

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

The City Council met on September 21, 2022, in regular session.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Councilman Deverick Williams. On roll call by the City Clerk, Iva Nelson, the following council members answered present: Williams, Worthy, Back, and Wilson. President Toles and 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 Jaggears were also present.

Councilman Wilson moved to designate Councilman Williams as Chair of today's meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Back and unanimously carried.

The invocation was given by Heath Williamson.

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

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of September 9-15 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-36-22

ASSENTING TO ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF GADSDEN

(Authorizing Annexation - House and approximately 6.7 acres located at 129 Somerset Pass - Requested by Lynn D. Watkins - Note: Zoning will be R-1, One Family Residential)

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

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-262-22

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH ALDOT,  
CURRENT PROJECT, LLC AND RIVER ROCKS LANDING

(Authorizing Agreement - Authorizing Mayor to execute request form with Alabama Department of Transportation, land use agreement with Current Project, LLC, and license agreement with River Rocks Landing - To permit use of Jack L. Ray Family Park and City sponsorship of Gadsden Riverfest at River Rocks Landing on October 1)

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

AYES: Williams, Worthy, Back

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Wilson

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-263-22

AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH  
MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF ETOWAH COUNTY

(Authorizing Lease - Mental Health America of Etowah County - \$100 per month - Term of five years, beginning 9-1-22 and ending on 8-31-27, with option to renew for 5 additional years - For office space on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Gadsden Public Library at 254 S. College Street)

Craig Scott, Library Director, explained the lease and complimented the program.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORT

City Clerk Iva Nelson noted next week's council meeting will be held at 12:00 noon in order to certify runoff election results. The work session will begin at 11 a.m.

COUNCIL REMARKS

The council joined in congratulating the candidates who finished first in yesterday's runoff election. Councilman Worthy acknowledged all candidates' love for Gadsden. Appreciation was expressed to those who voted and poll workers for their service. City Clerk Iva Nelson and staff were congratulated for an efficient election process. Commendations were given to Mayor Guyton and Council members Toles, Williams, Worthy, Cannon, and Reed for their wisdom and excellent service.

Councilman Back encouraged citizens and newly elected officials to take an opportunity in the new administration to "reimagine" Gadsden.

Councilman Williams noted he will renew efforts for an ordinance requiring campaign signs of every candidate to be limited to one central location. He announced a "Movie in the Park" event on Saturday at North Gadsden Park and a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new fire station at Banks Park at 2 p.m. next Tuesday.

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

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (9-21-22)

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