

**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS  
GADSDEN CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 28, 2020**

The Gadsden City Council conducted a work session by teleconference at 10:30 a.m. on April 28, 2020. All council members were present. The council meeting agenda for April 28 was reviewed, as well as four potential resolutions for future consideration:

- 1) Resolution authorizing amendment #2 to agreement with CDG Engineering & Associates Inc. for additional assistance with right-of-way acquisition – Regarding reconstruction of S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, from Black Creek Parkway to the bridge at Black Creek
- 2) Resolution authorizing agreement with the State of Alabama for equipment upgrades, operation, and maintenance of roadway lighting on AL-1, AL-25, AL-74, AL-77, AL-211, and AL-759
- 3) Resolution authorizing acceptance of Alabama Law Enforcement Agency grant under the Homeland Security Grant Program – For the purpose of conducting exercises, receiving training, or purchase of equipment for the Coates Bend Volunteer Fire Department, Altoona Fire Department, and Ballplay #1 Volunteer Fire Department
- 4) Ordinance amending Fiscal Year 2020 general fund budget to reflect receipt of ALEA grant in the amount of \$89,258.21

President Toles said the Building Official has advised there will be no grass cutting on vacant lots this summer, due to the layoff of approximately 50 non-full time employees. A lengthy discussion followed.

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The Gadsden City Council met by teleconference at 11 a.m. on April 28, 2020. On roll call by the City Clerk, Iva Nelson, the following council members answered present: Toles, Williams, Worthy, Back, Wilson, Cannon and Reed. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business.

The council took the following actions:

1. Approved minutes of the work session and council meeting held on April 21, 2020
2. Ratified payment of the accounts for the week of April 17-23, 2020
3. Adopted Resolution No. R-108-20 awarding Bid No. 3431 for 2020 Gadsden landscape maintenance to Proscap of Alabama, Inc. for \$47,226.00
4. Adopted Resolution No. R-109-20 authorizing preliminary engineer and construction agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation for intersection improvements at US-278/US-431 and Hood Avenue
5. Under new business, adopted Resolution No. R-110-20 authorizing acceptance of Alabama Law Enforcement Agency grant under the Homeland Security Grant Program – For the purpose of conducting exercises, receiving training, or purchase of equipment for the Coates Bend Volunteer Fire Department, Altoona Fire Department, and Ballplay #1 Volunteer Fire Department
6. Under new business, adopted Ordinance No. O-14-20 amending Fiscal Year 2020 general fund budget to reflect receipt of ALEA grant in the amount of \$89,258.21

Updates were provided by the following persons:

- 1) Deborah Gaither, Emergency Management Agency Director – COVID 19 and local conditions
- 2) Heath Williamson, City Engineer – Status of projects
- 3) Lisa Rosser, Finance Director – City finances, appreciation for first responders/city employees

Following announcements and remarks by council members, the meeting was duly adjourned.