

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
OCTOBER 12, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on October 12, 2021 in regular session, via teleconference.

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 Cannon. Councilman Wilson was absent. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Heath Williamson and Lee Roberts were also present.

The invocation was given by Councilman Cannon.

Deborah Gaither, Emergency Management Agency Director, provided an update on Covid-19 statistics, noting the number of cases and positivity rate are down. She said almost 2,000 vaccination shots have been given under the Vaccinate Gadsden incentive program, and the \$5,000 drawings will be conducted during the October 19 council meeting. Chief Reed reported no staff members are out due to Covid and Persons Under Investigation calls are decreasing.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on October 5, 2021, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of October 1-7 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-219-21

AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN  
SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM AND GRANT

(Authorizing Grant Application and Agreement - East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission, Area Agency on Aging - \$115,513.00 - To continue Senior Nutrition Program at Carver Community Center and Elliott Community Center - 10-1-21 through 9-30-22)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-220-21

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

(Authorizing Agreement - Bellview Associates, LLC - For City to purchase approximately 0.3 acres - Portion of Lots 1-3, Block 5, East Broad Street Addition - \$23,500.00 - For proposed improvements at intersection of George Wallace Drive & East Chestnut Street)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-221-21

AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
WITH CENTRAL ALABAMA CRIMESTOPPERS

(Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding - Central Alabama Crime Stoppers, Inc. - \$10,000.00 per year - Term of 3 years)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-222-21

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH  
THE GADSDEN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

(Authorizing Agreement - Gadsden City Board of Education - \$182,962.00 - \$114,000 for after school tutoring program for children not covered by CARES - \$68,962.00 for MyOn Reading Program)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-223-21

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH FISCAL YEAR 2020  
CDBG-CV SUBRECIPIENTS

(Authorizing Agreements - FY 2020 CDBG Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Subrecipients - \$30,000.00 to Metropolitan Area Noon Nutrition Assistance (MANNA); \$30,000.00 to Way of the Cross Ministries; \$30,000.00 to The Love Center Homeless Shelter; \$30,000.00 to St. Martin de Porres Catholic Center of Concern; \$30,000.00 to The Salvation Army; \$51,249.00 to United Way of Etowah County)

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

ORDINANCE - FIRST READING

The following ordinance was introduced in writing and read by President Toles:

ORDINANCE - AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2020 ACTION PLAN AND BUDGET FOR THE HUD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND AMENDING THE CITY’S FISCAL YEAR 2022 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO REALLOCATE PRIOR YEARS CDBG FUNDS TO 2020 CDBG STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Since no action was taken in this meeting, the ordinance will be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting for consideration.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Deborah Gaither (EMA Director) announced Ruth Moffat (United Way Director) and Mary Gomillion (Etowah County Health Department) will conduct 6 drawings for \$5,000 in the October 19 council meeting for the Vaccinate Gadsden program. President Toles noted a special recognition for the winners will be held in the near future in the Council Chamber.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Back announced a District 4 neighborhood watch meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday in the Eura Brown Elementary School lunchroom, in regard to a recent unfortunate incident at a laundromat located in the county.

Councilman Reed noted the Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for this meeting was canceled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

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

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (10-12-21)

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