

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
AUGUST 10, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on August 10, 2021, 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, and Wilson. Councilmen Worthy, Cannon, and Reed were absent. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Mayor Guyton, Jeremy Ward, and Captain Jackson were also present.

The invocation was given by Councilman Back.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on August 3, 2021, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of July 30-August 5 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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Deborah Gaither, Emergency Management Agency Director, presented an update on Covid-19, noting local statistics have risen. She said approximately 450 vaccinations were administered since Vaccinate Gadsden has begun and Attalla has also established a vaccination incentive program. Ms. Gaither announced upcoming clinics and joined with Fire Chief Wil Reed in describing the first use of EMA's ambubus in response to a fire at Coosa Valley Health Care. EMA and Fire Department staff were commended and appreciation was expressed for Police Department escorts. Concern was expressed for first responders who are battling Covid.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) The following resolution, which was tabled for 30 days on July 6, 2021, was presented in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-173-21

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 926 Southline Avenue - District 2 - Robert Ransaw and wife Cornita Ransaw; Roger Keith Williams)

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

RESOLUTION PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-174-21

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2019 CDBG ACTION PLAN
AND 2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

(Amending FY2019 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan - Amending 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan - Allocating \$201,249.00 Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds - To be used for COVID-19 response)

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

ORDINANCE PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

The following ordinance was introduced in writing for consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. O-08-21

AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

(Amending FY2021 Budget - Reflecting receipt of \$201,249.00 CDBG-CV funds - Distributing \$30,000.00 each to The Salvation Army, Catholic Center of Concern, The Love Center Homeless Shelter, Way of the Cross Ministries and Metropolitan Noon Nutrition Association (MANNA) and \$51,249.00 to United Way of Etowah County)

Renee Baker, Community Development Planner, explained United Way will accept applications from 501C3 organizations and send them to the City for a final decision regarding appropriations for Covid response.

Councilman Wilson moved to suspend the rules to immediately consider the ordinance at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Toles, Williams, Back, Wilson

NAYS: None

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

The Council joined in expressing concern for Councilman Reed and his wife, Barbara, who are battling Covid. They commented on the surging cases and urged citizens to take recommended precautions and consult with health officials regarding vaccination.

Councilman Wilson congratulated Blake New on his recent good health news.

Councilman Back reminded the public to carefully observe school zones as students return to school Thursday.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (8-10-21)
