

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
JANUARY 23, 2019 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on January 23, 2019, 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 Captain Keener were also present.

The invocation was given by Brian Harbison.

The minutes of the Education/Recreation Committee, Work Session and Council meetings held on January 15, 2019, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of January 11-17, 2019 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 733 Brookside Drive, which was tabled for 7 days on January 15, 2019, was presented in writing for consideration. Councilman Worthy moved to substitute a resolution that removed the name of Tommie E. Pearson. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon and unanimously carried. The following substituted resolution was presented for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-32-19

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 733 Brookside Drive - District 3 - US Bank Trust, N.A., as trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, c/o Caliber Home Loans, Inc.)

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

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-33-19

AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING ON ELECTRICAL CODE

(Authorizing Public Hearing on February 19, 2019 - Regarding adoption of National Electrical Code, 2017 Edition, prepared by the National Fire Protection Association)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-34-19

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH
MID-WESTERN COMMERCIAL ROOFERS, INC.

(Authorizing Change Order #1 - Bid #3382 - Re-roofing project for East Gadsden Library, Even Start, and Big Brothers Big Sisters building - Additional \$1,456.00 for replacement of unsuitable roof deck material and to finalize quantities - Adjusting contract with Mid-Western Commercial Roofers, Inc. to \$82,726.00)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-35-19

INSTALLATION OF TELGUARD UNIT

(Authorizing installation of Telguard Unit at Pierce Range Facility - \$337.49 - To make alarm system compatible with City's new phone system - Note: Telephone Communications, Inc. Provides alarm system monitoring services at facility, pursuant to agreement dated 11-16-95)

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-36-19

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH
ALABAMA STUDENT BASS FISHING ASSOCIATION

(Authorizing Agreement - Alabama Student Bass Fishing Association - \$5,000.00 - For high school fishing tournament at Coosa Landing on March 23, 2019, and 2020 date to be determined)

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Deborah Gaither (Emergency Management Agency Director) reported on warming station activities this past weekend at Elliott Community Center and thanked everyone who assisted, especially Craig Scott (VOAD Chair). She introduced Alfred Jackson, a Jacksonville State University student who is serving as an EMA intern.

PUBLIC

By unanimous consent of the Council, Frankie Davis (Director of Economic and Governmental Affairs) introduced Mayor Larry Means, Industrial Development Authority President. Mayor Means noted the Etowah County Mayors Association adopted a resolution supporting the IDA and expressed hope for working with the county in the future. He commended the work of Assistant Director Bill Green and announced the selection of David Hooks as the new IDA Director, highlighting his extensive credentials. Mr. Hooks expressed excitement to move back to Gadsden and work in this capacity.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

The Mayor and Council joined in welcoming David Hooks and expressing appreciation to Bill Green.

Councilman Reed announced a Public Safety Committee meeting at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Councilman Cannon referred to yesterday's referendum election concerning the Gadsden City Board of Education and noted the City Clerk is working to determine feasible dates for the election of board members. President Toles cited the qualifications for board candidates and encouraged the public to take action and get involved. Mayor Guyton said he feels the board's success depends on the people who serve, whether appointed or elected.

Councilmen Worthy and Williams thanked those who participated in the Martin Luther King prayer breakfast and celebration program yesterday.

Councilman Worthy presented statistics regarding low unemployment in our area and cited the number of available jobs (2,830 within a 50-mile radius).

Councilman Williams extended condolences to the families of Doris Weatherly and the slain Mobile police officer.

Councilman Back announced a joint meeting of Districts 1 and 4 at The Venue next Monday. Tours of the facility will be given at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

President Toles announced next week's work session will begin at 11 a.m. and the Council meeting at noon, in order to canvass the election results.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (1-23-2019)
