

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
JUNE 25, 2019 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on June 25, 2019, in regular session.

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

The invocation was given by Shane Ellison.

The minutes of the Recreation/Education Committee, Work Session and Council meetings held on June 18, 2019, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of June 14-20, 2019 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-22-19

ADOPTING FY2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND BUDGET

(Adopting FY2019 Annual Action Plan; Adopting FY2019 CDBG Budget totaling \$1,039,805.00 - For period from June 1, 2019, through May 31, 2020)

Councilman Reed moved to adopt the ordinance, 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-249-19

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH FY2019  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SUBRECIPIENTS

(Authorizing Agreements - FY 2019 CDBG funds - \$24,000.00 to Metropolitan Area Noon Nutrition Assistance (MANNA); \$15,200.00 to Way of the Cross Ministries; \$5,000.00 to Snellgrove Civitan Center; \$9,000.00 to The Love Center; \$3,800.00 to Council on Aging of Etowah County; \$15,000.00 to Family Success Center; \$5,000.00 to James M. Barrie Center for Children; \$5,000.00 to St. Martin de Porres Catholic Center of Concern; \$7,000.00 to The Salvation Army)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-250-19

ESTABLISHING CITY OF GADSDEN  
FACADE AND SIGN GRANT PROGRAM

(Creating Facade/Sign Grant Program to be managed by City of Gadsden Planning Department - Provides economic incentive to renovate store facades in TIF/Urban Renewal/Urban Redevelopment and Design Review Districts - To be funded each year through City's General Fund Budget - Eliminates program through Downtown Gadsden, Inc. and Gadsden Commercial Development funded by Community Development Block Grant funds)

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

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE - AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 106-71 REGARDING GARBAGE FEE EXEMPTIONS

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) Councilman Worthy introduced the following resolution in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-251-19

AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATIVES OF  
AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL, INC.  
TO CONDUCT ROADBLOCK

(Authorizing roadblock to benefit American Youth Football, Inc. - July 6, 2019 - At the intersection of E. Broad Street and George Wallace Drive)

President Toles 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 Williams and unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-252-19

AUTHORIZING SUBSTITUTE OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH  
ETOWAH COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS 911 DISTRICT

(Substituting lease agreement authorized by Resolution No. R-190-19 on May 21, 2019 - Etowah County Communications 911 District - For Emergency Management Agency to relocate to E-911 building located at 4610 Airport Road - Original lease omitted 5% rent increase every 5 years starting October 1, 2024)

President Toles 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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-253-19

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH  
GADSDEN-ETOWAH PATRIOTS ASSOCIATION

(Authorizing Agreement - Gadsden-Etowah Patriots Association - \$6,500.00 - For city sponsorship of Patriots Association fireworks celebration on July 4, 2019)

President Toles 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 Cannon and unanimously adopted.

Joseph Cole requested to speak but unanimous consent was not received. President Toles noted Mr. Cole had been given permission to be on the July 2 agenda.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Williams encouraged the public to respond to census information when they receive it because population numbers affect Federal representation and grants.

Councilmen Worthy and Cannon thanked Public Works employees who removed fallen trees on Alabama Avenue and Norris Avenue. Councilman Worthy reminded citizens to inform the City when problems occur.

Councilman Reed invited everyone to come out and enjoy the Gadsden Etowah Patriots Association July 4 fireworks presentation.

President Toles thanked everyone who attended the Juneteenth celebration at Hughley Park. She urged citizens to contact the Mayor, City Council and City departments when they have concerns, and encouraged everyone to work together for the good of all people.

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

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (6-25-2019)

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