

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
FEBRUARY 27, 2018 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on February 27, 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, Billingsley, Cannon and Reed. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Mayor Guyton, Heath Williamson, Lee Roberts and Captain Entrekin were also present.

The invocation was given by Heath Williamson.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on February 20, 2018, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of February 16-22, 2018 were ratified by unanimous vote.

#180067 - #180230	General	\$1,630,373.40
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Mayor Guyton read a proclamation proclaiming February 2018, as “150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks” and presented it to Patricia Sherman. Ms. Sherman cited the organization’s local civic projects and recognized Chaplain Ann Cummings, who was present.

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 316 North Hood Avenue, Luis Alberto Erazo Teran and wife, Yury Carolina Suarez 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-77-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 316 North Hood Avenue - District 2 - Luis Alberto Erazo Teran; Yury Carolina Suarez)

Councilman Billingsley moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Toles 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 511 Crocheron Alley, Estate of Corliss Riggins, heirs Marilyn Riggins, Sanford Riggins, and Albert Gibson Jr. 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-78-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 511 Crocheron Alley - District 3 - Estate of Corliss Riggins, heirs Marilyn Riggins, Sanford Riggins, and Albert Gibson Jr.)

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 2812 Scenic Highway in District 7, Brenda Satterfield Baker and The Robinson Law Firm being the last known owners. Brenda Baker explained the property has been involved in litigation after her husband's death, which was just resolved. She requested a 30-day extension, so that she can make repairs and sell the property. Brian Harbison, Building Official, said although there have been no improvements since the case began in August 2017, he is not opposed to the owner performing work. He added rehabilitation, rather than demolition, would have been the method of abatement. Councilman Reed advised Ms. Baker to speak with Mr. Harbison and obtain a building permit. He then moved to table the resolution for 30 days, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously carried.

(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 1026 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the State of Alabama, Strategic Municipal Investments, and First Family being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-79-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,041.40 - 1026 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue - District 5 - State of Alabama; Strategic Municipal Investments; First Family)

Councilman Billingsley 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 1203 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the State of Alabama, Ladue Freeman and wife Irene M. Freeman being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-80-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,541.40 - 1203 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue - District 5 - State of Alabama; Ladue Freeman; Irene M. Freeman)

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

(6) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 507 S. 13th Street, Juarus Rawls being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-81-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,616.40 - 507 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street - District 5 - Juarus Rawls)

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

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-82-18

AWARDING BID NO. 3374  
FOR RECYCLE TRAILER

(Awarding Bid #3374 - 6.5 x 10 foot Recycle Trailer - Outback Trailers - \$1,695.00 each)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-83-18

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH  
ACADEMY SPORTS & OUTDOORS

(Authorizing Agreement - Academy Sports & Outdoors - For sponsorship of Parks and Recreation Department - Academy will provide \$1,200, one grill for Smoke on the Falls, \$250 gift card and 20 basketball coaches packets - City will display banners at sports events and logo on website, marketing materials, etc.)

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

### NEW BUSINESS

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. R-84-18

#### AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GADSDEN CITY BASEBALL CLUB

(Authorizing Agreement - Gadsden City Baseball Club - Regarding priority use of two baseball fields at Gadsden State Community College - For term of 5 years - Note: Agreement authorized by R-334-17 was never executed and minor changes were made to paragraph 17)

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 Echols and unanimously adopted.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. R-85-18

#### AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH A & S ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.

(Authorizing Change Order #1 - A & S Electrical Contractors, Inc. - \$15,188.05 for additional work to concession stand, restrooms, corridor, storage area and main hall - Lighting upgrades for 210 at the Tracks, located at 210 Locust Street - Adjusting total contract to \$120,088.05)

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

### MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Reed stressed the importance of displaying prominent house numbers to assist first responders. He referred to increased criminal activity and encouraged residents to be vigilant and report suspicious persons to the police department. Councilman Reed reminded everyone that door-to-door solicitations are only allowed by special permit. President Williams noted the police department can assist with setting up neighborhood watch programs, which have proven to be effective. Councilman Worthy warned against confronting perpetrators and encouraged contacting the police and giving them time to respond.

Councilman Cannon highlighted coming improvements in his district, including a police precinct, library and community center.

Councilman Billingsley encouraged citizens to report littering and to attend community meetings.

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

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (2-27-2018)

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FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING  
FEBRUARY 27, 2018 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Bid No. 3376 - Medical/Pharmaceutical Trailer and Support Items (EMA)

EMS Innovations	\$50,000.00
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Copies of the bids will be forwarded to the Department and the Assistant Purchasing Agent, and a recommendation will be made to the Council.

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