

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYLACAUGA HELD NOVEMBER 17, 2020

1. Council President, Lee Perryman, called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Nate Brewer, Lee Perryman, and Laura Heath. Absent: None. Mayor James Heigl and City Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Carden were also present.
3. Rev. Charles Sims, First Presbyterian Church, provided an invocation.
4. Council President Perryman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Mayor James Heigl released his time to Laura Strickland, Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Strickland provided an update on local Christmas promotions and upcoming events for the Christmas season. Strickland reported that earlier in the day, the Chamber of Commerce and Parks & Recreation Department planted a live Christmas tree in Central Park and that a tree lighting ceremony is planned. She added that local merchants will be extending their hours during the holiday season and encouraged citizens to shop locally.
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, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.
7. Approve minutes of the regular city council meeting held October 20, 2020:
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.
8. Approve minutes of the special city council meeting held October 30, 2020:
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, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.
9. Approve minutes of the city council organizational meeting held November 2, 2020:
A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Action that is necessary to approve resolution granting an easement for the installation, ongoing monitoring and maintenance of a groundwater monitoring well to Geological Survey of Alabama (GSA); well is to be installed on city-owned property and located on the south side of the intersection of Twin Street & Georgia Avenue and the east side of the bridge that crosses Shirtee Creek, and to authorize Mayor James Heigl to sign any documents necessary to grant said easement:

Resolution #87-2020 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; 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, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

Upon unanimous consent by Council to give the resolution immediate consideration:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve Resolution 87-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

11. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing purchase of an iWorQ Systems software package to provide Code Enforcement, Permit Management, Plan Review Management, and Business License applications which will allow customers to communicate and apply for such services on-line and allow employees remote access to data and inspection information directly from the field and in compliance with social distancing and Safer-At-Home guidelines recommended by the State of Alabama and the CDC—*Package cost is \$52,600.00 for a three-year contract and includes maintenance and support.*

Resolution #88-2020 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; 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, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; 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 88-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

12. Action that is necessary to accept the recommendation of Mayor James Heigl to contract with EEFS to prepare and submit an application through the Rebuild Alabama Act Program (RAA) for grant funding for the Walnut Road Bridge Replacement Project estimated at \$350,000.00 which was previously submitted for consideration of ATRIP II funds (authorized through Resolutions 63-2020 & 64-2020)—*RAA will require a local commitment of up to \$145,000.00 for this project.*

Resolution #89-2020 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Dispensed with reading of the resolution.

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Nix to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; 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 89-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

13. **Appointment to the Commercial Development Authority—Expired four-year term of Jeff Bates ended March 15, 2019—DeCorey Hale 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 Brewer, second by Councilwoman Nix to appoint DeCorey Hale 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, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

14. Action that is necessary to approve request from Police Chief Kelley Johnson to authorize reimbursement in the amount of \$12,735.75 to the City of Childersburg for salary and training costs associated with certification as required in order to hire a certified police officer currently employed with Childersburg PD for less than 24-months from date of certification (*ref, Alabama Code 36-21-7*):

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

15. Action that is necessary to authorize City's legal counsel to file, on behalf of the City, a petition for writ of prohibition and mandamus in the appropriate court regarding matters related to the pending grievance(s) before the Civil Service Board:

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

16. Action that is necessary to approve request from Clements Dean Building Co., LLC for a refund in the amount of \$203.85 for overpayment of 2020 business license fee:

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

17. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for Animal Shelter employee, Shelby Morris, to attend the next available Certified Euthanasia Technician Training course to be held in Birmingham (date currently unannounced)—Registration fee is \$300.00; Additional cost for mileage and meals may be incurred—Estimated total cost of travel/training for Morris is \$450.00:

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

18. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$605,464.39 for payrolls for October, 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, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

19. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$32,705.38 for additional FY2020 accounts payable invoices received after year-end:

A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to authorize payment of accounts payable invoices as presented was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

20. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$433,376.54 for balance of accounts payable invoices received for FY2021:

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, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.

21. Time for anyone to address Council—no action to be taken at this meeting: (Ask each to come to microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council.)

Patricia Garrett, 311 E. 12th Street—Stated that she has been requesting a meeting with Council, Mayor, Jayne McGee, Ed Ford, the City Clerk, and the City Attorney, but she has not heard anything. Mayor Heigl responded saying that Ms. Garrett has filed a grievance which Mr. Ford has answered. Heigl added that the grievance has been sent to the Civil Service Board and they already have it on their schedule. Council President Perryman advised Ms. Garrett that being the case, Council could not discuss the matter any further with her until the CSB had ruled on it.

22. Having no further business to discuss,

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

(Time of adjournment 6:38 p.m.)

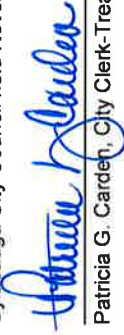
APPROVED BY COUNCIL DECEMBER 1, 2020:



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 the regular meeting of the Sylacauga City Council held November 17, 2020.



Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer