

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYLACAUGA HELD AUGUST 4, 2020

1. Council President, Lee Perryman, called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Donnie Blackmon, Dallas Davenport, and Lee Perryman. Absent: None. Mayor James Heigl present, Kim Morris attended in the absence of City Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Carden.
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 reported an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in our hospital. He thanked citizens that participated in a cleanup of the city August 1. Mayor Heigl announced that 2,880 boxes of food were distributed yesterday at the American Legion, and announced the next food distribution is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11. The Mayor presented Street Supt. Reed Calfee with a \$1,000 donation to the Animal Shelter.
6. 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.
7. Approve minutes of the regular city council meeting held July 23, 2020:
A motion by Councilman Blackmon, 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:

8. Action that is necessary to approve resolution appointing Election Officials for the Municipal Elections to be held August 25, 2020, and October 6, 2020 (Run-off), and to set the rate of pay for such Election Officials:
Resolution #55-2020 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Dispensed of reading.
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 of Council to give the Resolution immediate consideration:
A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve Resolution 55-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
9. Action that is necessary to approve amendment in the amount of \$18,475.00 to the contract with Engineering Design Technologies, Inc., (EDT) for the provision of preliminary design services relative to the 2018 & 2019 TAP projects to include revisions to the current construction plans and specifications to cover requested changes to the alley widths and the reintroduction of one of the removed parking lot entrances from the alleyways into the affected parking lots—*Requested project revisions will require ALDOT approval, cancellation of the advertised bid opening scheduled for 8/04/2020, and will require re-advertisement for bids for said revised projects; City will incur additional local costs beyond the stated amendment:*

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to authorize action 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 Donnie & Shelly Bullard, owners of Fermenter's Market, for use of the city-owned parking lot behind Odie's Deli and Fermenter's Market to hold the Backstreet Rumble event, a motorcycle show and stereo sound-off competition on Saturday, August 22, 2020. (Permission to use the parking lot was granted to Gary Wesson, Teddy Byrd, & Ron Cummings on 7/23/2020, but Fermenter's is required to have permission to use property to hold the event as a condition of the application for the Special Event Alcohol Permit for event)--PD Chief Johnson recommended closing East 2nd Street from Broadway to Calhoun Avenue:

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

11. **Appointment to the Library Board—Expiring four-year term of Becky Hackett ending October, 2020—Hackett was the only applicant:**

Action that is necessary to make appointment to the Library Board for the four-year term ending October, 2024:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to re-appoint Becky Hackett to the Library Board for the four-year term ending October, 2024, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

12. **Appointment to the Sylacauga Utilities Board—Expired six-year term of Brad Porch ended July 15, 2020—Porch was the only applicant:**

Action that is necessary to make appointment to the Sylacauga Utilities Board for the six-year term ending July 15, 2026:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to re-appoint Brad Porch to the Sylacauga Utilities Board for the six-year term ending July 15, 2026, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

13. Action that is necessary to rescind the \$150.00 annexation application fee charged to persons who wish to annex their property to the corporate limits of the City of Sylacauga--Action will become effective immediately upon approval by Council:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve action 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 for authority to contract with TempForce-Smart Staffing Solutions for the services of up to three (3) temporary laborers for the Animal Shelter for up to 180 days each or until the current Shelter employee vacancies can be filled, whichever occurs first--Temporary employees will be provided at the billable rate of approximately \$13.50 per hour (inclusive of all insurance, benefits, payroll taxes, and pre-employment screenings and orientations. NOTE: Employee pay rate \$10.00/hr + 35% TF markup = Billable rate)--Actual hiring is subject to CSB approval:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve 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 City Clerk to prepare resolution necessary to declare 20 acres of property (Box Mill Property) as surplus property and sell to Sylacauga Utilities Board at the appraised value of \$35,000.00.

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

16. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$49,305.66 for accounts payable invoices received to date for July, 2020:

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

17. Linda Dickson & Historical Commission's presentation of historical marker for East Highland School.

Mrs. Dickson introduced the East Highland School National Alumni Association's Local Chapter members and thanked the City for purchasing the historical marker which will be installed at the former East Highland School property. Mrs. Dickson gave a brief history of East Highland School and read the inscription printed on the new marker.

18. Time for anyone to address Council—no action to be taken at this meeting: Bryan Taunton, Chairman of the Commercial Development Authority, reported that the CDA had recently presented \$20,000 in grants to local businesses. The CDA is working to rebuild the organization and searching for new board members. Taunton asked that the Council reconsider future funding of the CDA. Councilmembers thanked Taunton for his hard work and diligence in reorganizing the CDA into a working board.

19. 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 6:13 P.M.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL August 18, 2020

Lee Perryman, City Council President

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 regular meeting of the Sylacauga City Council held August 4, 2020.



Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer