

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on September 5, 2023, in regular session.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Council President Back. On roll call by the City Clerk, Iva Nelson, the following council members answered present: Latham, Smith, Avery, Back, Wilson, Minatra and Robinson. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Heath Williamson, Lee Roberts and Chief Jaggears were also present.

The invocation was given by Heath Williamson.

The minutes of the work sessions and council meeting held on August 29, 2023, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of August 25-31 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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On behalf of Mayor Ford, Brett Johnson (Chief of Staff) recognized Chief Wade Buckner and Mayor Snyder of Southside. Chief Buckner presented commendations to Gadsden firefighters, Commander Craig Chappell and Driver Dexter Davis, for their off-duty actions in extinguishing a camper fire on August 28.

On behalf of Mayor Ford, Ruth Moffatt (Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) read a proclamation proclaiming September 9, 2023, as “Roderick Thomas Day” and presented it to him.

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-487-23

AWARDING BID NO. 3525

(Awarding Bid No. 3525 - Uniform Rentals - Cintas Corporation - \$4.87 per week)

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-488-23

APPOINTING AND REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO
THE BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

(Appointing Debbie L. Williams for term expiring 7-31-26 - Reappointing Fran Hawkins, Pudden McArthur, Ann Cummans, Pam Tarrance, and Dee Cordell for terms expiring 7-31-26)

Councilman Smith moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Latham and unanimously adopted.

COUNCIL REMARKS

The council joined in commending first responders, especially Commander Chappell and Driver Davis, who were honored today.

The council joined in congratulating Pastor Thomas upon his anniversary celebration and extending gratitude for his work and ministry throughout the city. Councilman Smith noted both their fathers traveled to the 1963 March on Washington.

Councilwoman Latham thanked Gadsden City Schools and Dr. Maness for their work on last week’s parent literacy event.

Councilman Smith reiterated praise of department heads, the council and Mayor Ford and staff.

Councilman Avery: noted September is National Suicide Prevention Month and encouraged checking in on family members; thanked those participating in CERT training; advised Public Works is collecting debris in the area for the next couple of days and encouraged residents to refrain from putting debris on the street shortly after collection, as the next time will be early October; encouraged Gadsden City High School football players and all athletes; remarked on Robby Ashford’s great performance in the Auburn game.

Councilwoman Minatra commended Will Mathews for his work at the recycling center and cardboard trailers throughout the city. Councilman Robinson affirmed the success of the trailer at Noccalula Falls. President Back encouraged residents to recycle cardboard instead of placing it on the curb for collection.

Councilman Robinson announced Art on the Rocks at Noccalula Falls Park on September 16-17, as well as the GROW community meeting on September 19 at the East Gadsden Community Center.

President Back announced changes in the garbage collection schedule due to yesterday’s Labor Day holiday.

Brett Johnson (Mayor’s Chief of Staff) announced a new business is coming to downtown, which will provide horse drawn carriage rides. He noted a new debris collection schedule is being formulated for all districts. In response to Councilman Robinson’s inquiry, he said they are working on a plan to complete storm debris collection on Lookout Mountain.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (9-5-23)

FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Bid No. 3523 - Asphalt Patching Contract

Wiregrass Construction Company \$5,436.00

Bid No. 3524 - Drainage and Concrete Contract

No bids received

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