

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
APRIL 10, 2018 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on April 10, 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: Williams, Worthy, Echols, Billingsley, and Reed. Councilwoman Toles and Councilman Cannon were absent. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Mayor Guyton, Heath Williamson, Lee Roberts and Chief Jaggars were also present.

The invocation was given by Heath Williamson.

The minutes of the Finance Committee, Work Session and Council meetings held on April 3, 2018, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of March 30 - April 5, 2018 were ratified by unanimous vote.

#181039 - #181224	General	\$2,470,464.92
#181225 - #181411	OLF Refunds	\$224,842.66

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) The following resolution, which was tabled for 30 days on March 6, was presented for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-134-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 1132 Wainwright Avenue - District 1 - Annie Mae Hunter)

As recommended by the Building Official, Councilman Billingsley moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Echols 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 assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 712 North 8th Street, the State of Alabama, heirs of Hazel & L.C. Kirkland, Terrance Lane and Bertha Kirkland being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-135-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$3,341.40 - 712 North 8th Street - District 3 - State of Alabama; Heirs of Hazel & L.C. Kirkland; Terrance Lane; Bertha Kirkland)

Councilman Worthy 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 assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 822 Avenue B, the State of Alabama, Leslie Higgins and Compass Bank being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-136-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,541.40 - 822 Avenue B - District 3 - State of Alabama; Leslie Higgins; Compass Bank)

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

(3) President Williams announced no Council action will be necessary regarding 1104 Glen Iris Drive in District 3, as the demolition cost was paid by the owner.

(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 1015 South 11th Street, Annette Ash White being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-137-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$3,266.40 - 1015 South 11th Street - District 5 - Annette Ash White)

Councilman Worthy moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Billingsley 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 1027 Pine Street, the State of Alabama and Ronnie Pollard being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-138-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,991.40 - 1027 Pine Street - District 5 - State of Alabama; Ronnie Pollard)

Councilman Worthy moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Billingsley 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 106 6th Avenue East, the State of Alabama being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-139-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$131.00 - 106 6th Avenue East in East Gadsden - District 2 - State of Alabama)

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

(7) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 200 7th Street North, the State of Alabama being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-140-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$311.00 - 200 7th Street North in East Gadsden - District 2 - State of Alabama)

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

(8) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 1413 4th Avenue, the State of Alabama being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-141-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$251.00 - 1413 4th Avenue - District 5 - State of Alabama)

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

(9) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 1417 4th Avenue, the State of Alabama being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-142-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$251.00 - 1417 4th Avenue - District 5 - State of Alabama)

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

(10) 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 4th Avenue, the State of Alabama being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-143-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$251.00 - 1419 4th Avenue - District 5 - State of Alabama)

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

(11) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 611 North 8th Street, Beverly T. Hines being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-144-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$311.00 - 611 North 8th Street - District 3 - Beverly T. Hines)

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

(12) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 908 North 8th Street, Jack Lowe, Jr. being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-145-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$191.00 - 908 North 8th Street - District 3 - Jack Lowe, Jr.)

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

(13) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 1008 North 8th Street, the Walter & Edna Ford Estate, c/o Frances Ford Dickson, being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-146-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$311.00 - 1008 North 8th Street - District 3 - Walter & Edna Ford Estate, c/o Frances Ford Dickson)

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

(14) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 439 North 11th Street, Rose Nell Brantley, c/o Rose Brantley, being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-147-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$311.00 - 439 North 11th Street - District 3 - Rose Nell Brantley, c/o Rose Brantley)

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-148-18

APPROVING ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL EVENT
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(Downtown Gadsden, Inc. - Special Events Alcoholic Beverage License - For Downtown Music Festival at Coosa Landing on April 28, 2018)

President Williams received unanimous consent to immediately consider the resolution as an item of new business. Councilman Billingsley noted this event is a free concert and moved to adopt the resolution as introduced. The motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-149-18

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH L&L MARINE

(Authorizing Agreement - L & L Marine - \$2,000.00 - For L & L Marine Couples fishing tournament at Coosa Landing on April 28-29, 2018)

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Billingsley commented that many competitors are registered for “Smoke on the Falls” this weekend. Councilman Reed noted the Dean’s Sausage cook-off is scheduled for Friday evening. It was noted the patriots’ museum and monuments will be taped off to prevent attendees from parking too close.

Councilman Worthy referred to large number of jobs posted on the Alabama Jobs link and stressed the need for citizens to apply.

Councilman Billingsley reported on last night’s District 5 meeting and encouraged residents to contact City departments when they see conditions that need to be addressed.

Councilman Reed announced a neighborhood watch meeting at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow at 28 E. Wilkinson Avenue, noting Police Captain Cody and Assistant Engineer Jeremy Ward will be present.

President Williams wished a speedy recovery to Councilman Cannon.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (4-10-2018)
