

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYLACAUGA HELD DECEMBER 20, 2022

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Council President, Ashton Fowler.
2. Roll Call: Council Members present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, and Lee Perryman. Council Members absent: Nate Brewer and Laura Heath. Mayor James Heigl and Interim City Clerk/Treasurer Kim Morris were also present.
3. Invocation was provided by Police Chaplain Mark Ledbetter prior to the work session.
4. Council President led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Report from Mayor James Heigl:
Mayor Heigl allowed Mark Ledbetter to report the opening of First Baptist Church as a warming station from 7 P.M. on Thursday, December 22 until Monday morning, December 26, as temperatures are not predicted to be above freezing for three days. Volunteers are needed.
Mayor Heigl thanked the Sylacauga Beautification Council for the decorations at City Hall, and congratulated the Chamber of Commerce and Coosa Pines Credit Union on an outstanding Christmas parade.
Mayor Heigl wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
6. Adopt Agenda:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Perryman to amend the agenda by removing Items #9 and #12 and by adding Items #20, #21, and #22 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman; Nays: None.
7. Approve minutes of the regular city council meeting held December 6, 2022:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Perryman to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman; Nays: None.
8. Approve minutes of the regular work session held December 6, 2022:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Perryman to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman; Nays: None.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

9. Action that is necessary to adopt ordinance #2250-22 to declare property located at 407 North Main Avenue surplus, no longer needed for municipal purposes, and to authorize City Attorney to prepare a deed to Matthew Gregory at the purchase price of \$225,000.00.
Item removed from the agenda.
10. Action that is necessary to accept recommendation of Street Supt. Reed Calfee to approve resolution to declare 2007 Freightliner M2 with Elgin Sweeper, S/N 1FVACXCSX7HX64164 surplus and to authorize disposal on GovDeals.com or by other appropriate disposition:
Resolution #82-2022 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Dispensed with reading of the resolution.

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

Upon unanimous consent to consider resolution at this meeting:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Perryman to approve Resolution #82-2022 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman; Nays: None.

11. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing Amendment #1 to the Solid Waste Collection, Transportation and Hauling contract with GFL Solid Waste Southeast, LLC DBA GFL Environmental, approving a three percent increase in service fees to become effective with the second anniversary date of contract (April 1, 2023), based on the 7.0 increase in CPI for the twelve month period ending December 31, 2021; *Action authorizes Mayor Heigl to sign contract amendment on behalf of the City.*

Resolution #83-2022 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Dispensed with reading of the Resolution.

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

Upon unanimous consent to consider resolution at this meeting:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Perryman to approve Resolution #83-2022 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman; Nays: None.

12. Action that is necessary to (1) authorize a waiver of the ordinance provision for passing on to residents the \$.40 for one cart/\$.24 for two or more carts, per customer CPI rate increase from GFL Environment for residential garbage pick-up effective April 1, 2023 OR (2) to impose the ordinance provision for passing on to residents the \$.40 for one cart/\$.24 for two or more carts, per customer CPI rate increase from GFL Environment for residential garbage pick-up effective April 1, 2023; *Garbage ordinance states that all rate increases resulting from CPI escalation clause in garbage contract will be passed on to the residents upon a 30-day notice at the time the increase becomes effective to the City.
Item removed from agenda.*

13. Action that is necessary to approve overrun charges on the Marble City Heights Circle Paving project in the amount of \$702.40 and to authorize final retainage payment to Central Alabama Asphalt & Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$1,886.31 at the recommendation of EEFS:

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

14. Action that is necessary to approve recommendation from Mayor James Heigl to approve 2023 Special Paid Time Off policy for COVID leave for city employees:

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

15. Action that is necessary to approve request from Alice Averette to remove garbage fees of \$17.00/mth from utility billing for vacant residence at 383 Monroe Street; *Home has been unoccupied since August 2005, and no garbage services are being provided at residence.*

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

- 16.** Action that is necessary to approve travel/training expenses for Interim Director of Building Services Mike Whetstone and Bldg Inspector Wayne Sayers to attend the NEC2023-Analysis of Changes to be held in Hoover, Alabama January 6, 2023. Registration fee of \$150.00 per employee and use of a city-provided vehicle will be incurred. Employees will carpool. Estimated expenses for Whetstone and Sayers are \$150.00/each.
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Perryman to approve travel/training expense as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman; Nays: None.

- 17.** Action that is necessary to approve additional Accounts Payable invoices received for FY22 in the amount of \$1,453.80:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Perryman to approve payments as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman; Nays: None.

- 18.** Action that is necessary to approve balance of November Accounts Payable invoices in the amount of \$260,968.72:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Perryman to approve payments as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman; Nays: None.

- 19.** Action that is necessary to approve payrolls for November in the amount of \$438,578.52:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Perryman to approve payments as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman; Nays: None.

- 20.** Action that is necessary to approve request from Street Supt. Reed Calfee to re-establish pay rate for Asst. Street Supt. Kenneth Kromer from A08 Step 2, \$23.89/hr. to A08 Step 3, \$24.70/hr.:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Perryman to approve action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman; Nays: None.

- 21.** Action that is necessary to impose the ordinance provision for passing on to residents the CPI increase imposed by GFL at the following rates: \$1.00 for one residential garbage container and \$1.24 for two or more residential garbage containers, which includes Street Department pickup at households within the City, effective April 1, 2023:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Perryman to approve action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman; Nays: None.

- 22.** Action that is necessary to impose the ordinance provision for passing on to apartment complexes the 3.0 percent CPI increase imposed by GFL to be effective April 1, 2023:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Perryman to approve action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman; Nays: None.

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

There were no speakers at the meeting.

24. Having no further business to discuss:

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

(Time of adjournment 5:45 p.m.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL JANUARY 5, 2023



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 December 20, 2022.



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