

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SYLACAUGA HELD SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Council President, Lee Perryman.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Donnie Blackmon, Lee Perryman, and Dallas Davenport; Absent: None. Mayor James Heigl and City Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Carden were also present.
3. Invocation was given by Harry Heigl, St. Jude Catholic Church.
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Council President.
5. Mayor Jim Heigl proclaimed September 24, 2018, as Family Day in the City of Sylacauga. Mayor Heigl asked Michael Rice to provide an update on the paving project. Mr. Rice reported that of the twenty streets on the paving list, eighteen have been completed, with Oldfield Road and Coaling Road being the final ones to be paved. He added that it is expected that Dunn will finish Oldfield Road and the last portion of 10th Street tomorrow and will be moving out for a few weeks before coming back to finish Coaling Road. Rice further explained that the paving needs to cure for several weeks before the final striping can be applied.  
  
Mayor Heigl gave an update on the animal shelter and provided some information reflecting the number of animals passing through the animal shelter. As of last Thursday, 1101 dogs and 450 cats have been taken in. This is a year-to-date increase of 263 animals over last year's total. 858 of the dogs have been transferred out to other states for adoption. The Paws in the Park program sold some 160 spay/neuter vouchers, showing that the program is working. The new Pet Sense store in Marble City Square Shopping Center has been a great help in getting our cats adopted; 62 so far have been adopted through their involvement. Mayor Heigl asked for the community's help in providing dog food for the shelter. He added cat food and other supplies are not needed right now, but they do need help with dog food at this time.

**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 regular city council meeting held September 6, 2018:**

*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 resolution accepting proposal in the lump sum amount of \$59,723.55 from Engineering Design Technologies, Inc. (EDT) for the provision of professional engineering and consultation services relative to the preparation of plans for construction of the FY2019 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Streetscape & ADA Improvements Project (TAPAA-TA19(914), CPMS Ref# 100069019), to provide streetscape and ADA improvements to the parking area between Norton Avenue and AL Highway 21, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Street—Action authorizes Mayor James Heigl to execute agreement and any other related documents on behalf of the City of Sylacauga—(Application approved by Council 5/01/2018, Resolution 38-2018; Grant Agreement authorized 9/06/2018, Resolution 67-2018):

*Lawrence Wilson with EDT (City's consulting engineer on the 2018 & 2019 TAP projects) presented conceptual drawings of the proposed projects and gave a brief explanation of what the community can expect. He added that they are about 20% complete on the survey work for the 2018 project and that they will be meeting with ALDOT in Sylacauga about the 2019 project on 10/18/2018.*

**Resolution #68-2018** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; No additional information provided by City Clerk.

*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 resolution immediate consideration:**

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution 68-2018 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

9. Action that is necessary to approve resolution approving agreement and authorizing Police Chief Kelley Johnson to execute said agreement with the Sylacauga Board of Education for the assignment of four (4) School Resource Officers to the city schools for the period beginning 10/01/2018 through 9/30/2019, with committed reimbursement of \$26,510.00 per officer.

**Resolution #69-2018** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; No additional information provided 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 resolution immediate consideration:**

*A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve Resolution 69-2018 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

10. Action that is necessary to approve resolution setting public hearing date for consideration of a request from Coosa Valley Medical Center and the abutting property owners for the closing/vacation of certain alleys in and adjacent to the Coosa Valley Medical Center Complex—first available date for hearing is October 16, 2018; Planning Commission supports request for vacation:

**Resolution #70-2018** was introduced by Councilman Blackmon; No additional information provided by City Clerk.

*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution 70-2018 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

11. Action that is necessary to approve resolution setting public hearing date for consideration of the recommendation from the Planning Commission for an amendment to the 1989 Sylacauga Zoning Ordinance to add a Planned Unit Development (PUD) District—first available date for hearing is November 6, 2018:

**Resolution #71-2018** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; No additional information provided by City Clerk.

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution 71-2018 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

12. Action that is necessary to accept recommendations of Interim Code Director Mike Whetstone and Lathan Associates Architects, PC, to approve resolution awarding bid for the Replacement of Gym Flooring: J Craig Smith Community Center Project (Lathan & Associates, PC Job #18-06) to Gym Service &

Installation Co., Inc., as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder having met all bid requirements and qualifications based on tabulation of bids opened 9/13/2018—*Total Award of Base Bid is \$64,887.00.*

**Resolution #72-2018** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; No additional information provided 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 resolution immediate consideration:**

*A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to approve Resolution 72-2018 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

13. Action that is necessary to approve resolution appointing Matt Partridge as Director to the Board of Directors of the Improvement District of the City of Sylacauga-Marble City Square Project for unexpired six-year term ending July 6, 2023—*Term of Geoff Smith, resigned May 2, 2018:*

**Resolution #73-2018** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; No additional information provided by City Clerk.

*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 resolution immediate consideration:**

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution 73-2018 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

14. Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from the City of Sylacauga Historical Commission for the purchase of three (3) Historical markers, sized 30" x 42", at a cost of \$2,350.00 each—*To be placed on the lot located at the intersection of N Broadway & W 1<sup>st</sup> Street in recognition of the Historic Downtown; At the location currently housing the Comer Museum in recognition of the original BB Comer Library; On E Fort Williams in recognition of the Sylacauga Cemetery (AKA Fort Williams Cemetery):*

*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to authorize purchase of historic markers as recommended was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

15. Action that is necessary to authorize Mayor James Heigl to execute renewal agreement with Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB) for the provision of sign language interpreting services, at an hourly rate of \$55.00 per request, during the period from 10/01/2018 through 9/30/2019 (renewal of agreement authorized 11-07-2017):

*A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to authorize execution of renewal agreement as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

16. Action that is necessary to authorize Mayor James Heigl to execute agreement with Alabama Workforce Development Area (AWDA) and the Family Guidance Center of Alabama for participation in the Work Force Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) program designed to provide WIOA eligible participants with meaningful and worthwhile work-based learning, financial assistance, and a

better understanding of the labor market, at no cost to the City—(one participant currently assigned to the Mayor's office to assist HR):

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

**17. Appointment to the Commercial Development Authority—Unexpired four-year term of Stephen Dean (deceased) ending March 15, 2021:**

Action that is necessary to move Michael Richardson from CDA Supernumerary Member to Active CDA Member to complete the unexpired four-year term ending March 15, 2021:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to move CDA Supernumerary Member Michael Richardson to CDA Active Member status for the remainder of the unexpired four-year term ending March 15, 2021, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

**18. Appointment to the Commercial Development Authority—Unexpired four-year term of Michael Adair (resigned) ending March 15, 2021:**

Action that is necessary to appoint Bryan Taunton to the Commercial Development Authority for the unexpired four-year term ending March 15, 2021:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to appoint Bryan Taunton to the Commercial Development Authority for the unexpired four-year term ending March 15, 2021, was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

**19. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for Accounting Clerk Sandy Sorensen to attend the LGHIP Payroll Clerk & Administrator Conference to be held in Cullman, October 11, 2018—No registration fee; Additional costs for mileage and meals will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Sorensen is \$125.00:**

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

**20. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$385,515.65 for payrolls for August, 2018:**

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.

**21. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$659,027.76 for balance of accounts payable invoices received for August, 2018:**

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix 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.

**22. Action necessary to approve FY 2018 Special Fund Revenue/Expense Budgets for the City of Sylacauga Funds/Cash Accounts—Individual Budget Recap Sheets attached:**

- 011 City Hall Building Maintenance Reserve Fund
- 012 Capital Improvements Reserve Fund
- 012 Workers Compensation Reserve Fund
- 012 Unemployment Compensation Fund

015 Corrections Fund  
020 Marble City Cemetery Fund  
022 Drug Buy Fund  
024 City Government Improvement Fund  
040 Bond & Interest Fund  
060 School Ad Valorem Fund  
070 Special Gasoline Tax Fund  
080 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Tax Fund  
100 CDBG Fund  
110 Improvement Projects Fund  
111 Bond Proceeds Fund  
120 Airport Fund

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve FY 2018 Special Fund Revenue/Expense Budgets was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

23. Council President asked anyone wishing to address Council to come to the microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council.  
**No speakers addressed the Council at this meeting.**

24. 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 6:31 p.m.)*

APPROVED BY COUNCIL OCTOBER 2, 2018:

  
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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 18, 2018.

  
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Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer