

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
MARCH 8, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on March 8, 2022, 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, Williams, Worthy, Back, Wilson, and Cannon. Councilman Reed was absent. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Heath Williamson, Lee Roberts and Captain Jackson were also present.

The invocation was given by Brian Harbison.

The minutes of the Human Relations Advisory Committee, Work Session and Council meetings held on March 1, 2022, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of February 25 - March 3 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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On behalf of Mayor Guyton, President Toles read a proclamation proclaiming March 6-12, 2022, as "Water Quality Awareness Week" and presented it to Jeramy Ward.

PUBLIC HEARING

President Toles stated this was the time and place as advertised to conduct a public hearing allowing anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 701 Blythe Avenue, Marvin Wayne Wright, c/o Princess Dorothy Johnson-Brasher, being the last known owner. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, said a small fire occurred inside the house about 8 years ago. Although a neighbor purchased the property and began repairs, no improvements have been made since procedures began in April 2020. He recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-75-22

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

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

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

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-76-22

AWARDING BID NO. 3467

(Awarding Bid No. 3467 - Noccalula Falls Train Track Replacement - STX Corporation - \$949,814.00)

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-77-22

AWARDING BID NO. 3468

(Awarding Bid No. 3468 - Noccalula Falls Train Track Electrical Upgrades Project - A&S Electrical Contractors, Inc. - \$147,500.00)

Councilman Cannon 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-78-22

AUTHORIZING UTILIZATION OF
SOURCEWELL CONTRACT

(Authorizing utilization of Sourcewell Contract No. 012320-SCC, a national purchasing cooperative - For purchase of office supplies, copy paper, and print cartridges, etc. - Note: Vendor is Staples and term is 8-1-20 to 4-6-24, with possibility of one-year extension)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-79-22

AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING ON FIRE CODE

(Authorizing Public Hearing on March 29, 2022 - Regarding adoption of International Fire Code, 2021 Edition, prepared by the International Code Council)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-80-22

AUTHORIZING SATISFACTION OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN

(Authorizing Satisfaction of Nuisance Abatement Lien - 905 McKissack Street - District 2 - Accepting \$500.00 offer from Community Development Project 2000 - Note: Purchaser paid full amount of \$3,041.40 to State of Alabama and City of Gadsden will rebate the difference of \$2,541.40)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-81-22

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

(Authorizing Agreement - James Yerby, by and for II DA MAXX BAND - \$1,650.00 - For Summer Concert Series performance at Amphitheatre on June 3, 2022 - Note: \$350.00 will be applied from previous agreement canceled due to Covid, for total of \$2,000.00)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-82-22

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

(Authorizing Agreement - Crescent Moon Entertainment - \$2,500.00 - For Smokey Jones & the 3 Dollar Pistols to perform for Summer Concert Series concert at Amphitheatre on July 1, 2022)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-83-22

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

(Authorizing Agreement - Crescent Moon Entertainment - \$3,700.00 - For Bueller to perform for Summer Concert Series concert at Amphitheatre on August 5, 2022)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-84-22

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

(Authorizing Agreement - Crescent Moon Entertainment - \$2,900.00 - For TYME to perform for Summer Concert Series concert at Amphitheatre on September 2, 2022)

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

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Williams introduced the following resolution in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-85-22

AUTHORIZING TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH
CALCEAN MINERALS AND MATERIALS, LLC

(Authorizing Tax Abatement Agreement - Calcean Minerals and Materials, LLC - For non-educational state and local property taxes and construction related transaction taxes - For period of 5 years - Relating to construction project with capital investment of \$7,503,324.00)

President Toles received unanimous consent to immediately consider the resolution as an item of new business. Councilman Williams noted Gadsden is in competition with a city in another state for the project. He moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon and unanimously adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Wil Reed, Gadsden Fire Department announced a pilot program for commercial and residential fire safety to be held at Carver Community Center on April 9. He noted this was requested from the Carver Community Revitalization Committee in response to recent fires. Chief Reed expressed hope the program will be expanded to other communities.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Wilson explained various actions taken by the Council today.

Councilman Worthy announced the upcoming Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic scheduled for April 23-24 at Gadsden City High School. He expressed appreciation to services provided to the community by various agencies and asked for prayers for city and county government and working together for a positive image. Councilman Worthy expressed concern for the families affected by a recent shooting and urged black men to continue trying to influence young men.

Councilman Williams encouraged everyone to come out and support this weekend's State basketball youth tournament.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (3-8-22)
