

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
JULY 2, 2018 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on July 2, 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 Captain Entrekin were also present.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Toles.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on June 26, 2018, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of June 22 - June 28, 2018 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) A resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 701 Blythe Street in District 2, which was tabled for 30 days on May 29, was presented in writing for consideration. Upon recommendation of the Building Official, Councilman Billingsley moved to table the resolution an additional 30 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon 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 207 New York Avenue, FNA NP, LLC and rights of redemption of Joseph Michael Giles being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made to this burned structure since procedures began in December 2017, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-260-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 207 New York Avenue - District 1 - FNA NP, LLC; Rights of redemption of Joseph Michael Giles)

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 209 Morningview Drive, Tuscaloosa, LLC and Mutual Savings Credit Union being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-261-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$1,841.40 - 209 Morningview Drive - District 2 -Tuscaloosa, LLC; Mutual Savings Credit Union)

Councilman Billingsley moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Toles 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 418 Princeton Avenue, the State of Alabama, subject to certain rights of redemption of the Estate of C.E. Loftis, Jr. being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-262-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,616.40 - 418 Princeton Avenue - District 2 -State of Alabama, subject to certain rights of redemption of Estate of C.E. Loftis, Jr.)

Councilwoman Toles moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Billingsley 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 825 Rosewood Lane, the State of Alabama, possible rights of redemption the Estate of James Hagood, and First Family Financial Services, Inc. being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-263-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,966.40 - 825 Rosewood Lane - District 2 - State of Alabama; possible rights of redemption of Estate of James Hagood; First Family Financial Services, Inc.)

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

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-264-18

AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT
TO ALTOONA FIRE DEPARTMENT

(Authorizing sale of surplus fire truck to Altoona Fire Department - \$2,000.00 - 1991 E One Pumper Truck)

Councilman Echols 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-265-18

AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR SPRINT TO MODIFY THEIR
EQUIPMENT AT THE EXISTING WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY
LOCATED AT 748 FORREST AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA

(Approving application of Sprint - To modify equipment on existing cell tower at 748 Forrest Avenue - Note: Approval recommended by Center for Municipal Solutions)

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-266-18

AWARDING BID NO. 3385

(Awarding Bid No. 3385 - Resurfacing Project for portions of S. 11th Street, Brooke Avenue, Scenic Drive and Hooks Lake Road - J & D Enterprises, LLC - \$1,199,040.00)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-267-18

AWARDING BID NO. 3384

(Awarding Bid No. 3384 - Resurface and traffic stripe on S. 11th Street, from Randall Street to Forrest Avenue - Bedwell & Whorton Excavating - Negotiated base bid price of \$1,080,163.13 - Note: Work in alternate bid will be performed by Water Works & Sewer Board to lower the cost - WWSB will also reimburse approximately \$310,000.00)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-268-18

GRANTING EASEMENT TO
ALABAMA POWER COMPANY

(Granting Easement - Alabama Power Company - For utility improvements relating to Moragne Park renovation)

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 Billingsley and unanimously adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Kay Moore, Downtown Gadsden, Inc. Director, announced activities for First Friday.

Jen Weathington, Parks & Recreation Director, announced upcoming events, including the Summer concert for July, available parking areas for the July 4 fireworks display, Carver reunion, youth basketball camp at the coliseum, free basketball clinic, ribbon cutting at Noccalula Falls on July 14, Parks & Recreation Day on July 17 at the Thompson Community Center and playground area, Musical Mondays, Turnip Tuesdays, and the Farmers Market on Fridays.

City Clerk Iva Nelson reminded everyone that qualification for mayoral and council candidates begins at 8 a.m. on July 3 and ends at 5 p.m. on July 17.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Mayor Guyton congratulated EMA employee Josh Tanner, who received a scholarship from the Alabama Association of Emergency Management. He also congratulated the Gadsden-Etowah County EMA, which received two preparedness awards. Mayor Guyton commented on last Saturday's train accident at Noccalula Falls, commending the quick and professional response of police and fire departments, first responders, volunteers and hospital personnel. Councilman Worthy and President Williams joined in the commendations.

Councilman Worthy thanked Fire Station No. 4, which assisted in locating people who were lost on the Black Creek Trail after dark. He announced an upcoming job fair on August 14 at the Downtown Civic Center, as well as First Saturday activities on July 7.

Councilmen Billingsley, Cannon and Williams joined in wishing everyone and Happy July 4 and urging fireworks safety. President Williams advised there will be no changes to the garbage collection schedule.

Councilman Reed announced the Gadsden-Etowah Patriots Association fireworks presentation at 9 p.m. on July 4. He advised residents to call the Public Works Department if they wish to request mosquito spray.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (7-2-2018)
