

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

The City Council met on May 11, 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, and Reed. Councilman Cannon 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 Deverick Williams.

Josh Tanner (Emergency Management Agency) provided an update on local Covid-19 statistics, vaccination rates, and updated guidelines from the CDC and Alabama Department of Public Health. He noted flu statistics were lower this year. Mr. Tanner noted kits are being prepared for delivery to skilled nursing and daycare facilities and announced a mid-action review for key officials scheduled for May 15.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on May 4, 2021, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of April 30-May 6 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 2214 Sansom Avenue in District 6, which was tabled for 30 days on April 6, 2021, was presented in writing for consideration. Upon recommendation of the Building Official, Councilman Wilson moved to table the resolution an additional 30 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Back and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(1) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 212 Crest Alley, the State of Alabama, rights of redemption of Bessie Montgomery, Obie Montgomery, and Annie Montgomery, or their heirs if deceased, being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-99-21

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,841.40 - 212 Crest Alley - District 3 - State of Alabama; Rights of redemption of Bessie Montgomery, Obie Montgomery, and Annie Montgomery, or their heirs if deceased)

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

(2) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 1807 Adams Street, the State of Alabama and possible rights of redemption of Melanie Cook and Michael Cook being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-100-21

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,670.00 - 1807 Adams Street - District 5 - State of Alabama; Possible rights of redemption of Melanie Cook and Michael Cook)

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

(3) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 106 North 28<sup>th</sup> Street (County records list property as 2800 S. Railroad Avenue), Nichole Jackson Clark being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-101-21

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,045.00 - 106 North 28<sup>th</sup> Street (County records list property as 2800 S. Railroad Avenue) - District 6 - Nichole Jackson Clark)

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

(4) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 1317 Tuscaloosa Avenue (County records list address as 616 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street), the State of Alabama, Lula Kate Dodd, c/o Walter Rice, being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-102-21

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$3,045.00 - 1317 Tuscaloosa Avenue (County records list address as 616 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street) - District 7 -State of Alabama; Lula Kate Dodd, c/o Walter Rice)

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

(5) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 1507 Tuscaloosa Avenue, James Larry McGrigth being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-103-21

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$4,970.00 - 1507 Tuscaloosa Avenue - District 7 - James Larry McGrigth)

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

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-104-21

APPROVING ISSUANCE OF  
SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(City of Gadsden - Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License - For Barbarian Challenge event at Noccalula Falls on June 19, 2021)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-105-21

ACCEPTING CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY  
ON SOUTH 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET

(Accepting conveyance of property from Robert P. Sisson, Jr. and Ronald H. Towers - 203 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street- Portion of Lots 21-23, Block 3, Tallman Addition - In lieu of nuisance abatement proceedings against property)

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

AYES: Toles, Williams, Worthy, Wilson, Reed

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Back

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-106-21

ACCEPTING CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY  
ON GEORGIA AVENUE

(Accepting conveyance of property from David W. Waits - 3610 Georgia Avenue - Lot 3, Block 5, James H. Pruett Addition - In lieu of nuisance abatement lien)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-107-21

AUTHORIZING CONTINGENT PERMANENT EASEMENT  
FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY TO HARGRAY OF ALABAMA

(Authorizing Contingent Permanent Easement - Hargray of Alabama - Two 4-foot easements - Located between Broad & Chestnut Streets and 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Streets - For fiber optic utility line - Note: Easement will continue until neither the grantee nor its successors and assigns maintain a franchise agreement with City)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-108-21

AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH KOAM

(Authorizing Lease Agreement - KOAM - Portion of Building T-4 at Air Depot - Term of 12 months - \$4,140.00 per month)

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Wilson commended Tourism Director Hugh Stump for his diligent work and complimented the recent Bassmasters fishing tournament and the Parks & Recreation Department.

Councilman Back thanked Nocalula Falls Park staff and related things he enjoyed on a recent visit. He also complimented the fishing tournament.

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

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (5-11-21)

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