MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYLACAUGA HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2022

- **1.** Meeting was called to order at 5:58 P.M. by Council President, Ashton Fowler.
- 2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Nate Brewer, Lee Perryman, and Laura Heath. Council Members Absent: None. Mayor James Heigl and Interim City Clerk/Treasurer Kim Morris were also present.
- **3.** Invocation was provided by Greg Patterson prior to the work session.
- 4. Council President led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Report from Mayor James Heigl: Mayor Heigl made no report at the meeting.
- Adopt Agenda: A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to amend agenda to add Items #21, #22, #23, #24, and #25 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.
- 7. Approve minutes of the regular city council meeting held November 1, 2022: *A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Perryman to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.*
- 8. Approve minutes of the regular work session held November 1, 2022: *A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilman Perryman to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.*

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

9. Public hearing to consider annexation and zoning of property located at 320 Rocky Road; *Planning Commission has recommended zoning of property; Public Hearing set October 4, 2022 by Resolution #67-2022:*

Council President opened the public hearing and called for comments. There were no speakers.

Council President closed the public hearing and called for action by Council.

Ordinance #2247-22 was introduced by Councilman Brewer; Dispensed with reading of the ordinance.

A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Brewer to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

Upon unanimous consent to consider ordinance at this meeting:

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to adopt Ordinance #2247-22 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

10. Action that is necessary to authorize participation in the 2023 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday February 24-26, 2023:

Ordinance #2248-22 was introduced by Councilman Brewer; Dispensed with reading of the ordinance.

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

Upon unanimous consent to consider ordinance at this meeting:

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilman Perryman to adopt Ordinance #2248-22 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

11. Action that is necessary to accept the recommendation of Street Supt. Reed Calfee to award the three-year base bid contract for the provision of various landscaping/horticultural services for the maintenance and improvements to city-owned green spaces and planters at the base bid amount of \$24,196.00, plus an hourly per man cost of \$24.00 for any additional work, to Simcut Lawn Care, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder – *Bids opened 11/08/22; contract to become effective 12/01/22:*

Resolution #72-2022 was introduced by Councilwoman Heath; Dispensed with reading of the resolution.

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

Upon unanimous consent to consider resolution at this meeting:

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve Resolution #72-2022 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

12. Action that is necessary to authorize contract with EEFS to provide design engineering and survey services for the Walnut Road Bridge Replacement project at a cost of \$46,000.00; *FY2022 ALDOT Rebuild Alabama Act funding awarded in the amount of \$250,000.00; total estimated project \$459,419.00, with required local matching funds of \$209,419.00:*

Resolution #73-2022 was introduced by Councilman Brewer; Dispensed with reading of the resolution.

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilman Perryman to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

Upon unanimous consent to consider resolution at this meeting:

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilman Perryman to approve Resolution #73-2022 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

13. Action that is necessary to authorize Police Chief Kelley Johnson to apply for FY2023 Jag Byrne grant of up to \$24,000.00 for the purchase of a telescoping pro solar day/night camera system; *Local match of up to \$4,000.00 will be required:*

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

14. Action that is necessary to authorize payment of \$4,995.00 to NextSite LLC for new business success fee earned for T-Mobile; *Success fee authorized by agreement approved by Resolution #27-2021 adopted 05/04/21:*

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve payment as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None. **15.** Action that is necessary to authorize repairs by Trane to replace relief values on CH low-pressure boilers at a quoted cost of \$1,502.00:

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

16. Action that is necessary to approve travel/training expenses for Firefighter Caleb Williams to attend the Alabama Fire College Rapid Intervention Crew Member course at the Alexander City Fire Department November 28-December 2, 2022. *No registration fee; expenses for lunches will be incurred; Williams to carpool with Osgood and Moseley (training approved 11/01/22). Total estimated expenses for Williams are \$75.00.*

A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Brewer to approve travel/training expenses as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

17. Action that is necessary to approve training expenses for SAFE Transportation Program supervisors Greg Patterson and Gail Federer to take the following online course: Reasonable Suspicion Training for Supervisors, at a cost of \$44.00/ea. Certificate required by ALDOT and East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission for supervisors of transportation programs:

A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Brewer to approve training expenses as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

- **18.** Action that is necessary to approve additional Accounts Payable invoices received for FY22 in the amount of \$138,433.44: *A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Brewer to approve payments as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.*
- **19.** Action that is necessary to approve balance of October Accounts Payable invoices in the amount of \$141,011.18: *A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Brewer to approve payments as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.*
- **20.** Action that is necessary to approve October payrolls in the amount of \$433,738.26:

A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Perryman to approve payments as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

21. Action that is necessary to approve request from Alabama Power Company to approve easement on City property located at 165 MCS Blvd. requested in order to install underground service needed for a Publix pylon sign; *Action authorizes Mayor James Heigl to sign required documents:*

Resolution #74-2022 was introduced by Councilman Brewer; Dispensed with reading of the resolution.

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

Upon unanimous consent to consider resolution at this meeting:

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve Resolution #74-2022 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

22. Action that is necessary to approve transfer of ABC Board 050 Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) license from Community Resources LLC, 204 West Fort Williams Street, to Gerrard D'Alessandro, owner of Meat Depot Sylacauga LLC, DBA Meat Depot Sylacauga by Fresh Value, located at 204 West Fort Williams Street in Sylacauga; *Police background check complete:* A motion by Councilwoman Heath, second by Councilman Brewer to approve action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

23. Action that is necessary to approve MOU with Blue Bell Creameries L.P, for the purchase of City property located on West 4th Street; *MOU provides terms for both parties to enter into a Real Estate Sales Contract and authorizes Mayor Heigl to sign MOU on behalf of the City:*

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

24. Action that is necessary to approve training expenses for Animal Shelter Technician Connie Willette to take the on-line Certified Euthanasia Technician Re-Certification Course on December 10, 2022. *Registration fee of \$200.00; no additional expenses will be incurred:*

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve training expenses as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.

25. Action that is necessary to approve request from Police Chief Kelley Johnson to authorize increase in pay for Lt. Renea Cummings from PS-4-5, \$29.45/hr. to PS-4-7, \$31.55/hr. due to compression:

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

- 26. Council President asked anyone wishing to address Council to come to the microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council. Willie Kidd, 2200 Countrywood Circle, regarding the swimming pool and concerns why Verlie Collins Community Center had not been repaired.
- 27. Having no further business to discuss,

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

(Time of adjournment 6:19 pm)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL DECEMBER 6, 2022

Ashton Fowler, President of City Council

CERTIFICATION

I, KIMBERLY S. MORRIS, as Interim 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 November 15, 2022.

Kimberly S. Morris, Interim City Clerk/Treasurer City of Sylacauga