

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
MARCH 22, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on March 22, 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. Heath Williamson, Lee Roberts and Captain Jackson were also present.

The invocation was given by Brian Harbison.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on March 15, 2022, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of March 11-17 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

President Toles stated this was the time and place as advertised to conduct the following public hearings:

(1) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 1111 Stillman Avenue in District 2, FNA NB, LLC and Nikitta Shepherd, subject to redemption rights of Barfield Investment, being the last known owners. Nikitta Shepherd said they intended to abandon the home after it burned, but upon further consideration, wish to make the needed repairs. She said they wish to allow a relative to live there and would possibly rent it later. In response to Councilman Wilson's inquiry, repairs have been estimated to be \$10,000. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated there have been some exterior improvements since the case started in April 2021. He said he is not opposed to a time extension and recommended 30 days. Councilman Williams moved to table the resolution for 30 days, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy 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 636 Hillyer Street, Sheila Duckett (via Estate of Roosevelt Holiday) being the last known owner. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in December 2020, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-94-22

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 636 Hillyer Street - District 3 - Sheila Duckett, via Estate of Roosevelt Holiday)

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

(3) President Toles announced that no action was necessary regarding 331 Connell Drive in District 2, as the nuisance has been abated by the owner.

(4) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 203 Carolyn Lane, the State of Alabama, possible redemption rights of FNA NP, LLC, and Linnie D. Smedley and Eugene Smedley, BBTB Investments, LLC being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-95-22

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$3,020.00 - 203 Carolyn Lane - District 2 - State of Alabama; Possible redemption rights of FNA NP, LLC; Linnie D. Smedley; Eugene Smedley; BBTB Investments, LLC)

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

(5) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 314 Roslyn Drive, the State of Alabama, Jackie McCormick and wife Deborah McCormick being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-96-22

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$1,820.00 - 314 Roslyn Drive - District 2 -State of Alabama; Jackie McCormick and wife, Deborah McCormick)

Councilman Williams 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 assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 19 W. Wilkinson Avenue, the Estate of John L. McCoy, Amie McCoy, Tina McCoy, Michael John McCoy, Sharon Marie Valles, Ronald McCoy, Roger McCoy, Dorothy Powell, and any known heirs of Amie McCoy, and the State of Alabama being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-97-22

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$3,395.00 - 19 W. Wilkinson Avenue - District 7 - Estate of John L. McCoy; Amie McCoy; Tina McCoy; Michael John McCoy; Sharon Marie Valles; Ronald McCoy; Roger McCoy; Dorothy Powell; Any known heirs of Amie McCoy; State of Alabama)

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

(7) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution approving the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for Quickety Split Mini Market, LLC, d/b/a Quickety Split Mini Market, at 1401 E. Broad Street . Laron Kinchlow acknowledge the bad reputation of this location, but said he feels the community needs a store. He has invested in lighting and surveillance equipment and will coordinate with law enforcement to control loitering. Mr. Kinchlow said a drive-through window will be utilized during nighttime hours and Councilman Wilson advised him to make sure this meets ABC Board guidelines. President Toles said she has been a proponent of shutting down the business in this location due to drug activity. In response to Councilman Williams' inquiry, Mr. Kinchlow said he hopes to sell gasoline. Councilman Worthy referred to a past conviction and expressed willingness to allow Mr. Kinchlow an opportunity to prove himself. The following resolution was presented for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-98-22

APPROVING ISSUANCE OF
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Quickety Split Mini Market, LLC - Quickety Split Mini Market - 1401 East Broad Street - District 2 - Retail Beer and Table Wine, off premises only)

Councilman Williams moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Cannon

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-99-22

AUTHORIZING PROJECT SCOPE REVISION
RELATED TO ADECA GRANT

(Regarding Recreational Trails Program Grant awarded through ADECA - For trail improvements to Black Creek Trail system at Nocalula Falls Park - Revising scope of work to eliminate "Upper Cascade Trail Multi-Use Bridge" - Note: Determination was made that bridge would better serve the area if installed south of the original site, which will require more extensive planning and design)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-100-22

AUTHORIZING PERMANENT EASEMENT TO AT&T

(Authorizing Permanent Right-of-Way Easement - AT&T - To install fiber optic utility line between Broad & Chestnut Streets and 4th & 5th Streets)

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

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Worthy expressed concern about another recent violent death and stressed the need to mentor young people and combat crime. President Toles stated the need for more officers and Councilman Reed expressed hope that Summer enrichment programs could help.

Councilman Back commended “Friends of the Falls” for a recent clean-up and other efforts in support of Nocalula Falls Park.

President Toles announced free training sessions for manufacturing companies during the month of April, a cooperative effort of Alabama Technology Network, the Industrial Development Authority, and the City.

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

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