

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
MARCH 1, 2022 - 11:30 A.M.

The City Council met on March 1, 2022, in regular session.

Due to the length of the work session, the meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Council President Toles. On roll call by the City Clerk, Iva Nelson, the following council members answered present: Toles, Worthy, Back, Wilson, Cannon and Reed. Councilman Williams joined the meeting shortly after it began. 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 special work session, regular work session and council meeting held on February 22, 2022, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of February 18-24 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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RESOLUTION PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

A resolution concerning Pilgrim's Pride was introduced in writing for consideration. City Attorney Lee Roberts read a substitute resolution containing three additions. A discussion followed regarding inclusion of provisions relating to Etowah Community. Councilman Cannon moved to substitute the following resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilman Reed and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Toles, Williams, Back, Cannon, Reed

NAYS: Worthy, Wilson

RESOLUTION NO. R-71-22

PILGRIM'S PRIDE

(Note: Etowah County Circuit Judge seeks determination by this Council in case styled *Dynamic Collision, LLC v. Gadsden Airport Authority, et al* on whether City would in the future consent to sell or lease airport property to Pilgrim's Pride for construction of rendering plant facility - Resolving as follows: (1) This Council will not consent to lease or sell airport property to Pilgrim's Pride for the construction of a rendering plant; (2) This Council will not consent to lease or sell airport property to Etowah Community for the construction of a light industrial park; (3) This Council will not agree to enter into a consent decree which will restrict the constitutional rights of future city councils to make decisions for the benefit of our City)

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-72-22

AWARDING BID NO. 3470

(Awarding Bid No. 3470 - Tuscaloosa Avenue Pedestrian Lighting Repairs Project - A&S Electrical Contractors, Inc. - \$165,750.00)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-22

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1  
WITH CHASE BUILDING GROUP

(Authorizing Change Order #1 - Bid No. 3442 - Gadsden Sports Park, Phase 1 - Additional \$620,000.00 to complete various items of additional work - Adjusting contract with Chase Building Group to \$7,067,642.52)

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 Back and unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-74-22

AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT  
WITH COOK & BOYD, INC.

(Authorizing Lease Agreement - Cook & Boyd, Inc. - For portion of Building T-4-C at Air Depot - \$3,780.00 per month - Term of 12 months, beginning 3-1-22)

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 Back and unanimously adopted.

PUBLIC

Angela Anderson (Executive Director, East Central Alabama AHEC) announced the Remote Area Clinic (RAM), which was originally set for 2020, has been rescheduled for April 22-24 at Gadsden City High School. Anne Mitchell expressed thanks for the previous 900 volunteers and encouraged signing up again. She said dental work and eyeglasses will be provided on site. Ms. Anderson requested providers to volunteer their services and said Dr. Hicks, who was integral in the program, will be missed. Councilman Worthy thanked Dr. Lew Mitchell and other leaders for their coordination work. Councilman Back thanked everyone who made the clinic a reality and expressed appreciation to Gadsden City High School for hosting it.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Worthy highlighted the WIOA (Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act) program, which provides funds to attend Gadsden State Community College. He explained the guidelines and the courses offered and encouraged the public to visit the career center to apply.

Councilman Cannon noted the Airport Authority had rejected both lease/sale proposals and wanted to acknowledge both groups equally.

Councilman Reed said he is glad to be back after his surgery.

Councilman Back announced a food distribution event at First Baptist Church at 1:30 p.m. today for persons aged 59 and older.

President Toles invited everyone to attend today’s ribbon cutting ceremony for the new East Gadsden Community Center at 1:30 p.m.

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

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (3-1-22)

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FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING  
MARCH 1, 2022 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Bid No. 3471 - Wildhaven Circle Drainage Improvements, Phase 2

James E. Watts and Sons	\$68,750.00
Bedwell & Whorton Excavating, LLC	\$46,475.00

Copies of the bids will be forwarded to the City Engineer, and a recommendation will be made to the Council.

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