

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
APRIL 13, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on April 13, 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, 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 Jackson were also present.

The invocation was given by Iva Nelson.

Josh Tanner (Emergency Management Agency) provided an update on Covid-19 statistics. He announced vaccination clinics at Elliott Community Center on Friday and Carver Community Center on April 26-27. He noted Director Gaither's father-in-law is having surgery today and, on her behalf, commended Mary Gomillion (Alabama Department of Public Health) for her work on administering vaccines. A discussion followed regarding the various vaccines and their effectiveness.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on April 6, 2021, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of April 2-8, 2021, were ratified by unanimous vote.

#206900-207132	General	\$1,387,817.81
#207133-207295	OLF Refunds	\$216,639.56

Mayor Guyton read a proclamation proclaiming April 2021, as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" and presented it to Deana Thacker (Director of Safe and Successful Child Abuse Prevention Program at Family Success Center).

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 Bonecrusher, LLC, d/b/a Bonecrusher, at 202 Albert Rains Boulevard. No one spoke. The following resolution was presented for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-70-21

APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(Bonecrusher, LLC - Bonecrusher - 202 Albert Rains Boulevard - District 3 - Restaurant Retail Liquor License)

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Williams extended condolences to the family of Excel Hester. He recalled the great coaching and mentoring he received under Mr. Hester and joined with Mayor Guyton in commending his great sports ability.

Councilman Reed thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the Patriots Association and announced their upcoming golf tournament on April 26.

Councilman Cannon expressed appreciation to a lady who had spoken with him and apologized for questions and comments he made last week to the group opposing the rendering plant.

Councilman Worthy announced a Qualify of Life vaccination clinic at Way of the Cross on April 27 and noted the health department is accepting walk-ins today for vaccination.

Mayor Guyton referred to a memorandum of understanding the rendering opposition group has shared, describing it as totally wrong and a stolen draft of confidential IDA documents accessed through a server in Switzerland. He questioned how the group's attorneys got the documents.

President Toles announced RSVP is providing tax assistance to senior and low-income residents.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (4-13-21)
