

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
JANUARY 4, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on January 4, 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, Cannon and Reed. 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 Heath Williamson.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on December 21, 2021 were approved by unanimous vote.

On behalf of Mayor Guyton, President Toles read a proclamation proclaiming Tuesday, January 4, 2022, as "Aceia Spade Day" and presented it to her. Miss Spade expressed appreciation for the proclamation, which recognized her selection as National Miss Juneteenth 2021.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the weeks of December 17-23 and December 24-30, 2021, were ratified by unanimous vote.

#212834-212906	General	\$938,336.39
#212907-213045	General	\$377,293.69

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) A resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 822 N. 34<sup>th</sup> Street in District 7, which was tabled for 30 days on November 23, was presented in writing for consideration. Councilman Reed moved to adopt the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon. Councilman Wilson noted the Building Official's recommendation and then moved to table the resolution an additional 30 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-01-22

AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

(Authorizing Acquisition of Property - Parcel containing 0.02 acres at the intersection of Highway 431 (E. Meighan Boulevard) and SR 291 (N. Hood Avenue) - Providing for condemnation proceedings if agreement cannot be reached, through assistance of Turnbach, Warren, Rice, Lloyd, Frederick & Smith, P.C. - Relating to ALDOT project for intersection improvements to improve traffic flow - Note: Walgreen's Pharmacy is tenant)

President Toles 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 Cannon and unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-02-22

AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH COOK & BOYD, INC.

(Authorizing Lease Agreement - Cook & Boyd, Inc. - For portion of Building T-4-D at Air Depot - \$4,140.00 per month - Term of 12 months, beginning 1-1-22)

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Jen Weathington (Parks & Recreation Director) reported on this year's "Christmas at the Falls" event, noting just under 95,000 tickets were purchased. She noted track realignment will begin soon and the new electric trains will be shipped in February. Ms. Weathington also announced youth basketball registration and the upcoming State tournament in March. In response to Councilman Cannon's inquiry, she said there have been fewer than 8 registrations for girls softball in the past two years.

PUBLIC

Dr. Cheryl L. Sington presented information on a new grant program and educational opportunity center at Gadsden State Community College. She said qualifying adults can receive guidance and free tuition if needed. Councilmen Williams and Back joined in commending this program. Mayor Guyton expressed appreciation for the information and Councilman Wilson reiterated the details. Councilman Williams and Dr. Sington reminisced about the influence of her father, Fred Sington, who served as Assistant to Mayor Steve Means and as Airport Authority Director.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Worthy expressed appreciation for firemen and policemen from Rainbow City who responded to a fire at his son's apartment building.

Councilman Cannon thanked the Gadsden Fire Department for its great response during his wife's recent illness.

Councilman Wilson explained today's new business items and thanked the Gadsden Fire Department for volunteer assistance with the "Feed the Need" event.

Councilmen Wilson and Back joined in commending Parks and Recreation and Public Works staff that made Christmas at the Falls successful.

Councilman Williams noted the property acquisition is part of a long-standing traffic relief effort and said the city has lobbied for many years for the Eastern Connector (I-759 extension) project. He encouraged the public to check on neighbors and those less fortunate during winter weather.

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

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (1-4-22)

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FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING  
JANUARY 4, 2022 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Bid No. 3466 - Janitorial Services for Cabin Rentals at Noccalula Falls Park Campground

	<u>Total Price Per Cleaning</u>
Pampering Homes	\$40.00
Cleaner Than Clean Cleaning Services, LLC	\$150.00
BNB Networks LLC	\$390.00

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

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