

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

The City Council met on March 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. Heath Williamson, and Captain Keener were also present.

The invocation was given by Shane Ellison.

The minutes of the Education/Recreation Committee, Work Session and Council meeting held on March 20, 2018, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of March 16 - 22, 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 820 Hillyer Street in District 3, Rosia Leach and Laura Hawthorne being the last known owners. Based upon recent improvements, Brian Harbison, Building Official, recommended a 30-day extension. Councilman Worthy moved to table the resolution for 30 days, which motion was seconded by Councilman Billingsley and unanimously carried.

(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 1402 South 11th Street, Charles R. Kelley, Jr. and James Kelley being the last known owners. Charles Kelley stated he has been a long-time property in South Gadsden and established a number of businesses there. He said his brother died after a long illness and he needs a couple of months to complete attempts to salvage valuables by hand. Mr. Kelley explained the devastating nature of the fire and the process involved in recreating paperwork for vehicles and motorcycles. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated the case began on this burned and partially demolished building in August 2017. He said the demolition permit that was recently issued will be honored, and recommended abatement. Gracie Green related the history of the property and expressed opposition to bringing junk cars in and washing cars near houses. Curtis Faile spoke on behalf of neighbors, many of whom are widowed or poor, stating they are not able to relocated and want their area to have a good appearance. Eddie Cunningham spoke on behalf of Mr. Kelley, stating he operates a business in compliance with zoning laws. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-113-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 1402 South 11th Street - District 5 - Charles R. Kelley, Jr.; James Kelley)

Based on the Building Official's recommendation, Councilman Billingsley moved to adopt the resolution as introduced. The 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-114-18

GRANTING EASEMENT TO
ALABAMA POWER COMPANY

(Granting Easement to Alabama Power Company - To install new power service at The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive)

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

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

ABSTENTIONS: Williams

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-115-18

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH KOMPAN, INC.

(Authorizing Purchase from U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance - Kompan, Inc. - \$331,222.97 - To furnish and install new playground equipment at Moragne Park)

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-116-18

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FEE WITH
KHAFRA ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC.

(Authorizing Agreement - Khafra Engineering Consultants, Inc. - \$72,205.00 - For additional design services requested by City prior to and during construction of East Gadsden Community Center - Adjusting total contract to \$324,500.00)

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 Worthy introduced the following resolution in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-117-18

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH PLEXAMEDIA

(Authorizing Agreement - Plexamedia - \$89.00 per month for period of two years - Website services for Gadsden/Etowah EMA)

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 Councilman Billingsley and unanimously adopted.

PUBLIC

Buster Porch presented information regarding the 20th Anniversary Sickle Cell walk in Birmingham on May 5. He introduced Paula Roberts, who explained the disease and the great need for transportation and other services.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Worthy announced a District 3 meeting at 5:30 p.m. on April 5 at the Carver Community Center.

Councilman Billingsley referred to unpleasant actions that must be taken and expressed his desire to see blight eliminated along S. 11th Street. He encouraged residents to pick up litter and refrain from parking in yards.

Councilman Cannon provided explanations for rumors that have been circulating in Alabama City and encouraged citizens to contact him: the Wells Fargo Bank building has been purchased by an individual who signed a waiver that a bank, attorney office or medical clinic can't locate there for a certain number of years; efforts to recruit a grocery store to locate in Canterbury Station have been unsuccessful; the post office is not closing. He affirmed his desire to see buildings occupied and crime reduced and stressed the importance of realistic expectations. Councilman Cannon referred to continuous yard sales on W. Meighan Boulevard and Forrest Avenue, and reminded everyone their frequency is by ordinance.

Councilman Reed stated the need for entrances into the City, such as S. 11th Street and Nocalula Road, to be clean and inviting.

President Williams and Councilman Billingsley expressed their continuing support of Sickle Cell efforts. President Williams announced changes in the garbage collection schedule, due to the Good Friday holiday.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (3-27-18)

FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING
MARCH 27, 2017 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Bid No. 3377 - Moragne Park Renovations

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alt. 1</u>	<u>Alt. 2</u>	<u>Alt. 3</u>	<u>Alt. 4</u>
Boatner Construction	\$1,843,063.70	\$241,600.00	\$49,897.00	\$69,240.00	\$33,710.00
Bob Smith Construction	\$1,920,118.50	\$164,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$70,558.35	\$53,050.00
Steven Vaughn Const.	\$2,379,345.00	\$152,482.00	\$63,867.00	\$56,816.00	\$23,678.00

Copies of the bids will be forwarded to the City Engineer, and a recommendation will be made to the Council.
