

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
AUGUST 7, 2018 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on August 7, 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, and Chief Jaggars were also present.

The invocation was given by President Williams.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on July 31, 2018, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of July 27 - August 2, 2018 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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Mayor Guyton announced a \$200,000 appropriation to the Gadsden City Board of Education, to be used for school safety. Superintendent Tony Reddick thanked the City and stated the importance of being proactive and preventing dangerous situations in our schools. President Williams noted Mr. Reddick had presented a quarterly update earlier this morning and said he is excited to see what lies ahead.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) The following resolution, which was tabled for 30 days on July 2, 2018, was presented in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-325-18

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 701 Blythe Street - District 2 - Marvin Wayne Wright c/o Princess Dorothy Johnson - Brasher)

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

(2) No action was taken on a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien, (\$137 for grass cutting, 207 Davis Street in District 1), which was tabled for 7 days on July 31, as the cost was paid by the owner.

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 1222 Alabama Avenue, The Estate of James Buford Pair, Lionel Pair and Carolyn Pair Mills being the last known owners. James L. Pair (1216 Alabama Avenue) said he inherited several properties from his father and has been unable to make improvements. He expressed appreciation for the demolition work performed by the City and stated his desire to convey this and other properties to the City. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-326-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$3,866.40 - 1222 Alabama Avenue - District 3 -The Estate of James Buford Pair; Lionel Pair; Carolyn Pair Mills)

Councilman Worthy 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 204 7th Street South, Terry Wayne Pruitt, James & Donna Gaddis and State of Alabama being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-327-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$3,791.40 - 204 7th Street South in East Gadsden - District 4 -Terry Wayne Pruitt; James & Donna Gaddis; State of Alabama)

Councilman Echols moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Billingsley 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 1325 Barksdale Street, Nancy Christine Williams and Channel Martin being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-328-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$136.00 - 1325 Barksdale Street - District 2 - Nancy Christine Williams; Channel Martin)

Councilman Cannon 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 in opposition to or in favor of a resolution assessing nuisance abatement lien in the amount of \$256 for grass cutting at 2001 Ewing Avenue in District 2, Zachary Burns being the last known owner. Mr. Burns stated he acquired the property through a tax sale and has been cutting the grass, and requested that the fee be waived. President Williams moved to table the resolution for 7 days, which motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon and unanimously carried. President Williams advised Mr. Burns to speak with the appropriate departments to see if his records can be reconciled with the city's.

(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 818 Avenue F, J. T. Williams "etal," c/o Mrs. Jay Williams, being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-329-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$316.00 - 818 Avenue F - District 3 - J. T. Williams, etal, c/o Mrs. Jay Williams)

Councilman Cannon moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Billingsley 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 2839 Cambron Street, Clay Cambron being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-330-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$256.00 - 2839 Cambron Street - District 6 - Clay Cambron)

Councilman Cannon 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 314 Chester Street, Charles Terrell being the last known owner. Mr. Terrell stated he has hired someone to cut the grass this year. Councilman Cannon advised this charge would have occurred in 2017. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-331-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$136.00 - 314 Chester Street - District 6 - Charles Terrell)

Councilman Cannon 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 8 Dwight Avenue, Susan L. Brady and Eric McGee being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-332-18

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Grass Cutting - \$136.00 - 8 Dwight Avenue - District 6 - Susan L. Brady; Eric McGee)

Councilman Cannon 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-333-18

AWARDING BID NO. 3387

(Awarding Bid 3387 - Fuel Dispensing and Management Services - NEAPA - Ira Phillips Oil - Mark up over RACK prices ranging from \$.17609 to \$.34060 per gallon)

Councilman Cannon 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-334-18

APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICERS

(Appointing persons to serve as poll workers - Election for mayor and seven city council members to be held on August 28 and runoff election on October 9, if necessary - Designating number of DS200 machines to be used at sixteen voting locations and for absentee box)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-335-18

ACCEPTING CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY FROM DAVID ROSSER, JR.

(Authorizing Acceptance of Property from David Rosser, Jr., pursuant to Settlement Agreement - Lots 15 & 16, Block 21, Clayton Subdivision - Tax Parcel Numbers 10-09-31-1-000-086.000 and 10-09-31-4-000-002.000)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-336-18

AUTHORIZING ACKNOWLEDGMENT, WAIVER
AND RELEASE AGREEMENT
WITH ALABAMA POWER COMPANY

(Authorizing Mayor to execute Acknowledgment, Waiver and Release Agreement - Alabama Power Company - Company agrees to repair and resurface Delilah Street, due to damage caused in power expansion project)

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Mayor Guyton, President Williams and Councilman Reed joined in welcoming Ed Whatley, a regular attender of council meeting, back after an illness.

The Mayor and President Williams encouraged the public to attend a ribbon cutting for the newly renovated Kiwanis Pavilion at Noccalula Falls Park from 5-7 p.m. on August 16.

Mayor Guyton read a letter from a citizen praising a first responder who assisted her and her granddaughter, who were injured in the recent train derailment at Noccalula Falls Park.

Councilwoman Toles noted that school has started and encouraged safety for our students and becoming involved on their behalf. Councilman Cannon expressed excitement that the City was able to appropriate \$200,000 for school safety.

Councilwoman Worthy announced the job fair to be held on August 14 at the Downtown Civic Center, noting shuttles will run from the parking lot at the Career Center and from overflow parking at Convention Hall. He also announced employability skills seminars on August 13-14.

Councilman Billingsley and City Engineer Heath Williamson provided an update on sewer and water upgrades on S. 11th Street and the street resurfacing that will follow.

President Williams thanked New Canaan Baptist Church for an excellent “back to school” event and the Fire Department for its support, especially firefighter Chase Williams.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (8-07-2018)
