

**City of Sylacauga**  
**City Council Agenda**  
**August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

1. Called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. by Council President, Tiffany Nix.
2. Roll Call: Councilmembers present included – Tiffany Nix, Nate Brewer, Ashton Fowler, Lee Perryman, and Barlow-Heath. Councilmembers absent: None. Mayor James Heigl and City Clerk- Treasurer Alexandra Lambert were also present.
3. Invocation was provided by Councilmember Brewer prior to the work session.
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Report from Mayor Heigl:

Mayor Heigl updated the City Council on various departmental vacancies: Administration & Finance has one, the Animal Shelter has one, Municipal Court has two (with candidates already tested; but, not interviewed), the Fire Department has one, and the Police Department has six.

Heigl also highlighted the recent dedication of the Music Trail at B.B. Comer Memorial Library in honor of Dr. Ted C. Spears, who was celebrated for his contributions to education and community. Mayor Heigl noted a profound statement from a recent article detailing the dedication, where Ruth Cook described Sylacauga as "the town that could... and does.

Following this, Heigl invited members of the East Alabama Regional Training Hub (EARTH) to discuss their upcoming renovation project. Margaret Morton, Executive Director for Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement (S.A.F.E.), and her team presented a renovation timeline, aiming to start in November with completion expected in 1 to 1.5 years. They projected a \$65.0M economic return, with \$40.0M dedicated to local spending, and thanked the council for considering their budget request for FY25.

6. Adopt Agenda:  
*A motion by Councilmember Fowler, second by Councilmember Brewer to adopt agenda was carried by the following roll call vote:*  
*Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
7. Approve minutes of the regular work session held July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024:  
*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote:*  
*Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
8. Approve minutes of the regular City Council meeting held July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024:  
*A motion by Councilmember Fowler, second by Councilmember Perryman to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote:*  
*Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
9. Approve minutes of the regular work session held July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024:  
*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote:*  
*Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
10. Approve minutes of the regular City Council meeting held July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024:  
*A motion by Councilmember Fowler, second by Councilmember Brewer to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote:*  
*Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

11. Action that is necessary to approve Resolution No. 80-2024 to authorize the Allocation of Gas Tax Revenue for the FY25 Transportation Plan. *(Must be adopted no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.) (City Clerk-Treasurer to read Resolution No. 80-2024 into the meeting minutes.)*  
*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve Resolution No. 80-2024 to authorize the Allocation of Gas Tax Revenue for the FY25 Transportation Plan was carried by the following roll call vote:*  
*Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
12. Action that is necessary to approve Resolution No. 81-2024 to authorize notice of public hearing to rezone property located at 562 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street from its current MX-2 (Limited Mixed Use) district to Institutional (I) district for August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. *(City Clerk-Treasurer to read Resolution No. 81-2024 into the meeting minutes.)*  
*A motion by Councilmember Perryman, second by Councilmember Barlow-Heath to approve Resolution No. 81-2024 to authorize notice of public hearing to rezone property located at 562 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street from its current MX-2 (Limited Mixed Use) district to Institutional (I) district for August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 was carried by the following roll call vote:*  
*Yeas Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
13. Action that is necessary to approve S&P Global Ratings totaling \$35,650.00. *(Funding will be from Bond Proceeds.)*  
*If to take action at this meeting:*  
*A motion by Councilmember Fowler, second by Councilmember Perryman to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote:*  
*Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*  
*If unanimous:*  
*A motion by Councilmember Fowler, second by Councilmember Barlow-Heath to approve S&P Global Ratings totaling \$35,650.00 was carried by the following roll call vote:*  
*Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
14. Action that is necessary to approve Madison Lykes for a Special Event License for Fall Festival event October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve Madison Lykes for a Special Event License for Fall Festival event October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 was carried by the following roll call vote:*  
*Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
15. Action that is necessary to approve Palmer Place to receive funding totaling \$10,000.00. *(Funding from SPD earmarked money) (Showtime 5:00 P.M.)*  
*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve Palmer Place to receive funding totaling \$10,000.00 was carried by the following roll call vote:*  
*Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
16. Action that is necessary to approve budget amendment for the Animal Shelter totaling \$1,300.00. *(From GL: 010-540-42501-000 to GL: 010-540-42001-000)*  
*A motion by Councilmember Perryman, second by Councilmember Brewer to approve budget amendment for the Animal Shelter totaling \$1,300.00 was carried by the following roll call vote:*  
*Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*

17. Action that is necessary to approve the Sylacauga Police Department to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Fund in the amount up to \$150,000.00 for FLOCK cameras. There is no city match. (*Application due: August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024*)  
*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Perryman to approve the Sylacauga Police Department to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Fund in the amount up to \$150,000.00 for FLOCK cameras was carried by the following roll call vote:  
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
18. Action that is necessary to approve and authorize the mayor to enter into an Agreement for Substance Awareness and Detection Services between the Sylacauga City Schools and the Sylacauga Police Department.  
*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve and authorize the mayor to enter into an Agreement for Substance Awareness and Detection Services between the Sylacauga City Schools and the Sylacauga Police Department was carried by the following roll call vote:  
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
19. Action that is necessary to approve and authorize the mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Sylacauga City Schools and the Sylacauga Police Department for School Resource Officer(s).  
*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve and authorize the mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Sylacauga City Schools and the Sylacauga Police Department for School Resource Officer(s) was carried by the following roll call vote:  
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
20. Action that is necessary to approve the purchase of an OCR360 Capture Kit with Floating License for investigations totaling \$13,208.00. (*Funding SPD from earmarked money.*)  
*A motion by Councilmember Perryman, second by Councilmember Brewer to approve the purchase of an OCR360 Capture Kit with Floating License for investigations totaling \$13,208.00 was carried by the following roll call vote:  
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
21. Action that is necessary to approve the purchase of four portable radar signs totaling \$13,470.00. (*Funding from SPD earmarked money.*)  
*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Barlow-Heath to approve the purchase of four portable radar signs totaling \$13,470.00 was carried by the following roll call vote:  
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
22. Action that is necessary to approve the purchase of six Stop Stick kits totaling \$3,228.00. (*Funding from SPD earmarked money.*)  
*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Barlow-Heath to approve the purchase of six Stop Stick kits totaling \$3,228.00 was carried by the following roll call vote:  
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
23. Action that is necessary to approve Municipal Court refund to Robert Azral Vig totaling \$536.00.  
*A motion by Councilmember Fowler, second by Councilmember Perryman to approve Municipal Court refund to Robert Azral Vig totaling \$536.00 was carried by the following roll call vote:  
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*

24. Action that is necessary to approve Sylacauga Parks & Recreation reimbursement for invoice from Church of the Highlands totaling \$10,000.00. *(Funding from P&R earmarked money.)*
- A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve Sylacauga Parks & Recreation reimbursement for invoice from Church of the Highlands totaling \$10,000.00 was carried by the following roll call vote:*
- Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
25. Action that is necessary to approve to approve Resolution No. 82-2024 to purchase two (2) WIP 2024 Ford F150 Responder Supercrew 4x4 Pickup Trucks, State Contract T191L, totaling \$158,721.34. *(Funding from SPD earmarked money as specified in Resolution No. 23-2023 totaling \$158,721.34. The price per truck is \$79,360.67. This amount is to fully equip the trucks. City Clerk – Treasurer to read Resolution No. 82-2024*
- If to consider at this meeting:*
- Resolution No 82-2024 as introduced by Councilmember Brewer; read by the City Clerk-Treasurer.**
- If to take action at this meeting:*
- A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Perryman to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote:*
- Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
- If unanimous:**
- A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to purchase two (2) WIP 2024 Ford F150 Responder Supercrew 4x4 Pickup Trucks, State Contract T191L, totaling \$158,721.34 was carried by the following roll call vote:*
- Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
26. Action that is necessary to approve to approve Resolution No. 83-2024 to purchase one (1) 2008 Sutphen Pumper Truck from Williams Apparatus, totaling \$259,087.00. *(Funding from FD earmarked money as specified in Resolution No. 23-2023 totaling \$143,661.48 and from Special Projects Reserve totaling \$115,425.52.)* (City Clerk – Treasurer to read Resolution No. 83-2024
- If to consider at this meeting:*
- Resolution No 83-2024 as introduced by Councilmember Brewer; read by the City Clerk-Treasurer.**
- If to take action at this meeting:*
- A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Barlow-Heath to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote:*
- Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
- If unanimous:**
- A motion by Councilmember Fowler, second by Councilmember Barlow-Heath to purchase one (1) 2008 Sutphen Pumper Truck from Williams Apparatus, totaling \$259,087.00 was carried by the following roll call vote:*
- Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
27. Action that is necessary to approve July 2024 payroll totaling \$525,652.29.
- A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve payroll for the month of July 2024 totaling \$525,652.29 was carried by the following roll call vote:*
- Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*

28. Action that is necessary to approve Fiscal Year 2024 accounts payable invoices totaling \$412,834.59.

*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve Fiscal Year 2024 accounts payable invoices totaling \$412,834.59 was carried by the following roll call vote:*  
*Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*

29. Time for anyone to address the City Council – no action to be taken at this meeting: (Please come to the microphone and state your name and address for record prior to addressing the council.)

President Nix raised the topic of implementing a social media policy, expressing interest in having it apply to both Council members and city employees. Human Resources Specialist Jayne McGee confirmed the interest and indicated that while a policy could be developed for employees, it could not be enacted for the council. Nix requested a policy that they could adopt so that standards for Council were aligned with the standards for employees. Councilmember Perryman noted that many cities already have such policies, making it relatively straightforward to find a suitable template. McGee agreed to provide a policy for the Council to consider at the next meeting.

Nix addressed Councilmember Barlow-Heath, requesting that she refrain from discussing council issues on Facebook, citing the Council's code of conduct. Nix emphasized the importance of upholding the council's standards and maintaining proper channels for addressing concerns. Barlow-Heath responded by thanking Nix for her input, explaining that she felt compelled to use social media to address issues she perceived as being covered up or withheld from the public. She asserted that it was important for her to keep her constituents informed.

Nix acknowledged Barlow-Heath's commitment to her role but expressed concerns about her approach, suggesting that if the matter was not resolved, a censure could be considered. Barlow-Heath reiterated her concerns and her right to voice them. Nix agreed that while Barlow-Heath's concerns were valid, her method of handling the situation was not appropriate.

30. Having no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn:

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

(Time of adjournment: 7:36p.m.)

**APPROVED BY COUNCIL** August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

  
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Tiffany Nix, President of City Council

#### CERTIFICATION

I, ALEXANDRA LAMBERT, 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 City Council held August 6th, 2024.



Alexandra Lambert, City Clerk-Treasurer  
City of Sylacauga