporary general clerical worker to assist with reporting for residential solid waste collection and other clerical functions

within the Admin/Finance Dept. for up to 180 additional days at the billable rate of \$13.50 per hour (employee \$10 per hour plus 35% markup) (Original contract approved 12-3-19 for up to 120 days, additional 60 days approved 5-5-20)—*Extension is subject to approval of CSB:*

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

- 11.** Action that is necessary to approve transfer application for Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) License and Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) License from Central Alabama Management, LLC., DBA Hop In 010484 to Mitalbahen Ramjibhai Patel, owner of Sumukh 2 Inc., AKA Hop In Chevron 2 for the business located at 1001 North Broadway Avenue, Sylacauga—*Police report complete; Council can waive waiting period:*

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve application as filed was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Davenport; Nays: Blackmon.

- 12.** Action that is necessary to approve transfer application for Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) License and Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) License from Central Alabama Management, LLC., DBA Hop In 010477 to Mitalbahen Ramjibhai Patel, owner of Sumukh 3 Inc., AKA Hop In Texaco for the business located at 804 W Ft. Williams Street, Sylacauga—*Police report complete; Council can waive waiting period:*

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve application as filed was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Davenport; Nays: Blackmon.

- 13.** Action necessary to approve travel/expenses for Municipal Court Judge Barry Vaughn to attend the 2020 Fall Municipal Law Conference to be held in Gulf Shores, September 24-26, 2020—*Registration fee is \$275.00 plus a \$30.00 Judicial CLE fee; Additional costs for lodging, meals, and mileage will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Vaughn is \$1,605.00; Expenses are to be paid from the GF Municipal Court Travel/Training Expense Account:*

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

- 14.** Action necessary to approve travel/expenses for Municipal Court Prosecutor Joseph Carlton to attend the 2020 Fall Municipal Law Conference to be held in Gulf Shores, September 24-26, 2020—*Registration fee is \$275.00; Additional costs for lodging, meals, and mileage will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Carlton is \$1,575.00; Expenses are to be paid from the E/L department training budget:*

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

- 15.** Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for PD Lt. Renea Cummings and PD Lt. Willis Whatley to attend the two-day AACOP-CLEEP Certification Leadership Training Courses: *Effective Management in a Volatile Society for the Police Executive and Dealing Effectively with the External Environment* to be held in Oxford, August 24 & 25, 2020—*Registration fee is \$99.00 per course; Additional costs for use of a *department vehicle/fuel will be incurred (*Cummings & Whatley will carpool)—Estimated total cost of travel/training is \$198.00 each:*

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

- 16.** Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for PD Chief Kelley Johnson to attend the AACOP-CLEEP Certification Leadership Training Course: *Effective Management in a Volatile Society for the Police Executive* to be held in Oxford,

August 24, 2020—Registration fee is \$99.00; *Johnson will carpool with Cummings & Whatley—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Johnson is \$99.00:

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

17. Action that is necessary to approve travel/training expenses for HR Specialist Jayne McGee to attend the ACRMS Workers Compensation Recertification Class to be held in Auburn, August 7, 2020—Registration fee is \$180.00; Additional costs for a meal and mileage will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for McGee is \$275.44:

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

18. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$418,832.14 for payrolls for June, 2020:

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.

19. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$507,058.44 for balance of accounts payable invoices received for June, 2020:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler 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.

20. Council President asked anyone wishing to address Council to come to the microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council:

- 1) Kimm Wright thanked Council for their support of the application for designating Sylacauga as a Pinhoti Trail Town. Wright reported that the designation looks favorable and that the application submitted was said to be among the best the committee had seen. If the application/designation is approved, funding for related signage might also be provided.
- 2) Councilwoman Nix reminded everyone that there are food trucks bringing fruit and vegetables to Sylacauga which has been great for the community and truly a sign from God. Nix added that there will be a delivery of food products every Monday at the American Legion until further notice and that everyone is eligible for the boxes; they just have to go by and pick one up at the site.
- 3) Council President Perryman reminded citizens that we're still under a state of emergency and to remember to practice social distancing and other precautions aimed at reducing the virus spread.

21. 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, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

(Time of adjournment 6:32 p.m.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL AUGUST 4, 2020:



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 rescheduled regular meeting of the Sylacauga City Council held July 23, 2020.



Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer