

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 18, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on, 2019, in regular session.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Council President Toles. On roll call by the City Clerk, Iva Nelson, the following council members answered present: Toles, Williams, Worthy, Wilson. Councilmen Back, Cannon and Reed were absent. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Mayor Guyton, Heath Williamson, and Captain Keener were also present.

The invocation was given by Councilman Williams.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on February 4, 2020, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the weeks of January 31-February 6 and February 7-13, 2020, were ratified by unanimous vote.

#197607-197810	General	\$1,789,918.99
#197811-197991	General	\$ 424,891.67

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) The following ordinance, which was introduced for first reading at last week's meeting, was presented for consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. O-05-20

CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

(Authorizing conveyance of approximately 0.05 acres - Located behind convenience store at 1230 West Meighan Boulevard - District 3 - Accepting \$500 offer from Yousef Alabbasi - Note: hearing/air conditioning units of the business are on the property)

Councilman Worthy moved to adopt the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and unanimously adopted.

(2) President Toles announced that no action was necessary on a resolution regarding 1002 Christopher Avenue in District 5, as the nuisance has been abated by the owners. Councilman Wilson expressed appreciation to the owners for eliminating the nuisance.

(3) President Toles announced that no action was necessary on a resolution regarding 3515 W. Meighan Boulevard in District 6, as the nuisance has been abated by the owners.

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

(1) The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-71-20

REAPPOINTING MEMBER TO LIBRARY BOARD

(Reappointing Alie Causey for term expiring February 16, 2024)

Councilman Wilson moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously adopted.

(2) The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-72-20

DECLARING ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON
CERTAIN NEW BUSINESS LICENSES

(Renewing moratorium - Regarding issuance of business licenses for payday loan, car title loan and check cashing businesses - For period of one year, from effective date of resolution - Providing City an opportunity to research, study, and develop appropriate zoning and commercial development plan - Note: Moratorium was last extended by R-13-19)

Councilman Williams moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously adopted.

(3) The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-20

ACCEPTING CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY
ON SUDIE AVENUE

(Accepting conveyance of property from Patsy McCreless - 3113 Sudie Avenue in District 6 - East 1/3 of Lots 1 & 2, Block 8, West Point Addition to Gadsden)

Councilman Williams moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously adopted.

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING

(1) President Toles announced a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance was being removed from today's agenda and would be considered at a later date.

(2) An ordinance authorizing conveyance of certain property at 1523 4th Avenue in District 5 was presented in writing for the first reading. Since no action was taken, the ordinance will be placed on next week's agenda for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) Councilman Williams introduced the following resolution in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-74-20

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH
B. CRAIG LIPSCOMB, ARCHITECT, LLC

(Authorizing Agreement - B. Craig Lipscomb Architect - \$288,000.00 - To provide master planning, landscape design, irrigation design and all required architectural plans and specifications - For construction of improvements to sports park at Gadsden State Community College)

President Toles received unanimous consent to immediately consider the resolution as an item of new business. Councilman Williams moved to adopt the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously adopted.

(2) Councilman Wilson introduced the following ordinance in writing for consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. O-06-20

AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

(Authorizing conveyance of property on Springfield Avenue - Donnell and Dorris Horton - Note: This corrects legal description in prior eminent domain proceeding)

Councilman Wilson moved to suspend the rules to immediately consider the ordinance as an item of new business. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Toles, Williams, Worthy, and Wilson

NAYS: None

Councilman Wilson moved to adopt the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and unanimously adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Jen Weathington, Parks & Recreation Director, presented information on many upcoming sports programs and special events. Councilman Williams commended Ms. Weathington for providing movies in the park and her due diligence in complying with legal requirements for screening.

CITIZEN REQUESTS

Chris Williams presented information on Quality of Life efforts regarding the “All of Us Research Program” designed to enable precision medicine. He invited local residents to participate and contribute to research to improve health for everyone. In response to Councilman Williams’ inquiry, Mr. Williams pointed out individuals only contribute what they wish to and are identified only by a participant number. Councilman Williams also pointed out the importance of biometric screening.

Larry Avery (Carver Community Revitalization Committee) thanked various city departments and officials for their support and explained the organization’s mission in revitalizing the community. He announced a cleanup day on February 22 on Tuscaloosa Avenue, and a Black History Program at Carver Gym on February 23. Mr. Avery noted another clean-up day will be held in conjunction with First Saturday activities on March 7. Councilman Worthy commended the group’s efforts.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Mayor Guyton advised that Public Works and Nuisance Abatement departments will conduct a “sweep” of neighborhoods to eliminate nuisances and illegal dumping. Councilman Williams expressed support of clean-up efforts and President Toles advised residents to begin cleaning up around their homes.

Councilman Worthy announced the upcoming RAM (Remote Area Medical) clinic on March 28-29 at Gadsden City High School. He explained the procedures and hours for registration and health/dental/vision treatment and encouraged participation.

Councilman Wilson noted the moratorium adopted today doesn’t prevent existing businesses from continuing or relocating. He expressed excitement that the sports park project is underway and commended Mayor Guyton and city staff. Councilman Wilson congratulated the Kiwanis Club for another successful “pancake day.”

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (2-18-2020)

FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING
FEBRUARY 18, 2020 - 2:00 P.M.

The City Clerk received bid proposals as advertised for the following bids:

Bid No. 3429 - Raymond Hill Community Center Reroofing Project

Midwestern Roofing	\$82,120.00
Construction Specialty Associates	\$85,825.00
Alabama Roofing & Sheet Metal Company	\$86,180.00
GKL Companies	\$90,100.00
Bond Construction	\$96,329.00

Bid No. 3430 - Air Depot Sprinkler Head Replacement Project

Chase Building Group	\$159,000.00
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Copies of the bids will be forwarded to the City Engineer, and a recommendation will be made to the Council.
