

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 13, 2018 - 11:45 A.M.

The City Council met on February 13, 2018, in regular session.

(The beginning of council meeting was delayed, due to a lengthy work session.) The meeting was called to order at 11:45 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, 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. Mayor Guyton was absent.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Toles.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on February 6, 2018, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of February 2-8, 2018 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following resolution, which was tabled for 30 days on January 9, was presented in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-56-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 1533 Terrace Drive - District 1 - Perez Jaquez Alfredo; Exchange Bank)

As recommended by 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 ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 212 Keeling Road, the Estates of Jordan Russell and Lizzie Russell being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in August 2017, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-57-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 212 Keeling Road - District 1 - The Estates of Jordan Russell and Lizzie Russell)

Councilwoman Toles 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 ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 604 Blythe Street, the State of Alabama, Billy Wise, Michael Cason and Towona Cason being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in June 2017, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-58-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 604 Blythe Street - District 2 - State of Alabama; Billy Wise; Michael Cason; Towona Cason)

Councilman Billingsley moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Toles 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 3201 Forrest Avenue, the Estate of James Alldredge, his heirs being Deborah Croyle, Kimberly Saunders, James Steven Alldredge, Robert D. Watson, Sr., Mary F. Watson and Regions Bank being the last known owners. Deborah Croyle stated she is the executrix of the estate and sold the property to Louis Lopez in August 2017. She said one building was falling in but Mr. Lopez wishes to repair the other one. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated the case on this commercial property began in July 2017. He said one building has been demolished, but not removed. He recommended abatement, noting no permit has been issued for repairs on the remaining building. Councilman Cannon said there have been many complaints about the property and advised Mr. Lopez to speak with Mr. Harbison after the meeting. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-59-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 3201 Forrest Avenue - District 6 - The Estate of James Alldredge, his heirs being Deborah Croyle, Kimberly Saunders, James Steven Alldredge, Robert D. Watson, Sr., Mary F. Watson and Regions Bank)

Councilman Cannon moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Billingsley 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 1419 Cansler Avenue, Robert Buchanan being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-60-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for demolition - \$3,866.40 - 1419 Cansler Avenue - District 3 - Robert Buchanan)

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

(5) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 1138 3rd Avenue, A & D Investments, LLC being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-61-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for demolition - \$1,866.40 - 1138 3rd Avenue - District 5 - A & D Investments, LLC)

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

RESOLUTION PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-62-18

APPROVING ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL EVENT
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(Nation Wild Turkey Federation, Inc. - Special Events License - For Hunting Heritage Banquet at Convention Hall on March 3, 2018)

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-63-18

AWARDING BID NO. 3372

(Awarding Bid No. 3372 - Family Success Center Re-Roofing Project - Willoughby Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. - \$46,000.00)

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

(2) Councilman Cannon introduced the following resolution in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-64-18

AWARDING BID NO. 3366

(Awarding Bid No. 3366 - Construction of Cell 3 at Construction and Demolition Landfill - Atlantis Commercial Group, Inc. - \$1,193,778.00)

President Williams received unanimous consent to immediately consider the resolution as an item of new business. He complimented the Engineering and Public Works Departments for revamping the bid, which resulted in significant savings.

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

(3) President Williams introduced the following resolution in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-65-18

APPOINTING MUNICIPAL JUDGES

(Appointing Patricia Granger and Nikki Tinker to replace Tom King and Scott Stewart - Part-time judges for Gadsden Municipal Court - Appointments will be effective on March 1, 2018, for a term of two years, expiring on March 1, 2020)

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

President Williams thanked Judges King and Stewart for their service and expressed excitement for the new appointees to have the opportunity to serve. He introduced Nikki Tinker, who was present. Councilman Worthy extended congratulations to Patricia Granger and Nikki Tinker.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Reed announced “Night of Jazz” at the Gadsden Museum of Art on Saturday evening.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (2-13-2018)
