

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 - 12:00 P.M.

The City Council met on September 27, 2022, in regular session.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.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 Councilman Back.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on September 21, 2022, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of September 16-22 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 411 Van Courtland Street in District 6, which was tabled for 30 days on August 24, 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 Back and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-264-22

AUTHORIZING GADSDEN AIRPORT AUTHORITY
TO APPLY FOR STATE MATCHING FUNDS

(Authorizing Grant Application - Gadsden Airport Authority - To Alabama Department of Transportation - For airport improvement projects in FY2023 - Note: City of Gadsden is co-sponsor of Northeast Alabama Regional Airport)

Councilman Back 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-265-22

AUTHORIZING EASEMENT TO
ALABAMA POWER COMPANY

(Authorizing Easement - Alabama Power Company - To install service to charging station for new trains at Noccalula Falls Park)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-266-22

AUTHORIZING TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT

(Authorizing Agreement - Gadsden Police Department, East Central Alabama Highway Safety Office, and City of Opelika - For grants related to traffic safety enforcement - Term of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-267-22

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH
ALABAMA BASS FEDERATION, INC.

(Authorizing Agreement - Alabama Bass Federation, Inc. - \$3,000.00 or \$40.00 per boat, whichever is less - For City sponsorship of fishing tournament on September 30 through October 1, 2022)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-268-22

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH
ALABAMA BASS FEDERATION, INC.

(Authorizing Agreement - Alabama Bass Federation, Inc. - \$3,000.00 or \$40.00 per boat, whichever is less - For City sponsorship of fishing tournament on October 21-22, 2022)

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

President Toles recognized City Clerk Iva Nelson, who reviewed reports from the Etowah County Board of Registrars concerning provisional ballots cast on September 20. 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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-269-22

DECLARING MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

(Certifying results of runoff election held on September 20, 2022 - Declaring election of Craig Ford, Mayor - Declaring election of City Council Members: Larry J. Avery Jr., District 3; Kent Back, District 4; Jason Wilson, District 5; Dixie Minatra, District 6; Chris Robinson, District 7)

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-270-22

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR BID NO. 3478

(Authorizing Change Order #1 - Bid No. 3478 - City of Gadsden Landscape Maintenance - Additional \$33,163.50 for chemical and fertilizer treatment to fields at Gadsden Sports Complex - Adjusting contract price with CopelandScapes, Inc. to \$199,111.50)

President Toles received unanimous consent to immediately consider the resolution as an item of new business. Councilman Wilson moved to adopt the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously adopted.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Williams thanked Parks and Recreation for their assistance with last Saturday's "Movie in the Park" event.

Councilman Back thanked the City Clerk's office and poll workers for their work in conducting the city elections.

Councilmen Back and Wilson joined in announcing upcoming events, including Gadsden Riverfest, First Saturday, Gadtobertfest, Big River, and a fly-in at the airport.

President Toles thanked everyone who attended last Saturday's event at the East Gadsden Community Center and expressed appreciation to the clerk's office for their assistance. She announced today's ribbon cutting ceremony for the new fire station at Banks Park, which will be held at 2 p.m.

Councilman Wilson thanked Mayor-Elect Craig Ford for reaching out to him this week.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (9-27-2022)
