

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYLACAUGA HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

1. Council President, Lee Perryman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 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. Donnie Blackmon, District 3 Councilman, provided an invocation.
4. Council President Perryman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Mayor James Heigl gave no report at this meeting.
6. Adopt Agenda:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to adopt agenda was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
7. Approve minutes of the special election canvassing meeting held at noon and the regular city council meeting held September 1, 2020:
A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix 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:

8. Action that is necessary to approve a resolution authorizing a project to resurface James Payton Blvd. from US Hwy 280 to its intersection with CR 511/Old Birmingham Hwy and to widen it from US Hwy 280 to approximately 300' beyond the Walmart entrance to add a dedicated turn lane at the Walmart entrance, committing local funds to complete such project, and authorizing Mayor James Heigl to execute related documents including a funding agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for its allocation upon approval of proposed project—*Said project will utilize ALDOT funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 and will require local funds in the amount of \$215,000.00 to complete the project estimated at \$463,555.13.*

Resolution #62-2020 was introduced by Councilman Fowler; Dispensed with reading of resolution.

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 the resolution immediate consideration:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution 62-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

9. Action that is necessary to approve a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement in the amount of \$4,000.00 with Michael Rice, Engineering Environmental & Forestry Services Co. (EEFS), to prepare and submit an application to the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for FY2021 ATRIP II funding to be used for a project to replace the *bridge (box culvert) located on Walnut Road at AL Hwy 21—*Approval authorizes Mayor James Heigl to execute the professional services agreement:*

**City Clerk-Treasurer questioned whether the second bridge on Walnut Road that was discussed during work session would be added. Rice indicated that he had not looked at it for inclusion, but would do so and amend if needed:*

Resolution #63-2020 was introduced by Councilman Blackmon; Dispensed with reading of resolution.

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix 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 the resolution immediate consideration:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve Resolution 63-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

10. Action that is necessary to approve a resolution authorizing a project to replace the bridge (box culvert) located on Walnut Road at AL Hwy 21 with an estimated construction cost of up to \$350,000.00 and submittal of an application to the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for FY2021 ATRIP II funding to be used for such project—Approval authorizes Mayor James Heigl to execute the application and all necessary assurances contained therein:

Resolution #64-2020 was introduced by Councilman Fowler; Dispensed with reading of resolution.

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix 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 the resolution immediate consideration:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution 64-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

11. Action that is necessary to approve a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement in the amount of \$37,200.00 (plus additional fees for easement acquisition and access agreements which may be required) with James Cassidy, InSite Engineering, LLC, to prepare plans (demolition, site & grading plans, storm sewer/concrete channel plan, profiles, geometrics, & associated details) necessary for City to bid a project for the repair, stabilization, and improvements to the existing Hickory Street ditch—Approval authorizes Mayor James Heigl to execute the professional services agreement:

Resolution #65-2020 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Dispensed with reading of resolution.

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 the resolution immediate consideration:

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution 65-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

12. **Appointment to the Library Board—Expiring four-year term of James “Jim” Clark ending October, 2020—Janice Adams was the only applicant:**

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

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to appoint Janice Adams 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.

13. Appointment to the Commercial Development Authority—Expired four-year term of Ann Pruitt ended March 15, 2019—Ryan Coleman was the only applicant:

Action that is necessary to make an appointment to the Commercial Development Authority for the four-year term ending March 15, 2023:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to appoint Ryan Coleman to the Commercial Development Authority for the four-year term ending March 15, 2023, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

14. Appointment to the Sylacauga Airport Authority—Expired six-year term of Tommy Dobson ended August 14, 2020:

Action that is necessary to make an appointment to the Sylacauga Airport Authority for the six-year term ending August 14, 2026:

Council President opened the floor & called for nominations:

Councilman Davenport nominated Tommy Dobson.

Hearing no other nominations, Council President called for nominations to be closed:

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

Council President closed the floor & called for the vote on nominations:

Those in favor of Tommy Dobson: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Those opposed: None.

Council President declared Tommy Dobson to be appointed to the Sylacauga Airport Authority for the six-year term ending August 14, 2026.

15. Appointment to the Sylacauga Airport Authority—Expired six-year term of Jack “Jay” Mitchell ended August 14, 2020:

Action that is necessary to make an appointment to the Sylacauga Airport Authority for the six-year term ending August 14, 2026:

Council President opened the floor & called for nominations:

Councilwoman Nix nominated Jack “Jay” Mitchell.

Hearing no other nominations, Council President called for nominations to be closed:

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

Council President closed the floor & called for the vote on nominations:

Those in favor of Jack “Jay” Mitchell: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport;

Those opposed: None.

Council President declared Jack “Jay” Mitchell to be appointed to the Sylacauga Airport Authority for the six-year term ending August 14, 2026.

16.

Action that is necessary to approve application for 050 Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) License and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) License from Denson Dewayne Thornton of D Thornton, LLC, DBA P and B One Stop for the business located at 807 West Park 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.

17. Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from Street Supt. Reed Calfee to authorize seeking bids for the provision of various landscaping/horticultural services for the maintenance and improvements to city-owned green spaces and planters—*Contract awarded through bid would be for a period of two (2) years:*

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to authorize action as recommended 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 \$404,464.49 for payrolls for August, 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 \$152,547.70 for the balance of accounts payable invoices for August, 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) Ryan Coleman, 414 W. Walnut Street—Spoke on behalf of two local businesses who provide similar services to those Council is contracting with EDT to provide (himself and Ray & Gilliland, specifically). Mr. Coleman suggested that Council look into establishing a process to solicit locally for such services instead of going out of town to procure professional services. Council President thanked Mr. Coleman and added that Council would consider his suggestion whenever possible going forward.

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 6:15 p.m.)

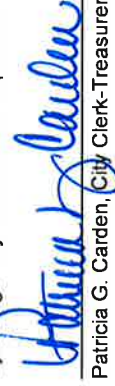
APPROVED BY COUNCIL OCTOBER 8, 2020:



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 regular meeting of the Sylacauga City Council held September 15, 2020.


Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer