

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
MARCH 2, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on March 2, 2021 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, Worthy, Back, Wilson, Cannon and Reed. Councilman Williams was absent. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Mayor Guyton, Heath Williamson, Lee Roberts and Captain Jackson were also present.

The invocation was given by Councilman Cannon.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on February 23, 2021, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of February 19-25, 2021, were ratified by unanimous vote.

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Josh Tanner, Emergency Management Agency, provided an update on Covid statistics, stating the daily average is down. He encouraged continuing protocols of wearing masks, social distancing, and sanitizing/washing hands. He expressed hope that plans for mobile vaccine clinics will become a reality and noted the locations that are administering vaccine.

RESOLUTION PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-21

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE
OF THREE REPLACEMENT DART VEHICLES
AND TWO REPLACEMENT TROLLEY VEHICLES

(Authorizing Agreement - Transportation South, Inc., pursuant to contract on State bid list - \$306,956.00 - For purchase of 3 replacement DART vehicles at \$55,688.00 each and 2 trolley vehicles at \$69,946.00 each - Note: Federal 80% funding of \$245,545.00 and City's local 20% match of \$61,391.20)

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mike Hilton, Assistant Director of Public Works, reported that leaf season is finishing, work is proceeding on ditches and drains, and grass cutting will soon be a priority. He encouraged applicants to apply for part-time and summer jobs, noting the potential for working into full-time positions. Mr. Hilton advised the recycling center is open for residential drop off. Councilman Worthy thanked the department for use of forklifts in a recent food distribution event. In response to President Toles' inquiry, he confirmed that Moragne Park opened yesterday.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Reed noted Peter Gregerson was present earlier and commended his long-time volunteer service in the community.

Councilman Worthy announced a job fair on March 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., to be held at The Venue.

Mayor Guyton encouraged young people to enter military service and President Toles expressed her desire to hear more about medical training programs offered at GSCC Valley Street campus.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (3-2-21)
