

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
AUGUST 24, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on August 24, 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 Wilson. Councilmen Cannon and Reed were absent. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Heath Williamson, Lee Roberts and Chief Jaggars were also present.

The invocation was given by Brian Harbison.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on August 16, 2022, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of August 12-18 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following resolution, which was tabled for 30 days on July 19, was presented in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-236-22

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 1814 Emanuel Avenue - District 5 - Jason Keith Shaneyfelt and wife Christy Olive Shaneyfelt, subject to a mortgage in favor of Price Buster, LLC)

Councilman Wilson moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Back 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 2617 E. Meighan Boulevard, Christine Darnell being the last known owner. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made to this burned house since procedures began in February 2022, and recommended abatement. He added the owner wishes to convey the property to the city. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-237-22

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 2617 E. Meighan Boulevard - District 1 - Christine Darnell)

Councilwoman Toles moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Back 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 524 Hoke Street, James Hill and Mildred E. Hill, or their heirs, successors, and/or assigns if they are deceased, Mildred E. And James (deceased) Hill, c/o Katy Mostella, being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made to this burned house since procedures began in February 2022, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-238-22

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 524 Hoke Street - District 2 - James Hill and Mildred E. Hill, or their heirs, successors, and/or assigns if they are deceased; Mildred E. and James (deceased) Hill, c/o Katy Mostella)

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

(3) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 716 Ruby Street, Frank and Kay Hanby being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in March 2021, and recommended abatement. He noted the case includes abandoned vehicles. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-239-22

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 716 Ruby Street - District 2 - Frank and Kay Hanby)

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

(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 115 Shahan Avenue, Terry Gibbs being the last known owner. Terry Gibbs stated this is a vacant lot being used by the person across the street. He described the items present and requested additional time for the neighbor to clean it up. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, agreed and requested the resolution be adopted, in case the clean-up work does not occur. He noted the case began in July 2022. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-240-22

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 115 Shahan Avenue - District 3 - Terry Gibbs)

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

(5) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 2905 Shahan Avenue, Donald R. Harvey and Mary F. Williams, Donald R. Harvey and Mary F. Williams, c/o Patricia Harvey, subject to a mortgage in favor of Commercial Credit of Alabama, assigned to Nationwide Credit Service being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made to this burned house since procedures began in December 2021, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-241-22

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 2905 Shahan Avenue - District 6 - Donald R. Harvey and Mary F. Williams; Donald R. Harvey and Mary F. Williams, c/o Patricia Harvey, subject to a mortgage in favor of Commercial Credit of Alabama, assigned to Nationwide Credit Service)

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

(6) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 411 Van Courtland Street, Ruby B. Young, c/o Ruby Burgess, being the last known owner. Cinnamon Swift stated her mother owns the property and related recent work performed. She allowed council members to view pictures on her phone and requested additional time to perform demolition. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, expressed no objection to this and recommended a 30-day extension. Councilman Back moved to postpone the resolution for 30 days, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-242-22

AWARDING BID NO. 3482

(Awarding Bid No. 3482 - NEAPA - Small Tools and Equipment - Trigreen Equipment - Unit Prices)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-243-22

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH  
A&S ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.

(Authorizing Change Order #1 - Bid No. 3468 - Noccalula Falls Train Track Electrical Upgrades - Additional \$59,566.25 to modify and correct existing electrical infrastructure - Adjusting contract price with A&S Electrical Contractors, Inc. to \$207,066.25)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-244-22

AUTHORIZING SPONSORSHIP OF THE  
TRAP, NEUTER, RELEASE (TNR) PROGRAM

(Authorizing Humane Society Pet Rescue & Adoption Center to be sponsor of the Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) Program - Note: Center applied for grant from Best Friends to administer the program)

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-245-22

AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH  
THE ETOWAH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

(Authorizing Lease - Etowah Community Food Bank - Building at 802 E. Chestnut Street - \$1.00 per year - Term of one year, renewable annually)

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

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Williams introduced Steve Smith, newly elected councilman for District 2, and expressed confidence in his abilities. Councilman Worthy congratulated the two candidates advancing to the runoff for mayor, and pledged to continue working for the betterment of the city.

Councilmen Williams, Worthy, Back, and Wilson expressed disappointment about yesterday's lower voter turnout and encouraged citizens to vote in the September 20 runoff election, as well as future elections.

Councilman Wilson explained various actions taken today. He expressed excitement about Greenbrier Investment Group, Inc.'s presentation regarding the construction of approximately 80 new houses in Gadsden.

President Toles announced a community appreciation event to be held on September 24, at the East Gadsden Community Center.

Councilman Back announced an Alabama Department of Transportation meeting at 5 p.m. on Thursday at the East Gadsden Community Center, in regard to the Eastern Connector project. President Toles thanked City Engineer Heath Williamson and encouraged residents to attend.

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

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (8-24-22)

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