

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SYLACAUGA HELD NOVEMBER 21, 2017

1. Council President, Lee Perryman called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
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 Rev. Harris Bond, Knollwood Presbyterian Church.
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Council President.
5. Mayor Jim Heigl proclaimed November 17-23, 2017, as Alabama Farm-City Week in the City of Sylacauga. Mayor Heigl recognized the following employees for years of service with 25-year service pins: 1) Street Dept. Asst. Supt. Dannie Sims; 2) Street Dept. employee Ray Thornton; 3) Shop Supt. Ed Ford; 4) Police Dept. Sgt. Mike Smith; and 5) Retired Police Officer Doug Kemp. Heigl commended SAFE on 20 years of service to the community, and to Nemark for its investment in the Sylacauga community. Mayor Heigl added that Council will be taking action on the 2018 Budget during this meeting, and thanked the accounting staff and Council for all their work toward putting together a surplus budget.
6. Police Chief Kelley Johnson to recognize Police Officers through presentation of marksmanship awards (Top Gun, Bulls Eye, & Combat)—*Ceremonial only, no action required by Council*.  
Chief Johnson introduced Sgt. Shane Bland who is over the firearms team, and asked him to explain the qualifying requirements and how the awards program works and how the recipients are determined. Bland then presented the awards to the various officers: Officer Jake Pennington received the Combat Award; Officer Chris Gallops received the Bulls Eye Award, as well as the Top Gun Award.
7. 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.*
8. Approve minutes of the regular city council meeting held November 7, 2017:  
*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.*

**OLD BUSINESS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

9. Public Hearing for consideration of annexation and zoning of that certain property located at or otherwise described as 252 Oldfield Circle. Recommendation from Planning Commission regarding zoning of said property is AG-1—*Public hearing date set 10/17/2017; Resolution 45-2017*:  
**Council President opened the public hearing and called for comments. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposed action. Council President closed the public hearing and called for action by the Council.**  
**Ordinance #2193-17** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read 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 ordinance immediate consideration:**

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to adopt Ordinance 2193-17 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 tax incentive agreement with Hurr, Smith & Sanders, LLC for Pizza & Pint restaurant—first available date for hearing is December 19, 2017:

**Resolution #49-2017** was introduced by Councilman Fowler; Read by City Clerk.

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution 49-2017 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 tax incentive agreement with Hurr, Smith & Sanders, LLC for Trailwares retail store—first available date for hearing is December 19, 2017:

**Resolution #50-2017** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by City Clerk.

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution 50-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

12. Action necessary to approve resolution adopting FY2018 General Fund Operating Budget(s) for the City of Sylacauga including related inter-fund transfers and authorizes associated agency contracts for services:

**Resolution #51-2017** was introduced by Councilman Blackmon; 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 resolution immediate consideration:**

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution 51-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

13. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing a 5% Cost of Living Increase pay increase for all full-time city employees to become effective with the pay period ending November 24, 2017:

**Resolution #52-2017** was introduced by Councilman Blackmon; Read by City Clerk.

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution 52-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

14. Action that is necessary to approve request from Interim Fire Chief Adam Gardner to authorize entry rate of pay for F/T Firefighters Kyle Mosley and Kyle McCollum at Pay Grade PS-1, Step 1 at a rate of \$11.50/hour—Policies allow recommendations of entry pay levels above established Grade minimums based on documented qualifications and with approval of Council; request is in excess of the minimum and will become effective with pay period ending 11/24/2017:

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

15. Action that is necessary to establish the pay grade for the Code Enforcement Dept. P/T Building Inspector position created by Council 7/18/2017, at Grade AO-8 (\$40,580.10 min (probation) to \$56,598.15 max pay range) of the City's compensation plan:

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

**Item Deleted Prior to Meeting—**

16. Action necessary to approve 10-year extension of agreement between City and Sylacauga Little League for use of playing fields in Wingard Park (McEwen Field, Peters Field & Roberts Park):

A motion by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_, second by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_ to  
was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman,  
Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

17. Action that is necessary to approve request from KE Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for a refund of utility permit fees in the amount of \$235.00, paid through Permit #2017521 issued 10/20/2017—Refund requested due to fact that work was not completed by contractor.

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

18. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for Police Chief Kelley Johnson, PD Lt. Willis Whatley, and PD Investigator Mike Smith to attend the Sex Offender Registration & Notification Act Training to be held in Hoover, December 14-15, 2017—No registration fee; Additional costs for meals and use of a city vehicle will be incurred. Estimated total cost of travel/training is \$120.00:

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

19. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$354,880.62 for payrolls for October, 2017:

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.

20. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$576,753.24 for balance of accounts payable invoices received for October, 2017:

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. Council President announced that Council will meet with representatives of Engineering Design Technologies, Inc. (EDT, Inc.) at 4:00 p.m. prior to the work session on 12/05/2017, to discuss and review recommendations for applying for a 2018 TAP Grant. No other speakers addressed Council during this meeting.

22. Having no further business to discuss,  
*A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilwoman Nix to adjourn was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

*(Time of adjournment 6:36 p.m.)*

APPROVED BY COUNCIL DECEMBER 05, 2017:



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 Sylabauga City Council held November 21, 2017.

  
Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer