

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
NOVEMBER 1, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on November 1, 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, Wilson, Cannon, and Reed. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Mayor Guyton, Heath Williamson, Lee Roberts and Chief Jaggars were also present.

The invocation was given by Heath Williamson.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on October 25, 2022, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of October 21-27 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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On behalf of Mayor Guyton, President Toles read a proclamation proclaiming November 20, 2022, as "MANNA Sunday" and presented it to Laura Johnson, Director of the Metropolitan Area Noon Nutrition Association.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-43-22

AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET

(Amending FY2023 Budget - Reflecting receipt of \$26,219.00 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant - Appropriating for purchase of 5 fully encapsulated dry-suits and 3 air integrated dive computers with heads-up display - Note: Grant was accepted by Resolution No. R-213-22; Etowah County Sheriff opted to defer funding due to Etowah County Dive Team being a combined team)

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

(2) A resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 411 Van Courtland Street in District 6, which was tabled for 30 days on September 27, was presented for consideration. Upon recommendation of the Building Official, Councilman Cannon moved to table the resolution an additional 30 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

President Toles stated this was the time and place as advertised to conduct a public hearing allowing anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution approving the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for Quickety Split Mini Market, LLC d/b/a Quickety Split Mini Mart 2 at 2300 Forrest Avenue. Laron Kinchlow requested approval, noting he currently has a store in East Gadsden and wishes to open another one. The following resolution was presented for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-301-22

APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(Quickety Split Mini Market, LLC - Quickety Split Mini Mart 2 - 2300 Forrest Avenue - District 6 - Retail Beer and Table Wine, off premises only)

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

AYES: Toles, Williams, Worthy, Back, Wilson, Reed

NAYS: Cannon

RESOLUTION PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-302-22

ACCEPTING AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY ON COMNOCK AVENUE

(Accepting conveyance of property from Mark Talton, executor of the Estate of Clara W. Talton - 35 Comnock Avenue - Lot 121, Parcel 4, Cone Mills Corporation, Dwight Division - In lieu of nuisance abatement proceedings)

Councilman Cannon noted this will allow the city to demolish a burned structure and take control of the property. He moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Reed and unanimously adopted.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

President Toles complimented Chamberlain Parker for his work on the video viewed in today's work session. She expressed humility in serving the city and thanked the mayor, city leaders, departments, and constituents. President Toles noted no funds were borrowed for the sports park project and recounted 29 projects have been done in the last eight years, with drainage project ongoing. She expressed appreciation for the kindness of her fellow council members and pride in leaving the city healthy and stable. She wished for great achievements of the new mayor and council.

Councilman Back complimented President Toles for an outstanding job as President. He said it was an honor to learn from his fellow council members, who set the bar high for those serving next. Councilman Back noted the video will be made available to the public.

Councilman Wilson congratulated Carnell Williams, who was named interim head coach of Auburn University football team. He stated the goal of politics is to win your opponent over to your side, not to condemn. Councilman Wilson referred to opposing his fellow council members, but retaining respect for each other afterward.

Councilman Worthy thanked the council and city staff, especially Iva Nelson and the clerk's office, Lisa Rosser, and Mike Hilton for their help over the years. He said he will miss working with the city, noting he had 26 years as a policeman and 8 years as a councilman. Councilman Worthy commended eight law enforcement officers who have come out of retirement to be school resource officers.

Councilman Williams thanked Mayor and staff, council, city employees, and his favorite, Iva Nelson. He complimented District 2, as well as incoming Councilman Steve Smith. Councilman Williams said he wants to devote more time to his parents and grandchildren. He said diversity makes us great, and encouraged a spirit of love and service, and a desire to be better than our past.

Councilman Cannon recalled his forty-five year history with the city, beginning as a fourteen year-old boy working at the baseball field and pool, continuing as a full-time employee in 1979, retiring, and becoming a councilman. He thanked Iva Nelson and Ginny Shaver for their advice and expressed excitement to spend quality time with his wife and grandchildren.

Councilman Reed commended this council, who held together, especially during the past two years. He recalled his twenty-four year tenure and thanked attendees Buster Porch and the late Curlie DeRamus for faithful attendance at council meetings.

Mayor Guyton referred to his career in coaching and real estate, stating he never thought about running for office until 2006. He thanked the council and city workers, stating they were good to work with over his sixteen-year tenure.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (11-1-22)

FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING
NOVEMBER 1, 2022 - 2:00 P.M.

The City Clerk received bid proposals as advertised for the following bid:

Bid No. 3486 - 2017 or Newer Ottawa T2 4X2 Off Road Terminal Tractor

Briggs Industrial Solutions, Inc.	\$78,360.00 (2017 model)
Cumberland International Trucks, Inc.	\$137,476.31 (2023 model)

Copies of the bids will be forwarded to the Fleet Manager and the Assistant Purchasing Agent, and a recommendation will be made to the Council.
