

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYLACAUGA HELD DECEMBER 15, 2020

1. Council President, Lee Perryman, called the meeting to order at 6:37 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. Nate Brewer, District 3 Councilman, provided an invocation.
4. Council President Perryman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Mayor James Heigl summarized Governor Ivey's 20th Safer at Home Proclamation, highlighting the stipulations that extend to January 22, 2021, and specifying the statewide mask requirement which requires individuals to wear a mask or facial covering when in public and in close contact with others. Mayor Heigl closed his report with the following message, "On behalf of your city government, we wish you a glittery, sparkly, joyous Christmas. May you feel the warmth of your family's love and may peace and hope fill your life throughout the year. Merry Christmas to one and all!"
6. Adopt Agenda:  
*A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to adopt the 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 December 1, 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.*

### OLD BUSINESS: None.

### NEW BUSINESS:

8. Action that is necessary to approve the request from Municipal Judge Barry Vaughn to approve a resolution authorizing additional municipal court dates through the end of April, 2021, to help clear the backlog of cases created by the COVID pandemic—*Additional court dates have been previously authorized by Council through Resolution 37-2020; 5/19/2020 & Resolution 68-2020; 10/08/2020.*

**Resolution 93-2020** was introduced by Councilman Brewer; 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, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.*

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

*A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution 93-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.*

9. Action that is necessary to establish the following dates as the 2021 Holiday Schedule to be observed by City employees:

2021 Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day	January 1, 2021	Fri
** King/Lee Holiday	January 18, 2021	Mon
** Presidents Day	February 15, 2021	Mon
Good Friday	April 2, 2021	Fri
** Memorial Day	May 31, 2021	Mon
** Independence Day	July 5, 2021	Mon
** Labor Day	September 6, 2021	Mon
Columbus/Native American Heritage Day	October 11, 2021	Mon
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2021	Thu
Thanksgiving Holidays	November 25-26, 2021	Thu-Fri
Christmas Holidays	December 23-24, 2021	Thu-Fri
** New Year's Day (2022)	January 3, 2022	Mon

**\*\* Work Sessions and Council Meetings will be held on the Thursday following the holiday at the regular times; Work Sessions beginning at 5:00 p.m. with corresponding Council Meetings to begin at 6:00 p.m. However, the corresponding Council Meeting may begin immediately following the affected Work Session if the Work Session is especially short.**

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

**10.** Action that is necessary to approve recommendation from Mayor James Heigl to approve the request from PD Officer Adam Grantham for a 90-day extension of his General Leave Without Pay (employee responsible for insurance benefits) authorized by Council on 10/08/2020; PD Chief has approved request for additional leave without pay.

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve request for extension of leave as recommended was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.*

**11.** Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from Interim Code Enforcement Director Mike Whetstone to approve refund in the amount of \$40.25 as requested by On Point Plumbing, LLC, for payment of permit, including applicable business license addition, collected in error for a job located outside the city limits:

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

**12.** Action that is necessary to approve request from Street Supt. Reed Calfee to accept proposal in the amount of \$3,533.00 from Tri-Group Builders, LLC, for the purchase and installation of twenty (20) custom dog kennel gates at the Animal Shelter:

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

**13.** Action that is necessary to approve request from Fire Chief Nate Osgood for authorization of three (3) FD Captain positions at Pay Grade PS-4 (Pay Range \$49,903.67 - \$69,604.75) and for permission to post promotions for said positions through CSB--Funding will be reallocated from existing vacant firefighter position & will not require a formal budget amendment; vacant slot will not be backfilled:

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

**14.** Action that is necessary to accept the 60-day notice of retirement from City Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Carden effective February 1, 2021, and to certify to RSA the conversion of 245 days of accrued/unused sick leave toward her post-DROP

retirement service credit as part of Ms. Carden's retirement packet submittal to RSA:

*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, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.*

**15.** Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$432,693.96 for payrolls for November, 2020:

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

**16.** Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$119,511.42 for additional FY2020 accounts payable invoices received after year-end:

*A motion by Councilman Brewer, 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, Brewer, Heath; Nays: None.*

**17.** Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$533,651.70 for balance of accounts payable invoices received for November, 2020:

*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.*

**18.** Council President asked anyone wishing to address Council to come to the microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council—

*Councilman Fowler congratulated CCT Patricia Carden on her upcoming retirement and thanked her for everything she's done to help them (Council) and for the City. Council President Perryman expressed appreciation for the hard work of city employees in making sure they have what they need, making sure all the budget numbers work, keeping them out of trouble, and making sure the city runs as efficiently as possible-- everyone from the Mayor's office, Human Resources, Police, Fire, all other departments, and City Clerk-Treasurer. Carden added that it takes everybody to make it all work. Perryman closed with holiday wishes and looking forward to being back early next year.*

**19.** 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 6:47 p.m.)*

CERTIFICATION:

APPROVED BY COUNCIL JANUARY 5, 2021:



Lee Perryman, President of City Council

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 December 15, 2020.

  
Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer