

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 6, 2018 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on February 6, 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, Echols, Cannon and Reed. Councilman Billingsley was absent. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Mayor Guyton, Heath Williamson, and Captain Cody were also present. Lee Roberts joined the meeting after it was in progress.

The invocation was given by Brian Harbison.

The minutes of the public meeting on January 29, 2018, and the work session and council meeting held on January 30, 2018, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of January 26 - February 1, 2018 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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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 1608 Meadowbrook Avenue, Mary Lee Key being the last known owner. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made to this mobile home since procedures began in August 2017, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-41-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 1608 Meadowbrook Avenue - District 1 - Mary Lee Key)

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

(City Attorney Lee Roberts joined the meeting at this time.)

(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 607 Polk Street, Michael Head being the last known owner. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, recommended abatement, stating this case began in July 2017. He noted a permit was obtained in May 2017, and some of the porch roof was replaced, but there have been no further improvements. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-42-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 607 Polk Street - District 2 - Michael Head)

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

(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 205 S. 14th Street, Arlando and Quantecia Jennings, and the State of Alabama being the last known owners. Quantecia Jennings requested an additional two weeks, stating her brother was in a coma and is in the hospital. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated there have been six municipal court cases involving vehicles on the property, dating back to 2012. He noted nuisance procedures began in March 2017, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-43-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 205 S. 14th Street - District 3 - Arlando & Quantecia Jennings; State of Alabama)

Councilman Worthy advised he would move for abatement but Ms. Jennings will have two weeks before the City takes action. He then 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 ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 211 S. 14th Street, Gussie Jordan and Arlando Jennings, and the State of Alabama being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated this case, which also involves vehicles, began in March 2017. He noted six municipal court cases date back to 2011, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-44-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 211 S. 14th Street - District 3 - Gussie Jordan; Arlando Jennings; State of Alabama)

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

(5) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 2907 Ashley Street, James and Betty Snell being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated this case, which involves a burned house, began in July 2017. He said the house has been demolished and most of the debris removed, and the owner will have time to complete before Public Works arrives. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-45-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 2907 Ashley Street - District 6 - James and Betty Snell)

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

(6) President Williams announced no Council action would be necessary regarding 2212 Sansom Avenue in District 6, as the nuisance has been abated by the owner.

(7) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 3305 Western Avenue, FNA NP, LLC, and Sammy Satcher being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no this proceeding involves vehicles, tires and debris and began in May 2017. He recommended abatement, noting there were municipal court cases in 2015, 2016 and 2017. At Councilman Cannon's request, Mr. Harbison explained the owner is given fourteen days before a citation is issued. He begins nuisance procedures if there have been repeat failures to appear in court or clean up the property. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-46-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 3305 Western Avenue - District 6 - FNA NP, LLC; Sammy Satcher)

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

(8) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 1430 Alabama Street, the State of Alabama, Larry Thomas Hughes, Paul Thomas Hughes, and AmSouth Bank being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-47-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,466.40 - 1430 Alabama Street - District 3 - State of Alabama; Larry Thomas Hughes; Paul Thomas Hughes; AmSouth Bank)

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

(9) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 1117 Peachtree Street, the State of Alabama, the Estate of Linda Malcolm, Rebecca Wycoff, and Joyce Byrd being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-48-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,516.40 - 1117 Peachtree Street - District 5 - State of Alabama; Estate of Linda Malcolm, Rebecca Wycoff and Joyce Byrd)

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

(10) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 3604 Williams Avenue, Donald Kenneth Ellison, Jr. and Donald Kenneth Ellison being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-49-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,391.40 - 3604 Williams Avenue - District 7 - Donald Kenneth Ellison, Jr.; Donald Kenneth Ellison)

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

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-50-18

APPOINTING MEMBER TO CED MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

(Appointing G. Michael Shehi, M.D. to replace Carolyn Parker - For term expiring on April 1, 2023)

Councilwoman Toles 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-51-18

APPROVING ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL EVENT
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(Northeast Alabama Kidney Association - 20 K Give A Way - Special Event at 344 S. 1st Street on March 2, 2018)

Councilman Echols 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-52-18

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH
COOSA RIVER TRAIL TEAM

(Authorizing Agreement - Coosa River Trail Team - \$15,000.00 - For series of 7 fishing tournaments, in addition to City of Gadsden Super Tournament, from February to November 2018)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-53-18

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH FLW, LLC

(Authorizing Agreement - FLW, LLC - \$2,000.00 - For City to sponsor BFL/Alabama Division fishing tournament on July 14, 2018)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-54-18

AUTHORIZING GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT
WITH GADSDEN RUGBY CLUB

(Authorizing Lease - Gadsden Rugby Club - For priority use of property located at North 32nd Street in Alabama City - For term of 10 years, with option to renew two additional periods of 5 years each)

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-55-18

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH
GLOBAL TRAFFIC TECHNOLOGIES, LLC (GTT)
AND K2 CAPITAL GROUP, LLC

(Authorizing Agreements - Global Traffic Technologies, LLC; K2 Capital Group, LLC - \$20,000.00 for ten years - For traffic light hardware and software products for Fire Department - To give firetrucks preemption of traffic lights at 12 intersections)

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Worthy announced a District 3 meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday at Thompson Community Center.

Councilman Cannon announced tonight's District 6 meeting at 5:00 p.m., at the Banks Park meeting room.

President Williams encouraged the public to support upcoming Black History Month events throughout the city during February.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk 2-6-2018

FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING
FEBRUARY 6, 2018 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Bid No. 3372 - Family Success Center Re-Roofing Project

Willoughby Roofing	\$46,000.00
Alabama Roofing and Sheet Metal	\$52,300.00
Mid-Western Commercial Roofers	\$56,270.00
CSA, Inc.	\$58,670.00
GKL Companies, Inc.	\$59,154.00
E. Cornell Malone Corp.	\$75,865.00

Bid No. 3374 - Recycling Trailer, 6½ ft. x 10 ft. (Northeast Alabama Purchasing Association)

Outback Trailers, LLC	\$1,695.00
Lowery Manufacturing	\$1,850.00

Copies of the bids will be forwarded to the NEAPA Coordinator and a recommendation will be made to the Council.
