

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
JULY 23, 2019 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on July 23, 2019, in regular session.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Council President Pro Tem Reed. On roll call by the City Clerk, Iva Nelson, the following council members answered present: Williams, Worthy, Back, Wilson, Cannon and Reed. President Toles was absent. 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 Councilman Back.

The minutes of the work sessions and council meeting held on July 16, 2019, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of July 12-18, 2019, were ratified by unanimous vote.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

President Pro Tem Reed 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 in opposition to or in favor of an ordinance approving the rezoning of property at 1717 West Grand Avenue from I-1, Light Industry District, to B-2, General Business District. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Bert Boykin of Evans & Evans and Samie Abdulhafiz, engineer and project manager, presented information regarding the proposed RaceTrac development. They noted construction would begin in early 2020 and completion is expected by the Fall of 2020. The following ordinance was introduced in writing for consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. O-24-19

REZONING PROPERTY ON HIGHWAY 77

(Approving Rezoning - Approximately 3.62 acres located at 1717 West Grand Avenue - From I-1, Light Industry District, to B-2, General Business District - Requested by Evans & Evans, on behalf of RaceTrac Petroleum Corporation, for development of a gas station/convenience store)

Councilman Cannon moved to suspend the rules to immediately consider the ordinance at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Williams, Worthy, Back, Wilson, Cannon, Reed

NAYS: None

Councilman Cannon moved to adopt the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and unanimously adopted.

(2) President Pro Tem Reed announced that no action was necessary regarding 508 Chester Street in District 6, as the nuisance has been abated by the owner.

(3) President Pro Tem Reed announced that no action was necessary regarding 708 Brookside Drive in District 3, as the demolition cost was paid by the owner.

(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 923 Holly Street, ECO Property and Investments, LLC, The Exchange Bank of Alabama, 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-281-19

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,841.40 - 923 Holly Street - District 5 - ECO Property and Investments, LLC; The Exchange Bank of Alabama; State of Alabama)

Councilman Wilson moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon 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 808 Oak Street, A&D Properties, LLC 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-282-19

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,541.40 - 808 Oak Street - District 5 - A&D Properties, LLC; State of Alabama)

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

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-283-19

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH EZLINK GOLF, INC.

(Authorizing Agreement - EZLink Golf, Inc. - For point of sale, tee sheet and web tools, including the booking link, services for Twin Bridges Golf Course)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-284-19

GRANTING EASEMENT TO ALABAMA POWER COMPANY

(Granting Easement to Alabama Power Company - To provide service to the new East Gadsden Community Center at 921 Wilson Avenue)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-285-19

AUTHORIZING LICENSE AND SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH CYCOM DATA SYSTEMS

(Authorizing License and Services Agreement - Cycom Data Systems, Inc. - To purchase software products for City's Legal Department and Prosecutor's Office - \$12,225.00 for software and database conversion and \$1,995.00 per year for service and maintenance fees for years 2 and 3)

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-286-19

AUTHORIZING INCENTIVES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNITED WAY

(Authorizing United Way Incentives for the 2019/2020 United Way Campaign - Includes drawings for one shift of leave with pay, various items regarding Nocalula Falls Park, VIP tickets to Summer Concert Series, and free found of golf at Twin Bridges Golf Course from City employees who contribute)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-287-19

AUTHORIZING ADDENDUM TO ACKNOWLEDGMENT, WAIVER
AND RELEASE WITH ALABAMA POWER COMPANY

(Authorizing Addendum to Agreement - Alabama Power Company - For reimbursement to City for repair work on Delilah Street, from its southern termination to its intersection with Tidmore Bend Road - \$13,384.31)

President Pro Tem Reed 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 Back and unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-288-19

AWARDING BID NO. 3403

(Awarding Bid No. 3403 - New Maintenance building at Forrest Cemetery - Greer Building Contractors - \$474,470.00)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-289-19

AWARDING BID NO. 3410

(Awarding Bid No. 3410 - Lease of 66 new, 2-seat golf carts and 1 concierge cart - Yamaha Golf Cart Company - Term of 48 months - \$4,345.00 per month)

President Pro Tem Reed 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 Back and unanimously adopted.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Several Council members joined in welcoming RaceTrac to Gadsden.

Councilman Cannon commended residents on Winona Avenue who he observed maintaining their properties.

Councilman Worthy announced a Job Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on August 27 at The Venue, noting an employability skills seminar will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. He advised citizens he is working for street lights at two intersections and decorative street lights on Tuscaloosa Avenue.

Mayor Guyton referred to last week's announcement concerning Motus and encouraged the public to apply for the many jobs that are available in our community.

Councilman Reed complimented recent trash collections in his district and announced next week's work session will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the Council meeting at 12 noon.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (7-23-2019)

FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING
JULY 23, 2019 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Bid No. 3411 - Body Armor/Concealable Ballistic Vests (Police Department)

	<u>Male Price/Each</u>	<u>Female Price/Each</u>
Gulf States Distributors, LLC	\$975.00	\$975.00
Galls, LLC	\$979.45	\$979.45
Dana Safety Supply, Inc.	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00
GT Distributors, Inc.	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
Municipal & Commercial Uniform, Inc.	\$1,189.00	\$1,189.00
Heritage Armory LLC	No amount given	No amount given
Buddy Gray Fire Equipment	No bid	No bid

Copies of the bids will be forwarded to the Department and the Assistant Purchasing Agent, and a recommendation will be made to the Council.
