

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
MAY 3, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on May 3, 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, and Reed. Councilmen Wilson and Cannon were absent. 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 April 26, 2022, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of April 22-28 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-07-22

AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET

(Amending FY2022 Budget - Appropriating \$400,000.00 from unassigned fund balance to Outside Agency Airport Authority - For legal expenses related to ongoing litigation)

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

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 1201 Johnson Street in District 2, Donald Vinson, subject to a mortgage in favor of 1st Franklin Financial Corporation, being the last known owner. Rebecca Vinson spoke, stating her husband is deceased and the house has been sold. She added the purchaser intends to make repairs. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made to this burned house since procedures began in April 2021, and recommended abatement. He said there was no evidence of a sale on the recent title opinion, but suggested the legal department could investigate. Councilman Williams moved to table the resolution for 14 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 912 Tuscaloosa Avenue, Oscar Jorge Villadozo Escamilla being the last known owner. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in April 2021, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-140-22

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 912 Tuscaloosa Avenue - District 3 - Oscar Jorge Villadozo Escamilla)

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

(3) President Toles announced that no action was necessary regarding a resolution ordering abatement of nuisances on property at 119 10th Street South (East Gadsden) in District 4, 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 ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 2405 Hill Avenue, Jeanette Chandler being the last known owner. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in February 2021, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-141-22

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 2405 Hill Avenue - District 6 - Jeanette Chandler)

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

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-142-22

AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING
ON BUILDING CODE

(Authorizing public hearing on May 24, 2022 - Regarding adoption of International Building Code, 2021 Edition)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-143-22

AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING
ON FUEL GAS CODE

(Authorizing public hearing on May 24, 2022 - Regarding adoption of International Fuel Gas Code, 2021 Edition)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-144-22

AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING
ON MECHANICAL CODE

(Authorizing public hearing on May 24, 2022- Regarding adoption of International Mechanical Code, 2021 Edition)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-145-22

AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING
ON PLUMBING CODE

(Authorizing public hearing on May 24, 2022 - Regarding adoption of International Plumbing Code, 2021 Edition)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-146-22

AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

(Authorizing public hearing on May 24, 2022 - Regarding adoption of International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 Edition)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-147-22

AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING
ON RESIDENTIAL CODE

(Authorizing public hearing on May 24, 2022 - Regarding adoption of International Residential Code, 2021 Edition)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-148-22

AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING
ON SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE

(Authorizing public hearing on May 24, 2022 - Regarding adoption of International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2021 Edition)

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

ORDINANCE - FIRST READING

The following ordinance was introduced in writing and read by President Toles:

ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY AT 1621 VAN BUREN AVENUE

Since no action was taken in this meeting, the ordinance will be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting for consideration.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Wil Reed, Fire Chief read a thank-you letter he and Mayor Guyton sent to other agencies, businesses, and individuals that assisted the Gadsden Fire Department in the recent 6-day recovery effort for a drowning victim in the Coosa River.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Reed thanked everyone who offered support during his recent illness.

Councilman Back commended Gadsden State Community College for recent litter collection efforts, in conjunction with Alabama PALS (People Against a Littered State), which included the James Martin Wildlife Park.

Councilman Worthy thanked all volunteers who worked in the recent RAM (Remote Area Medical) Clinic at Gadsden City High School, noting over 600 people received services.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (5-3-22)

FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING
MAY 3, 2022 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Bid No. 3472 - Elliott Community Center Asbestos Abatement Project

Lakeshore Environmental, LLC \$230, 100.00

Bid No. 3475 - Finished Traffic Signs

Lightle Enterprises of Ohio, LLC Unit Prices
Georgia Correction Industries Unit Prices

Bid No. 3476 - Unfinished Traffic Signs & Sign Posts

Lightle Enterprises of Ohio, LLC Unit Prices
Universal Signs & Accessories Unit Prices
Xcessories Squared Development & Mfg., Inc. Unit Prices

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