

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
JUNE 13, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on June 13, 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, Back, Wilson, Cannon and Reed. Councilmen Williams and Worthy were absent. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Mayor Guyton, Heath Williamson, Lee Roberts, and Chief Jagears were also present.

The invocation was given by Councilman Back.

The minutes of the Human Relations Advisory Committee, Work Session and Council meetings held on June 7, 2022, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of June 3-9 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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On behalf of Mayor Guyton, President Toles read the following proclamations:

(1) Commemorating Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Alabama for their 40<sup>th</sup> Year of Mentoring Youth in Northeast Alabama - Presented to Valerie Pugliese

Ms. Pugliese thanked the city for its support throughout the years and recognized board members and staff who were present.

(2) Recognizing Ms. Angela Anderson (Executive Director of the RAM Community Group) and Dr. Lew Mitchell (Volunteer Clinic Coordinator) and the hundreds of volunteers who worked to make the RAM clinic held in April a successful event. Ms. Anderson recognized team members present and named each person who served on the leadership team.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-24-22

AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET

(Amending FY2022 Budget - Appropriating \$400,000.00 2020 ADECA CARES Act CDBG-CV Program Funds - For costs associated with demolition of Elliott Community Center at 2829 W. Meighan Boulevard - Note: Elliott Wellness Center will be constructed on the site)

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

(2) The following resolution, which was tabled for 30 days on May 10, was presented for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-185-22

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 205 Tuskegee Circle - District 1 - Adam Lance Fugat, subject to the possible rights of redemption of Porter J. Foster, heirs successors and/or assigns, subject to possible rights of redemption of Melissa Bailey, her heirs, successors, and/or assigns)

Upon recommendation of the Building Official, Councilman Cannon moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Reed and unanimously adopted.

(3) A resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 216 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street in District 3, which was tabled for 30 days on May 10, was presented for consideration. Upon recommendation of the Building Official, Councilman Wilson moved to table the resolution an additional 30 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Back and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-186-22

AWARDING BID NO. 3477

(Awarding Bid No. 3477 - Hillsboro Drive Resurfacing Project - Vulcan Materials Asphalt and Construction, LLC - \$137,034.00

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-187-22

AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR AT&T

(Authorizing Special Use Permit - AT&T Wireless - To install their equipment and modify existing wireless telecommunication facility located at 4290 Old Pump Station Road)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-188-22

APPOINTING MEMBER TO  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(Appointing Travis Watkins to replace Bob Minyard - For term ending May 18, 2025)

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

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Iva Nelson, City Clerk, gave a reminder concerning dates for qualifying of candidates (June 14-28), the Juneteenth Holiday (June 20), election day (August 23) and the runoff election, if necessary (September 20).

PUBLIC

Joseph Cole thanked the mayor and council for their years of service, especially Mayor Guyton’s 16-year tenure. He noted President Toles is serving as the first African American female President and said he hopes to see more diversity among the department heads. Mr. Cole also related events concerning a personnel matter involving an employee at The Venue. He also thanked law enforcement for response in a recent tragic event. President Toles reminded Mr. Cole that the council is the legislative body and he said his remarks were for their information.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

President Toles announced changes in the garbage schedule due to next Monday’s Juneteenth holiday. She commended Dr. Lew Mitchell’s sister, Dr. Kathryn Mitchell, for her work on reading programs throughout the state.

Several council members commented on the recent tragic event (at Walnut Park School). Councilman Cannon asked for prayers for our city and county. Councilman Back and Wilson joined in thanking staff, police and fire, for their response. Councilman Back said he is praying for the people affected.

Councilman Wilson explained today’s budget amendment.

Councilman Back expressed appreciation to the RAM volunteers and the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Mayor Guyton said he didn’t plan to be mayor for sixteen years when he first ran for office. He thanked everyone for their support and made positive remarks about city staff and many projects underway.

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

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (6-13-22)

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