

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SYLACAUGA HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Council President, Lee Perryman.
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. Invocation was given by Mark Ledbetter, PD Chaplain.
4. Council President Lee Perryman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Mayor James Heigl proclaimed September 21, 2019, as Thank a Police Officer Day in the City of Sylacauga. Heigl presented the proclamation to Chief Kelley Johnson who thanked the Mayor for the proclamation and expressed appreciation to the City Council and to the community for support of the Police Department. Mayor Heigl reported that the departments have been working on the budget for the last two months and that the Council will hold its first budget work session at 3:00 p.m. on September 24, 2019. Heigl also announced that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the 19th relative to proposed changes to the city's zoning ordinance and maps.
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 August 20, 2019:  
*A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*
8. Approve minutes of the special city council meeting held August 27, 2019:  
*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.*

**Note: The council meeting scheduled for September 5, 2019, was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.**

**OLD BUSINESS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

9. Action necessary to approve resolution authorizing Renewal Amendment #5 FY2019 Grant Agreement with East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission to provide continued services and nutritional support for the elderly population through the Local Community Aging Services Title III Program, Grant Agreement #05-20-05-36--*Total Program costs in the amount of \$106,801.00, will be funded through \$26,117.00 in Grant funds with an allocation of \$77,782.00 (based on meals provided as of 9/30/2019; subject to change after 10/01/2019) for Project Meals, and a required local match of \$2,902.00.*

**Resolution #50-2019** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by City Clerk.

*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 50-2019 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

10. Action necessary to approve resolution accepting the recommendation from Barge Design Solutions, as airport consultant, to award contract for Airport Improvement Project: Rehabilitate Runway 9/27 and Rehabilitate Runway 9/27 Lighting (AIP 3-01-0068-022-2019) to Dunn Construction as the lowest responsible bidder at a cost of \$2,415,522.25—Recommendation based on tabulation of bids opened 6/27/2019:

**Resolution #51-2019** 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 the resolution immediate consideration:**

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve Resolution 51-2019 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

11. Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from The Center for Municipal Solutions (CMS) as consultant for City, to approve resolution authorizing a special use permit to T-Mobile for modification of equipment on the existing tower located at 2155 Settlement Road: (David Aymett, representative from CMS, provided details of permit for Council. T-Mobile will remove 6 antennas from the 248' self-support tower and replace them with 3 for a technology upgrade. After review of application, CMS recommends approval.)

**Resolution #52-2019** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by City Clerk.

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution 52-2019 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

12. Action that is necessary to approve request from Police Chief Kelley Johnson to accept a \$5,000.00 grant/contribution from Walmart to be used to purchase equipment for the Police Department:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Fowler to accept the grant/contribution and authorize use as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

13. Action that is necessary to authorize Police Chief Kelley Johnson to apply for up to \$53,000.00 in funding through the K9s4COPs Grant to cover the cost of purchasing a K9 (dog) to be used for the detection of firearms/explosives and for public relations engagements, and to cover the cost of training for the K9 handler. Approval will also authorize additional local funds of approximately \$850.00 to cover the initial startup expense--if awarded, expected ongoing annual expenses of approximately \$950.00 will be incurred:

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.

**14. Appointment to the Library Board—Expiring four-year term of Amy Price ending October, 2019—Amy Price was the only applicant:**

Action that is necessary to make appointment to the Library Board for the four-year term ending October, 2023:

*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to reappoint Amy Price to the Library Board for the four-year term ending October, 2023, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

**15. Appointment to the Parks & Recreation Board—Expiring five-year term of John Wesson ending October, 2019—John Wesson was the only applicant:**

Action that is necessary to make appointment to the Parks & Recreation Board for the five-year term ending October, 2024:

*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to reappoint Jon Wesson to the Parks & Recreation Board for the five-year term ending October, 2024, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

**16. Appointment to the Parks & Recreation Board—Expiring five-year term of Scott Roberson ending October, 2019—Scott Roberson was the only applicant:**

Action that is necessary to make appointment to the Parks & Recreation Board for the five-year term ending October, 2024:

*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to reappoint Scott Roberson to the Parks & Recreation Board for the five-year term ending October, 2024, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

**17. Action that is necessary to approve transfer application for Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) License from Bowden Oil Company, Inc., DBA Shop N Fill #19 to Central Alabama Management, LLC, DBA Hop In 010484 for the business located at 1001 North Broadway Avenue, Sylacauga—Police report complete; Council can waive waiting period:**

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve application as filed was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Davenport; Nays: Blackmon.*

**18. Action that is necessary to approve transfer application for Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) License from Bowden Oil Company, Inc., DBA Shop N Fill #19 to Central Alabama Management, LLC, DBA Hop In 010484 for the business located at 1001 North Broadway Avenue, Sylacauga—Police report complete; Council can waive waiting period:**

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve application as filed was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Davenport; Nays: Blackmon.*

**19. Action that is necessary to approve transfer application for Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) License from Bowden Oil Company, Inc. to Central Alabama Management, LLC, DBA Hop In 010477 for the business located at 804 W. Fort Williams Street, Sylacauga—Police report complete; Council can waive waiting period:**

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve application as filed was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Davenport; Nays: Blackmon.*

**20.** Action that is necessary to approve transfer application for Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) License from Bowden Oil Company, Inc. to Central Alabama Management, LLC, DBA Hop In 010477 for the business located at 804 W. Fort Williams Street, Sylacauga—*Police report complete; Council can waive waiting period:*

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve application as filed was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Davenport; Nays: Blackmon.*

**21.** Action that is necessary to approve transfer application for Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) License from Bowden Oil Company, Inc. to Central Alabama Management, LLC, DBA Hop In 010478 for the business located at 1207 W. 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.*

**22.** Action that is necessary to approve transfer application for Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) License from Bowden Oil Company, Inc. to Central Alabama Management, LLC, DBA Hop In 010478 for the business located at 1207 W. 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.*

**23.** Action necessary to approve travel/expenses for PD Animal Control Officer Larry McConatha to travel to Montgomery one day per week for up to six weeks to train with the City of Montgomery Animal Department in the use of related equipment and tactics utilized in animal control—*Costs for fuel, use of a department vehicle, and meals will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for McConatha is \$90.00:*

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

**24.** Action necessary to approve travel/expenses for Animal Shelter Technician Connie Willette to attend the Certified Euthanasia Technician Training to be held at the Greater Birmingham Humane Society, September 20-21, 2019—*Registration fee is \$300.00; Additional costs for mileage will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Willette is \$359.16:*

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

**25.** Action necessary to approve travel/expenses for Firefighter Clay Upchurch to attend the 2019 Fire Dept. Recruit School to be conducted by the Mountain Brook Fire Department, September 23 – November 22, 2019—*Registration fee is \$720.00 for the nine-week school, plus \$80.00 for PT clothing; Additional costs for meals, fuel and use of a department vehicle will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Upchurch is \$1,700.00:*

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

**26.** Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$409,782.93 for payrolls for August, 2019:



*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.*

27. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$348,050.92 for balance of accounts payable invoices received for August, 2019:

*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.*

28. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$38,665.64 for accounts payable invoices received to date for September, 2019:

*A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport 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.*

29. Council President asked anyone wishing to address Council to come to the microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council: Mark Ledbetter, 401 S. Broadway—Expressed appreciation to Mayor for the proclamation, and appreciation to the Council for allocating funding for the Police Department. Ledbetter expressed appreciation to the businesses for their support and appreciation of the police officers. Expressed appreciation to the Police Department for all they do, stating that Sylacauga is lucky to have quality officers and management of its Police Department.

30. 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 OCTOBER 1, 2019:

  
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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 17, 2019.

  
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Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer