

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYLACAUGA HELD OCTOBER 1, 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 Donnie Blackmon, City Council D-3.
4. Council President Lee Perryman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Mayor James Heigl issued a proclamation designating October, 2019, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Sylacauga. Mayor Heigl issued another proclamation designating September 30, 2019, as Family Day, and the week of September 29 through October 5, 2019, as Family Week in the City of Sylacauga.
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 September 17, 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.
8. Approve minutes of the special city council meeting held September 30, 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.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. Action that is necessary to authorize educational incentive pay increase for Fire Chief Adam Gardner for earning an Associate of Science Occupational Safety and Health Degree (awarded 8/26/2019)—*Educational incentive for Associate Degree earned during employment & related to job is one step (from Pay Grade PS-6; Step 5 at \$35.52 to Pay Grade PS-6; Step 6 at \$36.62); effective October 12, 2019:*
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to authorize educational pay increase as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
10. Action necessary to accept recommendation from Interim Code Enforcement Director Mike Whetstone and Eric Carithers, SUB, to approve the proposal in the amount of \$4,988.74 from Stone & Sons Electrical Contractors, Inc., for six (6) new traffic signal GPS clock units (to interface with the M30 controllers) including installation, programming, and confirming clock synchronization and signal synchronization with existing settings along N. Broadway:
A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to accept proposal as recommended was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.
11. Action necessary to approve request from Sylacauga City Schools for withdrawal in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the 18.5 Ad Valorem Tax Fund for paying building insurance, technology infrastructure improvements and safety upgrades:

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

- 12.** Action that is necessary to authorize funding for a 2% Cost of Living pay increase for up to ten (10) F/T employees of the BB Comer Memorial Library to become effective October 12, 2019—Projected amount of increase is \$6,541.24:

A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to authorize COLA 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 funding for a 2% Cost of Living pay increase for up to sixteen (16) F/T employees of the Parks & Recreation Dept. to become effective October 12, 2019—Projected amount of increase is \$7,443.19 (Includes Lake Howard employee):

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

- 14.** Action necessary to approve travel/expenses for City Council members Dallas Davenport, Tiffany Nix, and Donnie Blackmon to attend the Alabama League of Municipalities 2019 Municipal Leadership Institute to be held in Prattville, October 3, 2019—Registration fee is \$150.00 each; Additional cost of mileage may be incurred—Davenport, Nix and Blackmon will carpool; Estimated total cost of travel/training is \$450.00:

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.

- 15.** Action necessary to approve travel/expenses for PD Sgt. Ryan Gaither to attend the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act Training to be held in Montgomery, October 3, 2019—No registration fee; additional costs for meals and use of a department vehicle and fuel will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Gaither is \$25.00:

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.

- 16.** Action necessary to approve travel/expenses for Accounting Clerk III Sandy Sorensen to attend the LGHIB Payroll & Personnel Conference to be held in Wetumpka, October 10, 2019—No registration fee; additional costs for meals and *mileage will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Sorensen is \$73.00 (*Sorensen & McGee will carpool):

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.

- 17.** Action necessary to approve travel/expenses for HR Specialist Jayne McGee to attend the LGHIB Payroll & Personnel Conference to be held in Wetumpka, October 10, 2019—No registration fee; additional costs for meals and *mileage will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for McGee is \$15.00 (*McGee will carpool with Sorensen):

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.

- 18.** Action necessary to approve travel/expenses for HR Specialist Jayne McGee to attend the Alabama City/County Management Association (ACOMA) Certificate Program: Leadership & Effective Public Management segment of the Local Government Professional Management Certificate Program to be held in Prattville,

November 14-15, 2019—Registration fee is \$225.00; additional costs for meals and mileage will be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for McGee is \$292.17:

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.

19. Action necessary to authorize Mayor James Heigl to execute easement and use agreement with Hurr, Smith & Sanders, LLC, for the use of an additional portion of the sidewalk for construction of a second handicap entrance ramp needed for ADA compliance of the East 2nd Street entrance to the business located at 200 N. Broadway—Original ramp constructed for accessibility to Fermenter's Market at the Rex; easement granted 1/21/2014:

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.

20. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$47,558.72 for additional fiscal year-end accounts payable invoices received to date for September, 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.

21. Council President asked anyone wishing to address Council to come to the microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council:

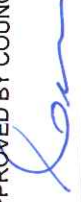
Katie Bibbee, 415 W 8th Street—Spoke on behalf of the Sylacauga Housing Authority. Announced that the SHA along with some area citizens will be hosting a Fall Festival with a community trunk or treat event at Noble Park on Halloween evening/night. Ms. Bibbee stated that they will be accepting donations of candy and/or money for the event at the SHA central office. They are also accepting canned food donations to S.A.F.E. to help with the Community Thanksgiving event. Ms. Bibbee also announced that a resident engagement workshop will be held at the SHA office at 3:00 p.m. on October 2, 2019.

22. 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 6:09 p.m.)

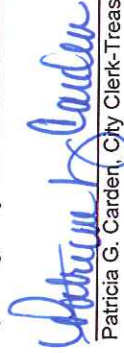
APPROVED BY COUNCIL OCTOBER 17, 2019:



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 October 1, 2019.


Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer