

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SYLACAUGA HELD AUGUST 1, 2017**

1. Council President Lee Perryman called meeting to order at 6:02 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. Tim Teague, First Church of God.
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Council President.
5. Mayor Jim Heigl reported that the recent problems with trains blocking the crossings have been the result of the loss of a specific engine and having to reschedule the work. The engine has been repaired and is back in service now so the RR should be back to its original schedule which should lessen the delay at our crossings.  
Mayor Heigl congratulated the six (6) students from Sylacauga High School who received national recognition at the Awards of Excellence Program in California: Caitlyn McTier, Grace Abernathy, Elizabeth Dickson, Keziah Sanders, Grier Marlowe, and Jack Wilbanks. Heigl also announced that he received news over the weekend that our Miss Alabama Teen who was crowned here in Sylacauga was crowned Miss America's Outstanding Teen in Orlando. She was proud to announce that she received her Teen crown here in Sylacauga.  
Mayor Heigl reported that the Hutton project is progressing quite well. The Code Dept. has received the drawings from two (2) major retailers and another is due tomorrow, and also, that all individual lots have been assigned addresses through 911.
6. PD Lt. Shane Bland introduced newly hired Police Officer, Angela Tait, and presented a brief report of Officer Tait's background.
7. Adopt Agenda:  
*A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport 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 regular city council meeting held July 18, 2017:  
*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, 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:**

9. Action that is necessary to approve resolution approving a permit/agreement with ALDOT for the installation, ongoing operation and maintenance of a traffic signal on Hwy 280 at the Hutton project development site, and related modifications to the existing traffic signals at the WalMart/Home Depot accesses and the intersection of James Payton & Gene Stewart Blvds.; Action by Council authorizes Mayor to execute all related documents on behalf of the City (*Rescinds Resolution 09-2017, approved 3/21/2017*):

**Resolution #29-2017** was introduced by Councilman Fowler; Read by City Clerk.

*A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport 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 Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution 29-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

10. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing a Hold Harmless Agreement between the City of Sylacauga and Hutton MCS Sylacauga, LLC for the installation of a new traffic control signal and upgrades to two (2) existing traffic signals on Hwy 280:

**Resolution #30-2017** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by City Clerk.

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport 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 Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution 30-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

11. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing an agreement with Cabaniss Feed & Farm Supply for grass cutting services at the Airport in exchange for the hay—City will incur no additional cost for services:

**Resolution #31-2017** 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 Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve Resolution 31-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

12. Action that is necessary to approve authorization by Municipal Court Clerk Amber Johns of the expenditure of \$264.00 from the Municipal Court's Judicial Admin discretionary funds for the purchase of ink pens with Municipal Court logo and window envelopes from Swen Communications:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve expenditure as authorized by Court Clerk was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

13. Action that is necessary to approve request from Code Enforcement Dept. for authorization to purchase a wide-format color printer from Ricoh at a cost of \$10,259.02:

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

14. Action that is necessary to approve request from Street Supt. Reed Calfee to authorize the establishment of four (4) part-time laborer positions for the Animal Shelter—Approval by Council also authorizes funding of the four (4) p/t labor

positions at the pay scale established for SM-1 (\$19,921.86-\$27,786.15 range) and the authorization to post the openings:

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

15. Action that is necessary to authorize Walter Lewis/Piper Jaffray & Co. to proceed with preparation of documents necessary for refunding of the COS 2010-A Warrants to capture approximately \$538,000.00 in savings, and adding approximately \$6.9M in additional warrant proceeds—*Annual debt service payments will track scenario seven of the presentation that produced total bond proceeds of approximately \$7.4M for 25 yrs. The City of Sylacauga will use the additional proceeds to upgrade roads and various other capital improvements to the City:*

Council President Perryman briefly explained the reasoning behind this action and suggested that it would help the course that the Council will take going forward in developing a master plan for the City.

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

16. Action that is necessary to authorize up to \$10,560.00 toward the drainage project near Red Roof Inn—*Estimate only covers costs for pipe, concrete, and survey services necessary to prepare two (2) related easements:*

A motion by Councilman Davenport, second by Councilman Fowler to authorize funding toward project 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 PD Lt. Willis Whatley to attend the 30th Annual Alabama Statewide Law Enforcement Coordinating Committees (LECC) Conference to be held in Orange Beach, August 30-September 1, 2017—*No expenses will be incurred by the City; Whatley will be paying all related expenses himself:*

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

18. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for HR Specialist Jayne McGee to attend the AL Association of Public Personnel Administrators (AAPPA) Risk Management Certification Program: Workers' Compensation Course to be held in Auburn, August 18, 2017—*Registration fee is \$150.00; Additional costs for mileage, and meals will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for McGee is \$231.04:*

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

19. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for PD Investigator Chris Vinson to attend the Taser Instructor Re-certification Course to be held in Oxford, October 17, 2017—*Registration fee is \$225.00; Additional costs for meals and the use of a department vehicle and fuel will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Vinson is \$250.00:*

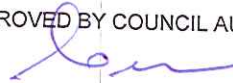
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Blackmon to approve travel/expenses was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

20. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for Municipal Court Clerk Amber Johns to attend the 2017 *Municipal Court Summit* to be held in Birmingham, August 10-11, 2017—*No registration fee; Additional costs for lodging, meals, and mileage will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Johns is \$220.00; Expenses to be paid from Municipal Court Admin. Discretionary Funds:*  
*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Blackmon to approve travel/expenses was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*
21. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for PD Officer Kyle Smith to attend the *Basic Police Academy* to be held at the NE Alabama Law Enforcement Academy in Jacksonville, 14-week session begins August 21, 2017—*Total tuition is \$2,050.00, but \$1,300.00 of tuition is refundable upon successful completion of academy; Additional cost of \$239.00 for ammunition will be incurred:*  
*A motion by Councilman Davenport, second by Councilman Blackmon to approve travel/expenses 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 PD Officer Cody Childress to attend the *Gracie Survival Tactics MIL/LE Defensive Tactics Course* to be at the Oxford Civic Center, September 5-7, 2017—*No registration fee; Additional costs for meals and the use of a department vehicle and fuel will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Childress is \$75.00:*  
*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve travel/expenses was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*
23. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for PD Officer Tim Collier to attend the *Gracie Survival Tactics MIL/LE Defensive Tactics Course* to be at the Oxford Civic Center, September 5-7, 2017—*No registration fee; Additional costs for meals will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Collier is \$75.00:*  
*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve travel/expenses was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*
24. Action that is necessary to correct the amount of June, 2017 payrolls approved on July 18, 2017, from \$529,234.99 to \$531,779.88—*Error resulted from pulling the incomplete total from payroll report:*  
*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to make correction in payroll expenditures as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*
25. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$75,494.26 for accounts payable invoices received to date for July, 2017:  
*A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to authorize payment of accounts payable invoices was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*
26. Council President asked anyone wishing to address Council to come to the microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council.  
***No one addressed Council during this meeting.***

27. 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 6:20 p.m.)

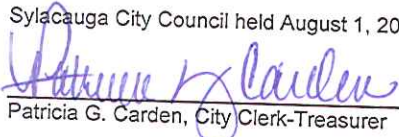
APPROVED BY COUNCIL AUGUST 15, 2017:



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 August 1, 2017.



Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer