

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 9, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on February 9, 2021, in regular session, via teleconference.

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

The invocation was given by Councilman Back.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on February 2, 2021, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of January 29-February 4, 2021, were ratified by unanimous vote.

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Deborah Gaither, Emergency Management Agency Director, thanked everyone who assisted with last Thursday's second-dose Covid vaccine clinic at The Venue. She demonstrated how to access on-line Covid resources on Alabama Public Health and EMA web pages.

Mayor Guyton read a proclamation proclaiming February 7-13, 2021, as "Water Quality Awareness Week."

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-19-21

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH RANDY PHILLIPS

(Authorizing Agreement - Randy Phillips - To provide legal representation and services for Gadsden Civil Service Board - \$125.00 per hour - Term of three years, beginning 2-9-21 and terminating on 2-8-24)

Councilmen Williams 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-20-21

AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

(Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding between Gadsden Police Department, Etowah County Sheriff's Department, Gadsden Job Corps Center and Chugach Education Services - Cooperative agreement affirming commitment to maintain law and order on Gadsden Job Corps Center property - Term of one year, beginning 2-9-21)

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

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Ken LeFaive (Sales Director for Haarslev Industries in the U.S. and Canada) objected to comparisons between the proposed Pilgrim's rendering plant and those built 25 or more years ago. He said his company manufactures equipment used in rendering plants and affirmed the technology to eliminate odor is proven and effective. Mr. LeFaive said his company has built 15 of the last 20 large poultry projects, including one in Ward, SC. He cited several plants in Europe, where regulations are more stringent, built adjacent to high population areas (Poland and Bradford, UK), near an oyster harvesting waterway in Denmark, and 1,500 feet from a world surfing championship beach in Portugal. In response to Councilman Wilson's inquiry, Mr. LeFaive said there is no rendering plant near his home in Annapolis, MD, but a wastewater treatment plant is next door.

Dr. Daniel Whitehead (Associate Professor of Chemistry, Clemson University) spoke regarding his study of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and new technology for managing VOC emissions in the rendering processing industry, which effectively manages odor emissions by default. Multiple "scrubbers," which remove 90-95% of VOC, are used in sequence (daisy chaining). High intensity process vapors are collected separately from room air inside the plant and destroyed in a thermal oxidizer. In response to questions from Councilmen Back and Williams, Dr. Whitehead explained that VOCs are smaller than particulate matter from a smokestack and he hasn't studied the effect of particulates on nearby businesses. He said Pilgrim's would need to address questions regarding redundancy and safeguards against equipment failure; however, the technology of multiple scrubbers is now commonly used. In response to Councilman Wilson's inquiry, Dr. Whitehead reaffirmed his work is supported in part by the Fats and Proteins Research Foundation under the auspices of the Clemson University Animal Co-Products Research and Education Center, and that Pilgrim's Pride is a member organization.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Mayor Guyton encouraged everyone to continue wearing masks while Covid vaccinations are underway. Councilman Williams thanked the Emergency Management Agency director and staff for their work and encouraged the public to be courteous to others in their pursuit of vaccination. Councilman Reed expressed appreciation for today's information concerning on-line resources.

Councilman Worthy announced a job fair to be held at The Venue on March 11.

Councilman Back announced tomorrow's food distribution by First Baptist Church and extended condolences to President Toles' family in the loss of her uncle.

Councilman Wilson extended best wishes to President Toles as she travels and Councilman Cannon and his wife as they recover from Covid. He thanked Gadsden State Community College staff who hosted council members at the Valley Street campus and commended the excellent programs available. Councilman Williams noted Dr. Carl Byers was instrumental in the process for its designation as a HBCU (Historically Black College or University).

Councilman Reed reported that Councilman Cannon is improving and hopes to be recovered soon.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (2-9-21)

FIRST FLOOR LOBBY - CITY HALL - BID OPENING
FEBRUARY 9, 2020 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Bid No. 3446 - Janitorial Supplies

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Catalog Discount</u>
American Paper & Twine	Unit Prices	20%
Central Poly-Bag Corp	Unit Prices (partial bid)	N/A
Etowah Chemical Sales & Services	Unit Prices	25%
Imperial Dade d/b/a American Osment	Unit Prices	25%
McCleskey Brothers, Inc.	Unit Prices	45%
QYK Brands LLC	Unit Prices (partial bid)	N/A

Copies of the bids will be forwarded to the Assistant Purchasing Agent, and a recommendation will be made to the Council.
