

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
JANUARY 14, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on January 14, 2020, 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 Captain Jackson were also present.

The invocation was given by Councilman Williams.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on January 7, 2020, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of January 3 - 9, 2020 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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(1) The following ordinance, which was introduced for first reading at last week's meeting, was presented for consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. O-01-20

AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

(Conveying property located at 2201 - 2203 Norris Avenue in District 6 to Floyd Handy and Ruby Nelson for \$700.00)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(2) The following resolution, which was tabled for 30 days on December 10, 2019, was presented in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-04-20

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 106 Elmer Street (or possibly 104 Elmer Street) - District 2 - Regina Kay Lawson, and Tonya H. Bogle)

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

(3) The following resolution, which was tabled for 30 days on December 10, 2019, was presented in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-05-20

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 123 Penn Drive - District 4 - State of Alabama, the rights of redemption of Charlotte Turman, and Lynda Riggins)

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

(4) The following resolution, which was tabled for 30 days on December 10, 2019, was presented in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-06-20

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 1015 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue - District 5 - Delphine E. Blake and Family Savings Credit Union)

Councilman Wilson 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-07-20

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH BOATNER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

(Change order for Bid No. 3405 - Gymnasium Floor Replacement at Mitchell Community Center - to replace two pairs of doors from Gym to Storage Room and Gym to Corridor with all hardware to meet ADA compliance)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-08-20

AMENDING RESOLUTIONS TO ADD ADDITIONAL OWNER

(Amending Resolutions Numbers R-441-19 through R-447-19 and R-449-19 through R-451-19 by adding Darrell L. Smart as additional owner)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-09-20

ACCEPTING CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY

(Accepting Conveyance of Property at 912 Willow Street from owner Bonita Bynum, Administrator of the Estate of Charles Smitherman)

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

ORDINANCE PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING

An ordinance Amending Sec. 46-152 of the Code of Ordinances to Provide and Exception for the Operation of a Hookah Bar was presented in writing for the first reading. Since no action was taken, the ordinance will be placed on next week's agenda for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-10-20

AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Authorizing Property Lease Agreement with Gadsden State Community College pertaining to a recreational park/athletic fields on the college property for children and youth sports)

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Mayor Guyton and several Council members commented on the City's partnership with Gadsden State Community College and expressed excitement at the planned development of athletic fields and facilities.

Councilman Worthy announced events on Monday, January 20, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. sponsored by WMGJ Radio and Gadsden Empowerment Initiative.

Councilman Wilson noted the Council was forced to take action today to abate nuisances on three properties where additional time had been granted to the owner for repairs.

Councilman Cannon noted confusion concerning opening the community shelter in Alabama City will be eliminated. Councilman Reed joined with him in commending business, citizens, and city departments working to clear debris from Saturday's storms.

Councilman Reed noted the Public Safety Committee discussed tethering of animals and littering today and a report will be given next week. He recognized his wife, Barbara, who was present.

President Toles announced a District 1 meeting on January 27 and changes in this week's garbage collection schedule due to the Martin Luther King holiday. She recognized Walter Lewis, who was present.

Councilman Back announced a public meeting on Thursday concerning ALDOT's plans regarding Highway 411 improvements and resurfacing.

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

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (1-14-2020)

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