

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
NOVEMBER 9, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on November 9, 2021, in regular session.

Due to the length of the work session, the meeting was called to order at approximately 11:36 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 Jaggears were also present.

The invocation was given by President Toles.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on November 2, 2021, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of October 29-November 4 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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Councilman Back read a proclamation proclaiming November 9, 2021, as “Valerie Wright Johnson Day,” honoring her accomplishments and selection as District VIII Elementary Teacher of the Year by the Alabama Department of Education. He joined with Mayor Guyton in presenting the proclamation to Ms. Johnson and recognizing her mother and brother, who were present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-15-21

AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET (JAG GRANT)

(Amending FY 2022 Budget - Reflecting receipt of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant - \$35,458.00 - Appropriating \$34,394.00 for purchase of new X-Ray system for bomb squad - Appropriating \$1,064.00 for education and training in NIBRS compliance)

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

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-243-21

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH EE GROUP, INC.

(Authorizing Agreement - EE Group, Inc. - \$13,500.00 - to provide electrical engineering plans and specifications for train charging stations at Noccalula Falls Park)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-244-21

AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH  
JERRY PATE TURF & IRRIGATION

(Authorizing Agreement - Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation - For City to lease equipment for use at Gadsden Sports Park on Gadsden State Community College campus - \$60,758.46 per year for 3 years - Note: Procurement authorized by State of Alabama Omnia Partners Public Sector contract)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-245-21

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH AIRPORT MARINE

(Authorizing Agreement - Airport Marine - \$2,500.00 - To sponsor High School Fishing Trail tournament at Coosa Landing on March 26, 2022)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-246-21

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH ALABAMA BASS TRAIL

(Authorizing Agreement - Alabama Bass Trail- \$7,500.00 - To sponsor Series Division tournament at Coosa Landing on February 19, 2022)

Councilman Cannon 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-247-21

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH ALABAMA BASS TRAIL

(Authorizing Agreement - Alabama Bass Trail - \$6,000.00 - To sponsor 100 Series tournament at Coosa Landing on June 4, 2022)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-248-21

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH  
ALABAMA STUDENT ANGLER BASS FISHING ASSOCIATION

(Authorizing Agreement - Alabama Student Angler Bass Fishing Association - \$11,500.00 - To sponsor ASABFA Classic at Coosa Landing on June 24-25, 2022)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-249-21

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN BASS ANGLERS, INC.

(Authorizing Agreement - American Bass Anglers, Inc. - \$1,000.00 - To sponsor ABA Open Series at Coosa Landing on September 10, 2022)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-250-21

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH COOSA RIVER TEAM TRAIL

(Authorizing Agreement - Coosa River Team Trail - \$12,500.00 - To sponsor series of four fishing tournaments at Coosa Landing between the months of March and October, 2022, including season finale 2-day tournament)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-251-21

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH MLFLW, LLC

(Authorizing Agreement - MLFLW, LLC - \$1,500.00 - To sponsor Phoenix Bass Fishing League Bama Division Tournament at Coosa Landing on June 11, 2022)

Councilman Cannon 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 CITY CODE SECTION 58-6 REGARDING APPEAL OF DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. R-252-21

#### AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY PET RESCUE AND ADOPTION CENTER

(Authorizing Contract - Humane Society Pet Rescue and Adoption Center - To shelter animals impounded by Animal Control - \$11,800.00 per month - Term of 11-15-21 through 9-30-22)

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

(2) Councilman Williams introduced the following resolution in writing for consideration:

#### RESOLUTION NO. R-253-21

#### AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH THOMAS M. MCELRATH

(Authorizing Agreement - Thomas M. McElrath - \$112,000.00 - For architectural and engineering services needed to construct office space - Portion of undeveloped area at The Venue at Coosa Landing)

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

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

The council joined in congratulating Valerie Wright Johnson.

President Toles announced changes in the garbage collection schedule, due to the Veterans Day holiday on Thursday.

Councilman Reed encouraged everyone to attend the Patriots Luncheon tomorrow at The Venue, followed by the Veterans parade at 2 p.m.

Councilman Williams cited a number of local residents who were drafted for professional sports teams and suggested they be considered for induction into the Etowah County Sports Hall of Fame. He solicited input from family members or friends who could provide information. Councilman Cannon suggested additional names. Councilman Back mentioned other names and noted Dr. Clarence Underwood had also made suggestions.

Councilman Williams noted the "Coach Rudolph Foundation," was launched on Sunday with an event at The Venue. He commended his father's dedicated work with disenfranchised youths, noting he first formed a team, then an entire league. Councilman Williams said the foundation was created to continue the work and thanked contributors for funds to award scholarships. Councilman Back commended Coach Rudolph and Councilman Wilson suggested naming the proposed miracle field at the Gadsden Sports Park in his honor.

(Councilmen Worthy and Reed left the meeting at this time.)

Councilman Back thanked veterans for their service. He provided an update from recent Alabama Department of Transportation meetings concerning resurfacing work on Highway 411 and advised citizens with vehicle damage to contact Wiregrass, the contractor.

Councilman Wilson expressed disagreement with the renovation project at The Venue and thanked the council for today's conversation about it.

Mayor Guyton referred to misinformation from the group opposing the Pilgrim's Pride plant and said some opposition stems from businesses that would compete with wages. He encouraged those who wish to make decisions for Gadsden to run for office.

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

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (11-9-21)

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FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2021 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Bid No. 3461 - Tow and Recovery Service

Hare Wrecker Service, Inc.	Unit Prices
Carter Consulting, Corp.	Unit Prices

Copies of the bids will be forwarded to the Department, the Assistant Purchasing Agent, and the City Engineer, and a recommendation will be made to the Council.

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