

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
AUGUST 30, 2022 - 12:00 NOON

The City Council met on August 30, 2022, in regular session.

The meeting was called to order at noon by Council President Toles. On roll call by the City Clerk, Iva Nelson, the following council members answered present: Toles, Worthy, Back, Cannon, and Reed. Councilman Williams entered shortly after the meeting began and Councilman Wilson was 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 Cannon.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on August 24, 2022, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of August 19-25 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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On behalf of Mayor Guyton, President Toles read a proclamation proclaiming September 2022, as “National Preparedness Month” and presented it to Breonna Cole, Emergency Management Agency representative. Ms. Cole encouraged residents to take advantage of information available through social media, Shelter Etowah, and Alert Etowah.

Deborah Gaither (Emergency Management Agency Director) introduced Jim Coker (Jefferson County EMA Director) and Chris Tate. Mr. Coker described their agency’s role in the recent World Games event. He read a letter thanking Derek Mummert, who assisted with EOC operations, and recognized Mrs. Gaither and EMA staff for their support. Mr. Tate displayed a set of World Game medals and gave EMA personnel present to be photographed with them.

President Toles recognized City Clerk Iva Nelson, who reviewed reports from the Etowah County Board of Registrars concerning provisional ballots cast on August 23. With the assistance of Jennifer Smith (Assistant City Clerk), provisional ballot boxes were opened and ballots to be counted were retrieved. Envelopes containing the ballots were opened and the provisional votes were tallied.

RESOLUTION PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-246-22

DECLARING MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

(Certifying results of municipal election held on August 23, 2022 and the votes cast for each candidate - Ordering runoff election on September 20 for: Mayoral candidates Craig Ford & Heather Brothers New; City Council District 3 candidates Larry J. Avery, Jr. & Denecia Ann Getaw; District 4 candidates Kent Back & Carrie Machen; District 5 candidates Billy F. Billingsley, Sr. & Jason Wilson; District 6 candidates Dixie Minatra & Renay Stokes Reaves; District 7 candidates Ben Reed & Chris Robinson - Declaring election of: City Council Members Tonya Lynn Latham, District 1; Steve Smith, District 2 - Declaring election of: School Board Members Z. Andre' Huff, District 3; Mark Dayton, District 5)

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

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmen Reed and Williams expressed condolences at the death of Curlie DeRamus, longtime attender of council meetings and community volunteer.

Councilman Cannon expressed concern fo Jack Patton, who was injured in a car accident.

Councilman Back thanked everyone who voted on August 23 and encouraged participation in the runoff election on September 20.

Councilman Williams reported on last Thursday's ALDOT meeting concerning the Eastern Connector project and noted the right-of-way acquisition process will begin soon.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (8-30-22)
