

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA
APRIL 27, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on April 27, 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 Brian Harbison.

Deborah Gaither, Emergency Management Agency Director, noted today is the tenth anniversary of the deadly outbreak of tornadoes in Alabama on April 27, 2011. She reported low participation in last week's vaccination clinic at Elliott Community Center and announced today's clinic at Carver Community Center. Ms. Gaither encouraged citizens to be vaccinated and noted walk-ins are accepted on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the health center.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on April 20, 2021, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of April 16 - 22 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) The following ordinance, which was introduced for first reading at last week's meeting, was presented for consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. O-01-21

REZONING 1117 HOOKS LAKE ROAD

(Approving Rezoning - 1117 Hooks Lake Road - District 2 - From R-1, One-Family Residence District, to B-1, Neighborhood Business District - Requested by Nolan T. Holland, to relocate real estate office to this location - Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval)

Councilman Williams moved to adopt the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon and adopted by unanimous vote.

(2) The following ordinance, which was introduced for first reading at last week's meeting, was presented for consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. O-02-21

REZONING THE REAR PORTION OF
1045 & 1047 TUSCALOOSA AVENUE

(Approving Rezoning - Rear portions of 1045 & 1047 Tuscaloosa Avenue - From B-2, General Business District, to B-3, Central Business District - Requested by City of Gadsden Planning Department, to correct split zoning inadvertently created in 2011 - Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval)

Councilman Worthy moved to adopt the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon and adopted by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

President Toles stated this was the time and place as advertised to conduct the following 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 1320 Alabama Avenue, Brittiany Owens, a/k/a Brittiany Owens and Zach Smith, Christopher Williams & Lynn Thomas, and the State of Alabama being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-77-21

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$3,341.40 - 1320 Alabama Avenue - District 3 - Brittiany Owens, a/k/a Brittiany Owens and Zach Smith; Christopher Williams; Lynn Thomas; State of Alabama)

Councilman Worthy 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 1343 Forrest Avenue, Robert and Judy Spurling, c/o Robert Higgins, and Robert and Judy Spurling, c/o Robin Higgins, being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-78-21

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$3,841.40 - 1343 Forrest Avenue - District 3 - Robert and Judy Spurling, c/o Robert Higgins; Robert and Judy Spurling, c/o Robin Higgins)

Councilman Worthy 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 1349 Forrest Avenue, the State of Alabama, with possible redemption rights of Anne Harris and Michael Taliaferro, being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-79-21

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$4,441.40 - 1349 Forrest Avenue - District 3 - State of Alabama, with possible redemption rights of Anne Harris and Michael Taliaferro)

Councilman Worthy 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 503 North 10th Street, the State of Alabama, the rights of redemption of David C. Points, Jr., James Alexander Jackson, and Collithea Shanique Ali being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-80-21

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,491.40 - 503 North 10th Street - District 3 - State of Alabama; Rights of redemption of David C. Points, Jr., James Alexander Jackson, and Collithea Shanique Ali)

Councilman Worthy 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 560 Tyler Street, Estate of Nola Aaron and George Aaron and Earmon Lee Aaron being the last known owners. Earmon Lee Aaron spoke and offered to set up payments on behalf of his family. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, advised Mr. Aaron to follow up in the building department. Councilman Worthy moved to table the resolution for 30 days, which motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-81-21

AWARDING BID NO. 3451

(Awarding Bid No. 3451 - On Site Grinding Services - Adams Clearing Company, LLC - \$6.68 per cubic yard for 1st year, \$6.81 per cubic yard for 2nd year, and \$6.94 per cubic yard for 3rd year)

Councilman Cannon 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-82-21

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE FOR
AIRPORT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM (ACRGP) GRANT THROUGH
THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

(Authorizing Application and Acceptance - Airport Coronavirus Relief Grant Program - For costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, combating the spread of pathogens at the airport, and debt service payments - Federal Aviation Administration agrees to pay 100% of allowable cost incurred, with maximum obligation of \$23,000.00)

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Jennifer Weathington, Parks & Recreation Director, announced a number of upcoming events and programs. On behalf of the Carver Revitalization Committee, she announced First Saturday in Carver Square and noted First Friday and the Summer Concert series will resume in June. Ms. Weathington encouraged citizens to apply for available positions.

CITIZEN REQUEST

Larry Suttles expressed appreciation for work that is progressing on trash collections and cleaning of ditches and drains. He pledged to continue pushing for the work to be completed. Mr. Suttles also referred to a person entering a vacant house that has now been condemned.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Back advised residents the State of Alabama will soon begin resurfacing Highway 411, including all areas within the city. Medians will be altered in the course of work and will be addressed after paving is complete. He commended “Friends of the Falls” for their work in collecting litter and thanked Mr. Suttles for his energy and concern for the city.

Councilman Wilson commended the expertise and efforts of Susan Little, who worked for historic designation of her neighborhood by the Alabama Historical Commission and remains committed to serving on the Turrentine Architectural Review Board.

Councilman Reed thanked Chet Hallman (Twin Bridges Golf Course Manager) and everyone who helped with yesterday’s Gadsden Etowah Patriots Association golf tournament. Councilman Wilson complimented the greens and expressed appreciation for the city’s large investment in replacing them.

Councilman Cannon thanked a number of people who have been picking up litter on several streets in Alabama City, noting it quickly reappears, and asked the public to not litter.

Councilman Worthy thanked Pastor Betty Robinson and EMA for their work on the Carver vaccination clinic. He affirmed his commitment to represent and assist all residents, whether or not they voted for him.

Mayor Guyton commended EMA and encouraged everyone to be vaccinated and avoid contact with “super spreaders”.

President Toles encouraged people to apply for police and fire department positions.

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

Iva Nelson, City Clerk (4-27-21)

FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING
APRIL 27, 2021 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Bid No. 3453 - 2021 City of Gadsden Landscape Maintenance

Copelandscape, Inc.	\$75,240.00
Bedwell and Whorton	\$62,401.00

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