

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
JUNE 19, 2018 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on June 19, 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. Mayor Guyton, Heath Williamson, Lee Roberts and Chief Jaggars were also present.

The invocation was given by President Williams.

The minutes of the Recreation Committee, Work Session and Council meeting held on June 12, 2018, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of June 8-14, 2018, were ratified by unanimous vote.

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Mayor Guyton read a proclamation proclaiming June 20, 2018, as “Elder Abuse Awareness Day” and presented it to Jenifer Grace (Executive Director, The Council on Aging), Tarita Brooks, and Jason Doyle (Department of Human Resources). Ms. Grace announced tomorrow’s awareness summit and recognized Lynn Carnes (DHR), who presented statistical information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) The following ordinance, which was introduced for first reading at last week's meeting, was presented for consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. O-20-18

AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET

(Amending FY2018 Budget - Reflecting receipt of grant from Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership - \$34,200.00 with \$17,100.00 local match - For purchase of 36 bulletproof vests)

Councilman Worthy moved to adopt the ordinance, which 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 319 Albany Avenue, the State of Alabama and Justin Shane Jenkins being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-237-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,141.40 - 319 Albany Avenue - District 1 - State of Alabama; Justin Shane Jenkins)

Councilwoman Toles 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 405 Roslyn Drive, the State of Alabama, David K. Green, certain rights of redemption of Charles B. Huff and wife, Glenda J. Huff, being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-238-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$3,141.40 - 405 Roslyn Drive - District 2 - State of Alabama; David K. Green; certain rights of redemption of Charles B. Huff and Glenda J. Huff)

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

(3) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 304 West Lake Drive, the State of Alabama and David K. Green, having possible rights of redemption, being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-239-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,991.40 - 304 West Lake Drive - District 2 - State of Alabama; Possible rights of redemption of David K. Green)

Councilwoman Toles moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy 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 1427 Summit Drive, the State of Alabama and Richard Pylant being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-240-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,016.40 - 1427 Summit Drive - District 3 - State of Alabama; Richard Pylant)

Councilwoman Toles moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy 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 700 Randall Street, Harold and Audrey Ragan, Matthew McClain 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-241-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$4,741.40 - 700 Randall Street - District 5 - Harold and Audrey Ragan; Matthew McClain; State of Alabama)

Councilwoman Toles moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy 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 702 Abercrombie Street, Raymond & Edna Whorton being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-242-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$316.00 - 702 Abercrombie Street - District 3 - Raymond & Edna Whorton)

Councilman Worthy 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 1327 Alabama Street, Robert P. Sisson, Jr. and Ronald H. Towers, c/o Damian Properties, LLC being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-243-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$136.00 - 1327 Alabama Street - District 3 - Robert P. Sisson, Jr. and Ronald H. Towers, c/o Damian Properties, LLC)

Councilman Worthy 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 502 North 10<sup>th</sup> 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-244-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$136.00 - 502 North 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

(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 503 North 10<sup>th</sup> 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-245-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$136.00 - 503 North 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

(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 1811 Adams Street, James Jaynes being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-246-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$136.00 - 1811 Adams Street - District 5 - James Jaynes)

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 936 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street, the State of Alabama and David Shabani being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-247-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$256.00 - 936 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street - District 5 - State of Alabama; David Shabani)

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 in opposition to or in favor of a resolution approving issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for N & M Services, d/b/a Kwik Stop. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-248-18

APPROVING ISSUANCE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(N&M Services, Inc., d/b/a Kwik Stop- 1808 East Meighan Boulevard - Retail Beer & Table Wine, off premises only)

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

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-249-18

AWARDING BID NO. 3383

(Awarding Bid No. 3383 - Small Tools & Equipment - Ag Pro Company, LLC - Unit prices for string trimmers and blowers - 19% discount for hedge trimmers, chainsaws, etc.)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-250-18

REAPPOINTING MEMBER TO  
WATER WORKS AND SEWER BOARD

(Reappointing Harold Kimble for term expiring November 1, 2023)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-251-18

AUTHORIZING BEVERAGE MANAGEMENT  
AGREEMENT WITH BAR @ VENUE

(Authorizing Beverage Management Agreement - Bar @ Venue (Syndee Isbell, The Stone Market) - For labor, materials, equipment and supervision to provide alcohol sales at The Venue at Coosa Landing - Term of one year, with option to renew for two additional years - Vendor will pay 7% of gross sales to City on a monthly basis and will provide financial reports - Note: Request for Proposals was issued by the City, with three respondents)

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

AYES: Toles, Williams, Echols, Cannon, Reed

NAYS: Worthy, Billingsley

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-252-18

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1  
WITH JAMES E. WATTS & SONS, INC.

(Authorizing Change Order #1 - Bid No. 3369 for Hastings Park Area Drainage Outfall Improvements - \$10,000.00 to stabilize culvert subgrade and extend project limits - Adjusting contract with James E. Watts & Sons, Inc. to \$142,086.00)

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Tony Reddick, newly appointed Superintendent of Gadsden City Schools, said he is seeking support in this new endeavor. He noted he has served in the system for thirty-one years and although he is open to ideas and suggestions, he is in control of his own vision. Mr. Reddick affirmed his goals are for the children's success. President Williams expressed support from the Mayor and City Council. Councilmembers Toles, Worthy and Reed congratulated Mr. Reddick and thanked him for coming.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Worthy reported on the Quality of Life mobile unit's recent event at The Way of the Cross and noted another one is scheduled for July 11. He commended the work of both organizations.

Councilmen Billingsley and Worthy joined with President Williams in congratulating Jeffery Washington, newly elected County Commissioner, who was present.

Councilman Reed announced his intent to run for re-election and Councilman Echols said he is not going to run.

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

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (6-19-2018)

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