

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

The City Council met on March 6, 2018, in regular session.

President Williams apologized to attendees, stating the work session was lengthy, and called the meeting to order at approximately 11:20 a.m. 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 Keener were also present.

The invocation was given by Brian Harbison.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on February 27, 2018, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of February 23 - March 1, 2018 were ratified by unanimous vote.

#180372 - #180377	General	\$1,200.00
#180231 - #180371	General	\$1,766,064.05

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 1132 Wainwright Avenue in District 1, which was tabled for 30 days on January 30, 2018, was presented for consideration. Upon recommendation of the Building Official, Councilwoman Toles moved to table the resolution an additional 30 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously carried.

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 1325 Barksdale Street, Chantel Martin and First Family Financial Services 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-86-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 1325 Barksdale Street - District 2 - Chantel Martin; First Family Financial Services)

Councilwoman Toles moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy 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 833 Country Club Drive, the Estate of Ervin L. Neff and the Estate of Mary W. Neff, c/o James Neff, being the last known owners. James Neff displayed a demolition permit and stated his intent to come into compliance with the code. He explained a patio had collapsed due to poor work by a previous contractor. He also displayed pictures of surrounding properties that he felt were more unsightly than his. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made to this accessory building attached to the back of the house since procedures began in March 2017, and recommended abatement. He said the demolition permit will be honored, even if abatement is ordered. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-87-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 833 Country Club Drive - District 4 - The Estate of Ervin L. Neff and the Estate of Mary W. Neff, c/o James Neff; Compass Bank)

Councilman Echols moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Reed 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 1705 Pierce Avenue, Charles A. Wood and Timothy A. Wood being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made to this burned structure since procedures began in November 2017, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-88-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 1705 Pierce Avenue - District 5 - Charles A. Wood; Timothy A. Wood)

Councilman Billingsley 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 401 South 11th Street, Sandra Beck being the last known owner. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in June 2017, and recommended abatement. In response to Councilman Worthy's inquiry, Mr. Harbison advised that rehabilitation will be considered. Councilman Billingsley noted damage was caused by the renters. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-89-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 401 S. 11th Street - District 5 - Sandra Beck)

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

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-90-18

ACCEPTING CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY
AT 1513 TERRACE DRIVE

(Accepting Conveyance of property from Rosie Chatman - 1513 Terrace Drive - Lot 2, Block 3, Brookwood Addition)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-91-18

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH
FORREST CEMETERY FOUNDATION, INC.

(Authorizing Agreement - Forrest Cemetery Foundation - For purchase, planting and care of 72 White Dogwood Trees in Forrest Cemetery - Foundation will reimburse City for cost)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-92-18

AUTHORIZING ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT
WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES, LLC

(Authorizing Second Addendum to Agreement - Local Government Services, LLC - To draft and negotiate Telecommunications Franchise Management with Cable One, Inc. - Note: Original agreement was authorized by R-379-15 and addendum regarding Southern Light franchise was authorized by R-187-16)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-93-18

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

(Authorizing Agreement - Crescent Moon Entertainment - \$3,750.00 - For Motown/Soul (Masterpiece) to perform at Mort Glosser Amphitheatre on August 3, 2018)

Councilwoman Toles 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-94-18

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

(Authorizing Agreement - Crescent Moon Entertainment - \$4,000.00 - For Chicago Rewind to perform at Mort Glosser Amphitheatre on September 7, 2018)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-95-18

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH
ALABAMA B.A.S.S. NATION, INC.

(Authorizing Agreement - Alabama B.A.S.S. Nation, Inc. - \$8,500.00 - To sponsor High School State Championship fishing tournament on May 11-12, 2018)

Councilwoman Toles moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Echols and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Toles, Williams, Worthy, Echols, Cannon, Reed

NAYS: Billingsley

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-96-18

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH
ALABAMA B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION

(Authorizing Agreement - Alabama B.A.S.S. Federation Nation - \$2,500.00 - To sponsor Qualifying fishing tournament on May 26, 2018)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-97-18

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH
GADSDEN RUNNERS CLUB

(Authorizing Agreement - Gadsden Runners Club - \$2,500.00 - For Club Title Sponsorship of 2018 Season race events - To be held in various locations from February through December)

Councilwoman Toles 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-98-18

AWARDING BID NO. 3376

(Awarding Bid No. 3376 - Medical Pharmaceutical Trailer and Support Items for Emergency Management Agency - EMS Innovations, Inc. - \$50,000.00)

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-05-18

AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET

(Amending FY2018 Budget - Transferring \$25,000.00 from Natural Disaster Trust account to EMA Capital Outlay/Other Equipment - To fund purchase of Medical/Pharmaceutical Trailer and Support Items - Note: \$25,000.00 from Etowah County EMA funds will complete funding)

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, Echols, Billingsley, Cannon, Reed

NAYS: None

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-99-18

AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

(Authorizing public hearing on March 20, 2018 - Regarding proposed Economic Development Agreement with Gadsden Mall Associates, LLC - Regarding construction of LongHorn Steakhouse Restaurant at 941 Rainbow Drive - Note: Former location of Sears Automotive Center)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-100-18

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT
WITH ESO SOLUTIONS, INC.

(Authorizing Amendment to Agreement - ESO Solutions, Inc. - Reducing cost of software and services from \$12,295.80 to \$11,489.85 per year for 2-year agreement - Relating to Fire Department and includes prehospital patient documentation, tracking personnel records, training courses and education history, and NFIRS reporting)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-101-18

AWARDING BID NO. 3375

(Awarding Bid No. 3375 - The Venue At Coosa Landing Furniture Project - Interior Elements, LLC - \$395,372.78)

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilwoman Toles acknowledged that March is Women’s History Month.

Councilman Worthy referred to a workforce development committee meeting last week and encouraged young people to be more involved in technical training. Mayor Guyton and President Williams joined in providing examples and highlighting the opportunities that are available.

Councilman Cannon announced tonight’s District 6 meeting to be held at 5 p.m. at the Banks Park meeting room.

Councilman Reed encouraged everyone to be “nosy neighbors” and to report any suspicious persons or vehicles.

President Williams summarized Representative Craig Ford’s update given in today’s work session regarding the I-759 extension project and the proposed Jobs Bill. He said the City is looking for a prudent and meaningful way to participate in the mega sports complex. President Williams announced there would be no work session or Council meeting next week due to the National League of Cities conference in Washington, D.C.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (3-6-2018)
