

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
JANUARY 12, 2016 - 5:00 P.M.

The City Council met on January 12, 2016, in regular session.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Council President Williams. On roll call by the City Clerk, Iva Nelson, the following council members answered present: Toles, Williams, Worthy, Echols, Billingsley, Cannon and Reed. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Mayor Guyton, Heath Williamson, Lee Roberts and Chief Crane were also present.

The invocation was given by President Williams.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on January 5, 2016, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of January 1-7, 2016 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) A resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 926 Avenue A in District 3, which was tabled for 30 days on December 8, was presented in writing for consideration. Councilman Worthy moved to table the resolution an additional 30 days, which motion was seconded by Councilman Billingsley and unanimously carried.

(2) A resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at #2 Laurel Road in District 6, which was tabled for 30 days on December 8, was presented in writing for consideration. Upon recommendation of the Building Official, Councilman Cannon moved to table the resolution an additional 30 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Echols and unanimously carried.

(3) A resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 103 Body Street in District 7, which was tabled for 30 days on December 8, was presented in writing for consideration. Upon recommendation of the Building Official, Councilman Reed moved to table the resolution an additional 30 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) Councilwoman Toles introduced the following resolution in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-16-16

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH
GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Authorizing Lease - Gadsden State Community College - For City's use of area on east side of roadway leading to Dub Parker Park and fenced area on west side, including track and soccer fields, south of Aquaculture area and across roadway from existing softball complex, the Gadsden State Baseball Facility/Field, and the grass area (soccer fields) located at the corner of George Wallace Drive and College Drive, concession stand and field lighting structures/system - For term of 10 years, from 1-1-2016 to 12-31-2025 - \$1.00 per year - Note: This lease will replace the one authorized by R-191-15)

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

(2) Councilman Billingsley introduced the following resolution in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-17-16

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF QUOTE FROM
BRIDGE INSPECTION SERVICES, LLC

(Authorizing Acceptance of Quote - Bridge Inspection Services, LLC - \$6,000.00 - Inspection of bridges located at Broad Street over the Coosa River and Forrest Avenue over the Republic Railroad - To meet State compliance requirements)

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

(3) Councilman Cannon introduced the following ordinance in writing for consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. O-10-16

AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY
AT 10 DWIGHT AVENUE

(Authorizing Conveyance of Property - 10 Dwight Avenue - Lot 58, Parcel Number 4, Cone Mills Corporation, Dwight Division - Accepting offer of \$5,000.00 from Larry and Pam Tarrance, pursuant to receipt of sealed bids)

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

AYES: Toles, Williams, Worthy, Echols, Billingsley, Cannon, Reed

NAYS: None

Councilman Cannon noted this property was conveyed to the City by Wells Fargo. He moved to adopt the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Billingsley and unanimously adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Heath Williamson, City Engineer, provided information to the public concerning road closures at S. 11th Street (bridge replacement) and Princeton Avenue (culvert replacement).

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilwoman Toles expressed concern for former Board of Education member Joe Ransaw, who was involved in an accident.

Councilman Worthy announced Friday's "Unity in the Community" parade.

Councilman Billingsley urged citizens to refrain from littering and to assist in picking up any litter they see. Councilman Reed pointed out citizens can report the tag number of vehicles involved in littering.

President Williams encouraged everyone to use the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday as a day of service. He announced Quality of Life's screening event and recognized David Lawson, who announced WMGJ's 30th annual celebration. President Williams outlined changes in the garbage collection schedule.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (1-12-2016)
