

FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING  
APRIL 11, 2017 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Bid No. 3338 - HVAC Replacement for Gadsden Public Library Main Branch		
Boatner Construction Company, Inc.		\$338,670.00
Coosa Heating & Cooling, Inc.		\$321,000.00
Stateline Mechanical, LLC		\$304,500.00

Copies of the bids will be forwarded to the City Engineer, and a recommendation will be made to the Council.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
APRIL 11, 2017 - 5:00 P.M.

The City Council met on April 11, 2017, 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. Heath Williamson, Lee Roberts and Chief Jaggears were also present.

The invocation was given by President Williams.

The minutes of the Public Work Committee, Work Session and Council meeting held on April 4, 2017, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of March 31 - April 6, 2017 were ratified by unanimous vote.

#172741-172907	General	\$632,390.15
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On behalf of Mayor Guyton, Shane Ellison read a proclamation proclaiming April 11-15, 2017, as "James M. Barrie Center for Children Week" and presented it to Patricia Falcon. Mrs. Falcon recognized staff and board members present, presented the annual report and announced the annual pinwheel ceremony on April 12.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

President Williams stated this was the time and place as advertised to conduct the following public hearings:

(1) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 1317 Eastview Avenue in District 1, Jaz Investments LLC being the last known owner. Brian Harbison, Building Official, recommended a 30-day extension due to recent improvements. Councilwoman Toles moved to table the resolution for 30 days, which motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon and unanimously carried.

(2) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 720 Ruby Street, Frank Hanby and Kay Hanby being the last known owners. Frank Hanby stated this is his shop and questioned what is needed to bring it up to code. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated the structure is actually a single-family dwelling. He said procedures began in July 2016, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-124-17

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 720 Ruby Street - District 2 - Frank Hanby; Kay Hanby)

Councilman Billingsley moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon and unanimously adopted. President Williams advised Mr. Hanby to get with Mr. Harbison after the meeting.

(3) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 303 N. 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Kimberly Hudson, Gary Honeycutt and wife Donna Honeycutt being the last known owners. Kimberly Hudson related her personal history with ownership of the property and requested additional time to rehabilitate the structure. A discussion followed regarding criminal activity that has occurred in the house and dangerous conditions that exist. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in October 2016, and recommended abatement. He said although he doesn't object to the owner's intent to save the house, but is very concerned that it is unsecured. Councilman Cannon advised Ms. Hudson to proceed quickly with repairs and to get with Mr. Harbison. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-125-17

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 303 N. 30<sup>th</sup> Street - District 6 - Kimberly Hudson; Gary Honeycutt; Donna Honeycutt)

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

(4 and 5) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to resolutions ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 2323 and 2325 Forrest Avenue in District 6, Michael J. Head being the last known owner. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated although a permit was obtained in October 2016, no improvements have been made since procedures began in September 2016, and recommended abatement. He added the owner spoke with him and Councilman Cannon before the meeting and promised to eliminate the nuisance within 30 days. Councilman Cannon moved to table both resolutions for 30 days, which motion was seconded by Councilman Billingsley and carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Toles

(6) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 2200 Sansom Avenue, Bessie J. Kimble being the last known owner. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in September 2016, and recommended abatement. He added the building is unsecured and is near a middle school. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-126-17

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 2200 Sansom Avenue - District 6 - Bessie J. Kimble)

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

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-127-17

APPROVING ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL EVENT  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(Downtown Gadsden, Inc., d/b/a Downtown Music Festival - Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License - For event at Coosa Landing, 200 Lake Street on April 29, 2017)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-128-17

AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FROM  
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

(Authorizing application of CERT Mini-Grant - \$750.00 - For purchase of ten each of CERT Pro Kit 3 Backpack Kits and breakaway Neon CERT Vests)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-129-17

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH  
MICHAEL A. ROGERS

(Authorizing Agreement - Michael A. Rogers - For Construction Inspection and Administrative Services for the Engineering Department)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-130-17

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH  
SCALES PR MARKETING FIRM, INC.

(Authorizing Lease Agreement - Scales PR Marketing Firm, Inc. - \$4,000.00 - For Spring Carnival event to be held on property and parking lot located in the 200 block of Broad Street, adjacent to Jack's Restaurant - Lessee will be responsible for all lighting, utilities, etc. - Note: Event will be scheduled for May 17-28, 2017)

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Jen Weathington (Interim Parks & Recreation Director) announced an Easter egg hunt at the sports complex on Thursday (April 13). She reported on last weekend's Smoke on the Falls event.

Renee Baker (Community Development Planner) stated the need to continue lobbying Federal representatives regarding the CDBG program's future. She explained the emergency repair and paint programs. President Williams noted the City's appropriation has substantially decreased over the years and is not included in the President's proposed budget.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilwoman Toles announced a District 1 meeting at 6 p.m. on April 24 at the Antioch Family Life Center.

Councilman Worthy announced a District 3 meeting at 6 p.m. on April 13 at Abundant Life Church and an insurance forum at noon on April 13 in the George Baker Room at Carver Community Center.

Councilman Billingsley reported on last night's District 5 meeting noting many citizens support his proposal regarding Water Works and Sewer Board membership.

Councilman Cannon noted next Tuesday is Youth in Government Day.

President Williams referred to last week's meeting and reiterated his commitment to maintaining good decorum. He referred to a number of proposed bills in the State Legislature that are pre-emptive and erode the authority and finances of cities. President Williams announced "flashback" weekend and its family friendly activities. He announced changes in the garbage collection schedule due to the Good Friday holiday.

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

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (4-11-2017)

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