

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
MAY 1, 2018 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on May 1, 2018, in regular session.

Due to the length of the work session, the council meeting was called to order at approximately 11:20 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 Chief Jaggears were also present.

The invocation was given by President Williams.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on April 24, 2018, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of April 20-26, 2018, were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 820 Hillyer Street in District 3, which was tabled for 30 days on March 27, 2018, was presented in writing for consideration. As recommended by the Building Official, Councilman Worthy moved to table the resolution an additional 30 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Echols 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 214 Keeling Road, the Estates of Jessie Lee Turner and Mentory Gipson Turner, Marvin Morgan, and Betty Littlefield 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-178-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 214 Keeling Road - District 1 - Estates of Jessie Lee Turner and Mentory Gipson Turner; Marvin Morgan; Betty Littlefield)

Councilwoman Toles moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Echols 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 1316 Robinson Avenue, the State of Alabama, possible rights of redemption of Jackie Wilson, and Curtis Thomas, Jr. being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in September 2017, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-179-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 1316 Robinson Avenue - District 2 - State of Alabama; possible rights of redemption of Jackie Wilson; Curtis Thomas, Jr.)

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

Jackie Wilson (128 Park Street) said he has just redeemed the property and tried to get a permit for the roof. President Williams advised him to speak with Mr. Harbison after the meeting.

(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 409 North 33rd Street, Billy Wise, Jr. being the last known owner. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in September 2017, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-180-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 409 North 33rd Street - District 6 - Billy Wise, Jr.)

Councilman Cannon 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 in opposition to or in favor of a resolution approving an alcoholic beverage license for Rock and Roll Sushi at 504 Broad Street. Chris Roberts expressed his desire to provide a family restaurant and to be part of Gadsden's business community. Heather New (The Chamber) and Kay Moore (Downtown Gadsden, Inc.) expressed support for this new business in the former White Palace building. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-181-18

APPROVING ISSUANCE OF
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(Gadsden RNR Sushi, LLC - Rock and Roll Sushi - 504 Broad Street - Restaurant Retail Liquor License)

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

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-182-18

APPROVING ISSUANCE OF
SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(City of Gadsden - Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License - 439 Locust Street - For Farm to Table event at 5th Street Market on May 17, 2018)

Councilwoman Toles 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-183-18

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH
GADSDEN JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION

(Authorizing Agreement - Gadsden Junior Golf Association - \$3,500.00 - Sponsorship for events at local golf courses - From April-July, 2018)

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

ORDINANCE - FIRST READING

The following ordinance was introduced in writing and read by President Williams:

ORDINANCE - RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. O-11-17 RELATING TO
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES

Since no action was taken in this meeting, the ordinance will be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-11-18

AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET

(Amending FY2018 Budget - Transferring \$36,806.00 from Legal Trust Fund - Appropriating to Legal Department, Legal Services Fees)

Councilwoman Toles moved to suspend the rules to immediately consider the ordinance as an item of new business. The motion was seconded by Councilman Echols 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 Billingsley and unanimously adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-12-18

GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO CABLE ONE, INC.
FOR FIBER OPTIC TRANSMISSION LINE
WITHIN CERTAIN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY
FOR PROVISIONS OF BROADBAND SERVICES

(Granting Non-Exclusive Franchise - Cable Once, Inc. - To construct and maintain fiber-optic transmission line within certain Rights-of-Way - 5% of gross revenues or \$12,000.00 annually, whichever is greater - Term of 10 years, with option to renew - For provision of broadband services)

Councilwoman Toles moved to suspend the rules to immediately consider the ordinance as an item of new business. The motion was seconded by Councilman Echols and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

Councilwoman Toles recognized representatives of Cable One, Inc., who were present. She then moved to adopt the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Kay Moore announced First Friday activities.

Eric Wright announced today's ground-breaking ceremony for Moragne Park renovations, immediately following Council meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

The Mayor and Council joined in complimenting last Saturday's "Downtown Music Festival" and commended Robert Smith and Steve Gilbert of Insurance Facilities, as well as Downtown Gadsden, Inc. for their efforts in organizing this free concert.

Councilman Reed welcomed Rock and Roll Sushi.

President Williams and Councilman Worthy recognized Etowah County Commissioner Carolyn Parker and other visitors who were present.

Councilman Worthy announced a District 3 meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday at Thompson Community Center. He noted he is sending pictures of overgrown grass to request abatement and asked for the public's patience.

President Williams encouraged the public to participate in "Red Nose Day" and noted proceeds benefit efforts to "stomp out" childhood poverty.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (5-1-2018)

FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING
MAY 1, 2018 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Bid No. 3380 - Renovations to Community Center, Phase 2 (former General Forrest school building, located at 2000 W. Meighan Boulevard)

Hudak Construction Co.	\$1,070,000.00
Greer Building Contractors	\$1,105,710.00
C.W. Woods Contracting	\$1,295,000.00
McKinney Construction	\$1,495,000.00

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