

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
JUNE 18, 2019 - 11:35 A.M.

The City Council met on June 18, 2019, in regular session.

(Due to a lengthy work session, the meeting started at approximately 11:35 a.m.) Council President Toles apologized for the delay and called the meeting to order. 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 Entrekin were also present.

The invocation was given by Brian Harbison.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on June 11, 2019, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of June 7-13, 2019 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) The following resolution, which was tabled for 30 days on May 14, was presented in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-245-19

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 1535 Litchfield Avenue - District 1 - Rosemary Watters; Teria Jeanae Sims (minor); First Security Mortgage; Johnson & Associates Mortgage Co., Inc.; Guaranty Savings and Loan Association)

As recommended by the Building Official, Councilwoman Toles moved to adopt the resolution. The 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-246-19

AUTHORIZING SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO VERIZON

(Authorizing Special Use Permit - Verizon - For equipment modifications at existing wireless telecommunications facility at 220 South 5th Street)

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

ORDINANCE - FIRST READING

The following ordinance was introduced in writing and read by President Toles:

(1) ORDINANCE - ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND BUDGET

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 Williams introduced the following resolution in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-247-19

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH
EAST CENTRAL ALABAMA AREA
HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER

(Authorizing Agreement - East Central Alabama Area Health Education Center - \$10,000.00, plus in kind services totaling approximately \$6,000.00 - To provide free clinic for dental, vision, and medical services at Gadsden City High School on March 27-29, 2020 - Note: Will be in Fiscal Year 2020 Budget)

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 Worthy and unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-248-19

APPROVING RIGHT-OF-WAY ENCROACHMENT

(Approving request from Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation - To allow installation of three bronze sculptures and bases - To be located at the northwest corner of N. 5th Street and Broad Street)

President Toles received unanimous consent to immediately consider the resolution as an item of new business. Councilman Wilson noted the center received a private donation and described the statues. He moved to adopt the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon and unanimously adopted.

(3) Councilman Cannon introduced the following ordinance in writing for consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. O-21-19

AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2019
GENERAL FUND BUDGET

(Amending FY2019 Budget - Transferring \$949,675.00 from unassigned fund balance to Capital Outlay/Equipment account - For purchase of landfill dozer, two loader trucks, and tri-axle dump truck)

Councilman Cannon moved to suspend the rules to immediately consider the ordinance as an item of new business. The motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Toles, Williams, Worthy, Back, Wilson, Cannon, Reed

NAYS: None

Councilman Cannon moved to adopt the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Reed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Toles, Williams, Worthy, Back, Cannon, Reed

NAYS: Wilson

PUBLIC

Pastor Albert Frazier introduced his wife, Claudette, and expressed his desire to be a positive influence in the community. He stated the need for character building, instilling hope, and providing stability in children’s lives and requested the Mayor and Council’s support.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

The Council joined in expressing appreciation to Pastor Frazier for his work in the community and the committee and volunteers who are providing the free medical clinic next year.

Councilman Williams commended Parks & Recreation for a successful Barbarian Challenge event and requested that a report be given next week.

Councilman Wilson apologized for the cancellation of last night’s District 5 meeting.

Councilman Worthy recognized Board of Education member Mark Dayton, who was present.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (6-18-2019)

FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING
JUNE 18, 2019 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Bid No. 3403 - New Maintenance Facility at Forrest Cemetery

Greer Building Contractors

\$474,470.00

Bid No. 3409 - 2019 Street Resurfacing Project (Rebid)

J & D Enterprises, LLC	\$1,341,729.50
James Paving Co., LLC	\$1,442,500.00
McCartney Construction Co., Inc.	\$2,335,719.00

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