

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
JULY 9, 2019 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on July 9, 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, Worthy, Back, Wilson and Cannon. Councilmen Williams and Reed were absent. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Heath Williamson, Lee Roberts and Captain Keener were also present.

The invocation was given by Brian Harbison.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on July 2, 2019, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of June 28 - July 3, 2019 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) The following resolution, which was tabled for 30 days on June 4, was presented in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-260-19

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 421 N. 9th Street - District 3 - Floyd L. Donald)

Councilman Worthy noted no work has been done, although he allowed 30 days, as well as additional time last year. He moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Back and unanimously adopted.

(2) The following resolution, which was tabled for 30 days on June 4, was presented in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-261-19

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$256.00 - 209 Brown Street - District 1 - Antioch Baptist Church, Inc.)

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

AYES: Back, Wilson, Cannon

NAYS: Worthy

ABSTENTION: Toles

Following the vote, Councilman Wilson asked if additional information had been determined. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, noted pictures were not being taken at the time this work was performed, but the Public Works Department verified the cutting took place.

(3) The following resolution, which was tabled for 30 days on June 4, was presented in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-262-19

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$251.00 - 111 7th Street North - District 2 - Ferch Property Management, Inc.)

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

President Toles 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 301 Grady Street, the State of Alabama, potential rights of redemption of TLR, AL, LLC, and/or Carl Herring being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in November 2018, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-263-19

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 301 Grady Street - District 6 - State of Alabama; Potential rights of redemption of TLR, AL, LLC; Carl Herring)

Councilman Cannon moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Back 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 315 Grady Street, the State of Alabama, rights of redemption for Jeff and Jackie Perry, All Alabama Title Company, mortgage in favor of Charlotte Brown and Wallace Brown, and Madalynn J. Harper, c/o Jeff and Jackie Perry, being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated this case began in November 2018, and the back portion of the structure had been removed. Although a permit was obtained in March 2019, no satisfactory work has been done and he recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-264-19

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 315 Grady Street - District 6 - State of Alabama; Rights of redemption for Jeff and Jackie Perry; All Alabama Title Company; Mortgage in favor of Charlotte Brown and Wallace Brown; Madalynn J. Harper, c/o Jeff and Jackie Perry)

Councilman Cannon 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-265-19

AWARDING BID NO. 3401

(Awarding Bid No. 3401 - Picnic Tables, Benches and Waste Receptacles - Howlett Equipment - Unit prices)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-266-19

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

(Authorizing Purchase of Property from B & L Holdings - \$125,000.00 - .89 acres behind Ronnie Watkins Ford dealership under Memorial Bridge - Portion of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 12 South, Range 6 East - Note: Access road to connect Coosa Landing Boat Ramps to the Venue at Coosa Landing will be constructed)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-267-19

AUTHORIZING AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH
CDG ENGINEERS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

(Amending Agreement - CDG Engineers & Associates, Inc. - Additional \$128,180.00 - For additional design and inspection services associated with site development for Buffalo Wild Wings Restaurant to be located between The Venue and Coosa River - Design services for new roadway to connect the Venue to Coosa Landing Boat Ramps)

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-268-19

APPROVING ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL EVENT
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(Marcus Anderson d/b/a Jakes Music Room, LLC - 629 Broad Street - Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License - For concert at Pitman Theater on July 13, 2019)

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 Wilson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Toles, Worthy, Back, Wilson

NAYS: Cannon

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-269-19

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR BID NO. 3395

(Authorizing Change Order #1 for Bid No. 3395 - Riverfront Development Site Work - Additional \$284,407.81 to reconcile additions and deletions due to plan changes during construction - Adjusting contract price with Bedwell & Whorton Excavating, LLC to \$973,982.81)

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Wilson noted today's action will complete the sitework for Buffalo Wild Wings, which will open in a few weeks, as well as a connector road that will tie two City locations together. He apologized for his earlier questions concerning grass liens but pointed out having no pictures places the Council in the position to judge credibility of a church vs. a City department. Councilman Cannon agreed that pictures were long-needed.

Councilman Back complimented the Nocalula Experience production and Parks and Recreation programs. He thanked Public Works for assistance in removing a tree from a roadway.

Councilman Worthy announced a Job Fair on August 20 at The Venue. He complimented the Carver Revitalization Committee for its work with First Saturday activities and addressed issues that occurred with electrical power outlets.

Councilman Back recognized Councilmen Wilson and Worthy for their quick action in administering CPR in a medical emergency last week.

President Toles wished Councilman Reed a speedy recovery, noting he was hospitalized for treatment to his hand. She complimented Musical Monday and Movies in the Park. President Toles encouraged the public to apply for jobs and thanked regular Council meeting attendees for their dedication. She expressed admiration for our city and pledged to work to solve problems, rather than participating in “bashing.”

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (7-9-2019)

FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING
JULY 9, 2019 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Bid No. 3410 - Lease of Golf Cart and Concierge Cart for Twin Bridges Golf Course

	<u>Option 1 - 48 month lease</u>	<u>Option 2 - 24 month lease</u>
Yamaha	\$63.50 Cart per month	\$97.93 Cart per month
	\$154.00 Concierge Cart per month	\$236.81 Concierge Cart per month

Copies of the bid will be forwarded to the NEAPA Coordinator, and a recommendation will be made to the Council.
