

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
JUNE 7, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on June 7, 2022, in regular session.

Due to the length of a previous executive session, the meeting was called to order at approximately 11:30 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 Entrekin were also present.

The invocation was given by Heath Williamson.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on May 31, 2022, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of May 27-June 2 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 816 Hillyer Street, Elizabeth Winborn being the last known owner. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made to this partially burned house since procedures began in May 2021, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-182-22

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 816 Hillyer Street - District 3 - Elizabeth Winborn)

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

(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 161 Van Buren Avenue, Joseph H. McClain, Sr. being the last known owner. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in May 2021, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-183-22

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 1621 Van Buren Avenue - District 5 - Joseph H. McClain, Sr.)

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

RESOLUTION PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-184-22

AUTHORIZING SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR VERIZON WIRELESS TO MODIFY EXISTING WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY LOCATED AT 500 CLAYTON BOULEVARD

(Authorizing Special Use Permit - Verizon Wireless - 500 Clayton Boulevard - To install equipment and modify existing telecommunications facility)

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

Councilman Reed said he voted for the permit; however, litter and trash around the tower need to be cleared.

ORDINANCE - FIRST READING

An Ordinance Amending Fiscal Year 2022 Budget (Reflecting Receipt and Appropriation of ADECA CARES Act CDBG-CV Program Funds) was introduced in writing and read by President Toles.

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

DEPARTMENT/BOARD REPORTS

Dr. Kathy L. Murphy - Gadsden State Community College apologized for a misunderstanding that occurred last week and affirmed the city's letter of support for the proposed Advanced Manufacturing Center. She expressed appreciation for the city's partnership in development of the Gadsden Sports Park on the campus and other support provided.

Iva Nelson, City Clerk, announced qualifying of candidates for the municipal election on August 23 will begin next Tuesday, June 14. She noted operating hours and observance of the Juneteenth holiday on June 20, and the end of qualifying at 5 p.m. on June 28.

COUNCIL REMARKS

President Toles announced next week's work session and council meeting will be held on Monday, June 13, due to the beginning of qualifying.

Councilman Cannon urged everyone to exhibit kindness during the election season.

The Council joined in thanking Dr. Murphy for her comments and community partnership. At Councilman Worthy, Dr. Murphy discussed the FAME (Federation of Advanced Manufacturing Education) Program, which is underway on the Ayers campus. A discussion followed on the “Earn While You Learn” apprenticeship style program and interest was expressed in advertising it on Channel 99, as well as receiving future updates from Dr. Murphy.

Councilman Wilson noted the city did not redistrict its council districts.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (6-7-22)
