

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
JUNE 21, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on June 21, 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, Back, Wilson, and Reed. Councilmen Worthy and Cannon were absent. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Lee Roberts and Chief Jaggears were also present.

The invocation was given by Councilman Williams.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on June 13, 2022, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of June 10-16 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) A resolution approving issuance of Alcoholic Beverage License for William Avery Jr., d/b/a Avery Blues Hall of Famer, located at 104 Tuscaloosa Avenue in District 3 was presented for consideration. Councilman Wilson noted there is a pending court case that would have an effect on this matter and moved to table the resolution indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and unanimously carried.

(2) A resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 612 Blythe Street in District 3, which was tabled for 30 days on May 17, 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 Williams and unanimously carried.

(3) A resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 1201 Johnson Street in District 2, which was tabled for 30 days on May 17, was presented for consideration. Upon recommendation of the Building Official, Councilman Williams 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-189-22

REAPPOINTING MEMBER TO  
FORREST CEMETERY BOARD

(Reappointing Dr. Lloyd Miller for a term expiring April 5, 2027)

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

AYES: Toles, Back, Wilson, Reed

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Williams

#### ORDINANCE - FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE - AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET (Transferring \$350,000.00 from 2022 Revenue Overages for gas and oil shortages)

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

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

##### RESOLUTION NO. R-190-22

##### AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF ALABAMA TOURISM DEPARTMENT GRANTS

(Authorizing Acceptance of Grants from Alabama Tourism Department - \$7,800.00 for Summer Concert on July 1, Independence Day Fireworks on July 4, and Mistletoe Market on December 3 - \$10,000.00 for marketing and promotion of city-wide tourism events)

President Toles received unanimous consent to immediately consider the resolution as an item of new business. Councilman Wilson thanked Representative Gil Isbell for his assistance in securing the grants and moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and unanimously adopted.

(2) Councilman Wilson introduced the following ordinance in writing for consideration:

##### ORDINANCE NO. O-25-22

##### AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET

(Amending FY2022 Budget - Reflecting receipt of \$17,800.00 in grants from Alabama Tourism Department and Appropriating to Special Events)

Councilman Wilson moved to suspend the rules to immediately consider the ordinance as an item of new business. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Toles, Williams, Back, Wilson, Reed

NAYS: None

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

PUBLIC

Traci Pondick reported on this year’s tax assistance program sponsored by RSVP and thanked the City for its support. She noted over 2,000 Federal returns were processed, with over \$3 million in refunds received.

COUNCIL REMARKS

The council joined in expressing excitement about the announcement of a runway extension at the Northeast Alabama Regional Airport. The partnership and cooperation between the National Guard, City of Gadsden, Airport Authority, and State of Alabama was celebrated and the project has been in the planning stage for quite some time. It was noted that a time line and the funding source are yet to be determined. Councilman Wilson requested that the Airport Authority provide periodic updates to the council.

Councilman Back thanked everyone for their concerns expressed during his recent shoulder surgery. He noted many positive projects are underway.

Councilman Wilson explained the extension of today’s nuisance cases and the budget amendment.

Councilman Williams commented on last week’s annual Council on Aging event and expressed concern that elder abuse is a common occurrence. He and Councilman Reed asked the Police Chief for information that can combat the problem. Councilman Wilson encouraged checking on elderly family members and neighbors during the extreme heat.

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

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (6-21-22)

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FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING  
JUNE 21, 2022 - 2:00 P.M.

The City Clerk received no bid proposals as advertised for the following bid:

Bid No. 3474 - Oscar Adams Elementary Access Roadway

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