

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
JANUARY 15, 2019- 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on January 15, 2019, 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 Shane Ellison.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on January 8, 2019, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of January 4-10, 2019 were ratified by unanimous vote.

#188021-188222	General	\$1,889,947.50
#188020	General	\$ 24,655.00

(1) An ordinance authorizing conveyance of property at 911 Vinson Avenue in District 2, which was tabled for 7 days on January 8, 2019, was presented in writing for consideration. Councilman Williams moved to table the resolution indefinitely, which motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon and unanimously carried.

(2) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 733 Brookside Drive, US Bank Trust, N.A., as trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust c/o Caliber Home Loans, Inc., and Tommie E. Pearson being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in May 2018, and recommended abatement. Councilman Worthy moved to table the resolution for 7 days, which motion was seconded by Councilmen Cannon and Wilson then unanimously carried.

(3) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 3501 Forrest Avenue, Gregory Keith Peters, State of Alabama, redemption rights to Regina Lynn Price and Wesley O. Price or their heirs if deceased being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in August 2018, and recommended abatement. Councilman Cannon moved to table the resolution for 30 days, which motion was seconded by Councilman Reed and unanimously carried.

(4) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 2312 Hill Avenue, Demika Keith and Travette Keith, Beck & Hunt Residential, LLC and State of Alabama being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in August 2018, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-19

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 2312 Hill Avenue - District 6 - Demika Keith and Travette Keith, Beck & Hunt Residential, LLC and State of Alabama)

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

(5) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 3417 Sudie Avenue, Forse Investment, LLC being the last known owner. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in May 2018, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-19

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 3417 Sudie Avenue - District 6 - Forse Investment, LLC)

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

(6) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 3419 Sudie Avenue, Eulas Cromer and/or his heirs if deceased being the last known owner. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in May 2018, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-27-19

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 3419 Sudie Avenue - District 6 - Eulas Cromer and/or his heirs if deceased)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-28-19

AUTHORIZING FORMAL BUDGET AMENDMENT OF 2017 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS
GRANT

(City of Gadsden was Awarded \$200,000 in 2017 Emergency Solutions Grant Program Funds as a Subrecipient of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs)

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-29-19

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

(Authorizing Payment to ALDOT - \$491,612.99 - for the City Required Match of 20% to Construct the Widening and Resurfacing of South 11th Street from Black Creek Parkway to near Piedmont Avenue)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-30-19

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

(Authorizing Agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation to Provide Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for the Widening and Resurfacing of S. 11th Street from Black Creek Parkway to near Piedmont Avenue)

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

(3) Councilman Wilson introduced the following resolution in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-31-19

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH CDG ENGINEERS &
ASSOCIATES, INC.

(Authorizing Agreement with CDG Engineers, Inc., increasing the Existing Contract by and Additional \$12,149.00 for PE Services Required to Reconstruct S. 11th Street from Black Creek Parkway to the Bridge at Black Creek)

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

(4) Councilman Cannon introduced the following ordinance in writing for consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. O-04-19

AMENDING SECTION 106-89 (a) OF THE CITY CODE ARTICLE III, COLLECTION AND
DISPOSAL

(Amending Sec. 106-89 (a) Regarding Move-Outs and Evictions)

Councilman Cannon moved to suspend the rules to immediately consider the ordinance as an item of new business. The motion was seconded by Councilman Reed and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Toles, Williams, Worthy, Back, Wilson, Cannon, Reed

NAYS: None

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

(5) Councilman Reed introduced the following ordinance in writing for consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. O-05-19

AMEND §118-353 © OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
GADSDEN, ALABAMA

(Amending Rates for the Storage of Vehicles for Wreckers Participating in the City's Rotation System, Sec. 118-353)

Councilman Reed moved to suspend the rules to immediately consider the ordinance as an item of new business. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Toles, Williams, Worthy, Back, Wilson, Cannon, Reed
NAYS: None

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Carroll - Toys from Santa Program

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (01-15-2019)
