

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
JANUARY 2, 2018 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on January 2, 2018, 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 and Reed. Councilmen Echols and Cannon were absent. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Mayor Guyton, Heath Williamson, Lee Roberts and Chief Jaggers were also present.

The invocation was given by Shane Ellison.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on December 19, 2017, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the weeks of December 15-21 and December 22-28, 2017 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) The following resolution, which was tabled for 30 days on November 28, was presented in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-01-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 1554 Terrace Drive - District 1 - Michael Pierce)

Upon recommendation of the Building Official, Councilwoman Toles moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously adopted.

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 assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 1348 Forrest Avenue, Ann Harris and Robert Conville III being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-02-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$4,066.40 - 1348 Forrest Avenue - District 3 - Ann Harris; Robert Conville III)

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

(2) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 915 Crenshaw Avenue, Larry N. Nesmith being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-03-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$3,741.40 - 915 Crenshaw Avenue - District 6 - Larry N. Nesmith)

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

(3) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 906 N. 33rd Street, Anne McCoy being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-04-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,291.40 - 906 N. 33rd Street - District 7 - Anne McCoy)

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

(4) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 913 N. 36th Street, the State of Alabama, Ashley Williamson, and Alvin G. Dixon being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-05-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$1,616.40 - 913 N. 36th Street - District 7 - State of Alabama; Ashley Williamson; Alvin G. Dixon)

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-06-18

AUTHORIZING SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

(Authorizing Subrecipient Agreements - Community Development Block Grant funds - MANNA, \$20,000.00; Thirteenth Place, Inc., \$12,000.00; Way of the Cross Ministries, \$12,000.00; Snellgrove Civitan Center, \$3,500.00; The Love Center, \$7,000.00; Council on Aging, \$2,000.00; Family Success Center, \$10,000.00; Barrie Center, \$3,500.00; Catholic Center of Concern, \$3,000.00; Downtown Gadsden, Inc., \$10,000.00; Commercial Development Authority, \$10,000.00)

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 Worthy and unanimously adopted.

(2) Councilwoman Toles introduced the following ordinance in writing for consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. O-01-18

AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT BUDGET AND ACTION PLAN

(Amending FY2017 Community Development Block Grant Budget - To reflect \$27,235.00 appropriation increase, for budget totaling \$972,970.00 - FY2017 Annual Action Plan amended for \$6,500.00 increase to line item budget for Housing Assistance- Authorizing subrecipient agreements with organizations)

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

AYES: Toles, Williams, Worthy, Billingsley, Reed

NAYS: None

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

(3) Councilman Reed introduced the following resolution in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-07-18

AWARDING BID NO. 3367

(Awarding Bid No. 3367 - Sewer And Water Improvements For The Venue At Coosa Landing- Bedwell & Whorton Excavating, LLC.-\$488,015.00)

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

At the request of Councilman Worthy, Building Official Brian Harbison explained recent changes in the definition of abandoned vehicles, as well as enforcement procedures through municipal court. He said verbiage in the former provision was clarified to prevent an interpretation that moving a vehicle every seven days would make it exempt.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Mayor Guyton asked residents to be patient with trash collection, noting a backlog exists, due to the high volume of items placed on the street, coupled with holiday schedules and truck issues.

Several Council members joined in wishing everyone a Happy New Year. President Williams announced changes in the garbage collection schedule due to yesterday's holiday.

Councilman Worthy announced a Gadsden Empowerment Initiative breakfast on Monday, January 15 and requested responses concerning number of attendees.

Councilman Billingsley announced a District 5 meeting at 6 p.m. on January 8 at the Library.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (1-2-2018)
