

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
JUNE 7, 2016 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on June 7, 2016, in regular session.

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

The invocation was given by Brian Harbison.

The minutes of the Poverty Subcommittee, Work Session and Council meetings held on May 31, 2016, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of May 27 - June 2, 2016 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) The following resolution, which was tabled for 30 days on May 3, was presented in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-238-16

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 202 Morningview Drive - District 2 - Elder Roy Coats; Bro. Roy Alphonso Coats; Conseco Finance)

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

(2) A resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at #2 Laurel Road in District 6, which was tabled for 30 days on May 3, was presented in writing for consideration. Upon recommendation of the Building Inspector, Councilman Cannon moved to table the resolution an additional 30 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

President Williams stated this was the time and place as advertised to conduct a public hearing allowing anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 501 Van Courtland Street, Vladimir Salagado and Brandy Wilkes being the last known owners. Brandy Wilkes requested a list of needed repairs and said she felt they had completed everything. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in September 2015, and recommended abatement. He added a complete list of needed improvements was previously provided. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-239-16

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 501 Van Courtland Street - District 6 - Vladimir Salagado; Brandy Wilkes)

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

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-240-16

REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR BID NO. 3309

(Rejecting Bid No. 3309 - Air Depot Building Demolition Project - Engineering Department recommended rejection due to insufficient funding to complete the project)

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

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Lisa Rosser (Finance/Revenue Director) presented financial statements for the FY16 general fund and Twin Bridges Golf Course. Sales tax rebates were also discussed.

PUBLIC

Judge Jamie Sledge referred to recent articles in the New York Times (written by David Brooks) and the Atlantic Magazine. He described the All-America City award Gadsden won in 1991 and encouraged motivated citizens to look for projects that can be done to improve our city through public-private partnerships.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (6-7-2016)
