

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYLACAUGA HELD AUGUST 3, 2021

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Council President, Lee Perryman.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Nate Brewer, Lee Perryman, Laura Heath; Council Members Absent: None. Mayor James Heigl and Interim City Clerk/Treasurer Kim Morris were also present.
3. Invocation was provided by Councilman Brewer.
4. Council President Perryman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Report from Mayor James Heigl:
Mayor Heigl presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Sylacauga P/Rec Gymnastics Team that attended national competition in Savannah, Georgia June 23-27, 2021. Mayor Heigl also read a Proclamation presented to PD Captain and Asst. Chief Rondell Muse upon his 25 years of service with the City and the PD. The Mayor reported that the James Payton resurfacing and widening project was nearing completion, with the final inspection scheduled for August 9. The project came in \$14,000 under budget. Mayor Heigl reported that EEFS had estimated \$1.2 million to pave an additional 18 roads within the City. Mayor Heigl also stated that CVMC reported 12 currently hospitalized with COVID, four in ICU and two vented.
6. Adopt Agenda:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to amend agenda by adding items 16 & 17 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.
7. Approve minutes of the regular city council meeting held July 20, 2021:
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath 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. Public hearing to consider changes to the COS Zoning Ordinance #2224A-20, amending Section 3.09 Walls and Fences, and adding Article 9 - Sign Regulations, as recommended by the Planning Commission; *Public Hearing set June 3, 2021 by Resolution 62-2021:*

Council President opened the public hearing and called for comments. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposed action. Council President closed the public hearing and called for action by Council.

Ordinance #2235-21 was introduced by Councilman Brewer; Dispensed with reading of Ordinance.

A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Brewer 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 Ordinance at this meeting,

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to adopt Ordinance #2235-21 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

9. Action that is necessary to approve contract with Sylacauga City Schools for the use of Sylacauga PD K-9 for substance awareness and detection services for the period August 2021 through May 2022; *action authorizes Mayor James Heigl and Police Chief Kelley Johnson to sign on behalf of the City and Police Dept.:*

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

10. Action that is necessary to approve 050 Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) Application from Family Dollar Stores of Alabama, LLC, DBA Family Dollar Store 20405, located at 20 North Broadway Avenue, Sylacauga; *Police report received; Council can waive two-week waiting period:*

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.

11. Action that is necessary to authorize refund of \$50.00 to SPR-Inc., DBA Ameri-Tek for overpayment of 2021 business license fees:

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to authorize action 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 the Sylacauga Historical Commission to apply for a grant of up to \$50,000 through the Alabama Historical Commission's 2022 Historic Sites Grant Program; *grant funding will be used for repairing markers damaged by Hurricane Zeta, educational programming/reprinting of a cemetery guide, vegetation removal, and replacement of a portion of chain link fencing with iron fencing in the Sylacauga Cemetery (AKA Ft. Williams Cemetery) located on East Ft. Williams Street:*

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to authorize action 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 training expenses for HR Specialist Jayne McGee to participate in the AAPPA Overview of Public Personnel Administration's virtual class on September 30-October 1, 2021. *Registration fee of \$270.00; Total estimated expense for McGee is \$270.00:*

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

14. Action that is necessary to authorize travel/training expenses for PD Officer Lamar Taylor to attend Highway Vehicle Stops and the Drug Trafficker training in Birmingham, September 28-30, 2021. *No registration fee; expenses for meals and use of a city-provided vehicle will be incurred. Total estimated expenses for Taylor are \$75.00:*

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

15. Action that is necessary to authorize travel/training expenses for Court Clerk Amber Johns and Magistrate Portia Ford to attend the 2021 AMCCMA Annual Conference in Orange Beach, September 22-26, 2021; *Registration fee of \$370.00 each; expenses for lodging, meals, and mileage will be incurred. Total estimated expenses for Johns and Ford are \$1,588.12/each:*

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

16. Action that is necessary to authorize EDT to seek bids for the demolition of swimming pool and construction of new splash pad:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman; Nays: Brewer, Heath.

17.

Action that is necessary to amend contract authorizing 40% payment to Tag Grinding Services, LLC, upon completion of grinding services, with 60% balance due upon completion of hauling off of debris:

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve contract amendment 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 payments totaling \$439,670.04 for July accounts payable invoices received to date:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to authorize payments as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; 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.
Councilman Brewer thanked the Historical Commission for applying for grants to make repairs in the cemetery. Councilman Fowler thanked Randy Clark for his continued efforts in cleaning up Sylacauga. Clark reported that several BB Comer Football players helped pick up trash in Sylacauga, four players then went to the Animal Shelter to volunteer, and four players went to AI Food Solutions.

20.

Having no additional business to discuss,

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

(Time of adjournment 6:18 P.M.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL AUGUST 17, 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 regular meeting of the City Council held August 3, 2021.



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