

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
APRIL 17, 2018 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on April 17, 2018, in regular session.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Council President Pro Tem Cannon. On roll call by the City Clerk, Iva Nelson, the following council members answered present: Toles, Worthy, Echols, Billingsley, Cannon, and Reed. President Williams was absent. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Mayor Guyton, Heath Williamson, Lee Roberts and Chief Jaggears were also present.

The invocation was given by Brian Harbison.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on April 10, 2018, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of April 6 - 12, 2018 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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Mayor Guyton read the following proclamations proclaiming:

- (1) The third weekend of April as “Old School Flashback Weekend” - Presented to Anthony (Bubba) Treadwell
- (2) April 22-28, 2018, as “Parental Alienation Prevention Week and April 25, 2018, as “Parental Alienation Awareness Day”

PUBLIC HEARINGS

President Pro Tem Cannon 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 307 Hardin Circle in District 1, Dexter Harrell being the last known owner. Dexter Harrell acknowledged the problems and requested an additional thirty days to clear the property. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in February 2017. He said previous cases and letters date back to 2012, and recommended abatement. Councilwoman Toles expressed willingness to grant one extension and moved to table the resolution for 30 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Echols 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 701 Blythe Street in District 2, Marvin Wayne Wright, c/o Princess Dorothy Johnson-Brasher being the last known owners. Based on recent improvements, Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, recommended a 30-day extension. Councilwoman Toles moved to table the resolution for 30 days, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously carried.

(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 1423 4th Avenue, Bessie M. Watts, c/o Carl Jackson, being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made to this burned duplex since procedures began in September 2017, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-150-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 1423 4th Avenue - District 5 - Bessie M. Watts, c/o Carl Jackson)

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 assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 926 Avenue A, James Thomas Staples, c/o Lela Thomas and the State of Alabama being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-151-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,366.40 - 926 Avenue A - District 3 - James Thomas Stapes, c/o Lela Thomas; State of Alabama)

Councilman Echols 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 703 Harvey Street, Tonya Whorton being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-152-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,341.40 - 703 Harvey Street - District 3 - Tonya Whorton)

Councilman Echols 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 705 Harvey Street, the State of Alabama and David E. Thompson being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-153-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$3,091.40 - 705 Harvey Street - District 3 - State of Alabama; David E. Thompson)

Councilman Echols moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Billingsley 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 1000 South 10th Street, the State of Alabama and First Union National Bank being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-154-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$3,966.40 - 1000 South 10th Street - District 5 - State of Alabama; First Union National Bank)

Councilman Echols moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Billingsley 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 108 7th Street North, Tuscal, LLC being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-155-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$311.00 - 108 7th Street North - District 2 - Tuscal, LLC)

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

(9) President Pro-Tem Cannon stated no Council action will be taken to assess a lien on property at 325 9th Street North in District 2, as the property is being acquired by the Gadsden Land Bank Authority.

(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 712 North 8th Street, the State of Alabama being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-156-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$191.00 - 712 North 8th Street - District 3 - State of Alabama)

Councilman Worthy moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Billingsley 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 510 North 9th Street, the State of Alabama being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-157-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$251.00 - 510 North 9th Street - District 3 - State of Alabama)

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 710 North 9th Street, Loretta Andrews and Fred Prater, c/o Mary Puryear, being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-158-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$131.00 - 710 North 9th Street - District 3 - Loretta Andrews & Fred Prater, c/o Mary Puryear)

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 538 South 6th Street, Rico Suave, LLC being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-159-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$131.00 - 538 South 6th Street - District 5 - Rico Suave, LLC)

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 1136 3rd Avenue, Carlos Gregory being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-160-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$131.00 - 1136 3rd Avenue - District 5 - Carlos Gregory)

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

(15) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 1010 7th 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-161-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$191.00 - 1010 7th Avenue - District 5 - State of Alabama)

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-162-18

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1
WITH HUDAK CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.

(Authorizing Change Order #1 to Bid No. 3361 - For repair of log structures in Pioneer Village at Noccalula Falls Park - Additional \$66,508.22 - Adjusting contract with Hudak Construction Company, Inc. to \$361,033.22)

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-09-18

AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

(Conveying Property to Michael Keener - Lot 12, Block 2, in Sam Bailey 2nd Addition, located at the corner of N. 35th Street and Williams Avenue - Accepting offer of \$100.00 for Public Improvement Assessment, Pro Numbers 19397 and 19443)

Councilman Reed 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, Worthy, Echols, Billingsley, Cannon, Reed

NAYS: None

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilwoman Toles encouraged the public to support the YMCA and highlighted the programs it provides. She announced a District 1 meeting at 6 p.m. on April 30 at the Antioch Family Life Center and invited the public to attend next week’s Youth in Government Day activities.

Councilman Worthy commended Bubba Treadwell for his work with the Old School reunion, noting this is the tenth year. He congratulated Reginald Huff, who was one of five people inducted into the Etowah County Hall of Fame. Councilman Worthy thanked Theresa Beverly for last Saturday’s voter registration event at the 5th Street Market and announced another one this Saturday night, in conjunction with the Old School event.

Councilman Billingsley complimented last weekend’s “Smoke on the Falls” event, noting participants were from many other states.

Councilman Reed thanked Homer and Linda Entrekin, who recently hosted a neighborhood watch meeting, as well as the Mayor, and City department representatives who participated.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (04-17-2018)

FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING
APRIL 17, 2018 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Bid No. 3373 - Public/Education/Government (PEG) TV Broadcasting Equipment/Services

Encore Broadcast Solutions	\$29,968.00
“	\$32,668.00 (Alternate)
MaestroVision Inc.	\$33,540.00
Digital Video Group	\$38,141.35
Telvue Corp.	\$39,881.50
Advanced Asphalt Products	No Bid

Bid No. 3379 - Paint and Paint Supplies for Community Development Department

Colours Paint & Decorating Center	Unit Prices
Hudak Hardware & Paint Supply	Unit Prices
Sherwin Williams	Unit Prices
Advanced Asphalt Products	No Bid

Copies of the bids will be forwarded to the Assistant Purchasing Agent and the departments, and a recommendation will be made to the Council.
