

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
MAY 18, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on May 18, 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. Heath Williamson, Lee Roberts and Captain Jackson were also present.

The invocation was given by Councilman Back.

Josh Tanner (Emergency Management Agency) referred to an Alabama Department of Public Health press release that advised vaccines have 90% efficacy toward five variants. He provided an update on the latest statistics and guidelines. President Toles encouraged citizens to be vaccinated.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on May 11, 2021, were approved by unanimous vote.

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

#207930-208121	General	\$1,490,829.22
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On behalf of Mayor Guyton, President Toles read a proclamation recognizing May 20, 2021, as “Jimmy Lewis McGee (Cricket) Day” and presented it to family members who were present.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

President Toles stated this was the time and place as advertised to conduct the following public hearings:

(1) President Toles announced that no action was necessary regarding a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 518 Sewell Street in District 1, as the lien was paid in full.

(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 1706 Hooks Lake Road (108 Hooks Lake Road), Troy L. and Barbara Tosh Bright and Joseph C. Kapudjija being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-109-21

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$4,566.40 - 1706 Hooks Lake Road, also known as 108 Hooks Lake Road on county records - District 3 - Troy L. Bright; Barbara Tosh Bright; Joseph C. Kapudjija)

Councilman Williams moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy 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 714 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Rosie Chatman being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-110-21

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$1,082.40 - Outbuilding at 714 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street - District 3 - Rosie Chatman)

Councilman Williams moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy 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 1000 Penny Street, the State of Alabama, subject to the possible rights of redemption by Ryan Gauthier, being the last known owner. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-111-21

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$2,766.40 - 1000 Penny Street - District 3 - State of Alabama; Possible rights of redemption of Ryan Gauthier)

Councilman Williams moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy 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 312 Washington Street, FNA NP, LLC, with possible redemption rights to the Estate of William Bolton and Ruby Bolton, State of Alabama, and HGM Holdings, LLC being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-112-21

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$3,866.40 - 312 Washington Street - District 3 - FNA NP, LLC; Possible rights of redemption of Estates of William Bolton and Ruby Bolton; State of Alabama; HGM Holdings, LLC)

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

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-113-21

AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT TO REPRESENT WITH  
FORD, HOWARD, AND CORNETT, P.C.

(Authorizing Engagement Letter - Ford, Howard, and Cornett, P.C. - For continued representation in pending litigation - Dynamic Collision, LLC v. City of Gadsden, et al.)

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

AYES: Toles, Williams, Back, Reed

NAYS: Worthy, Wilson

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Back said the Holy Comforter building has a new owner and referred to the possibility of residents being displaced. Councilman Wilson related the building's history, including intervention by HUD, and pointed out the sale to a private entity has not closed. He and Councilman Back joined in expressing their desire to help if possible.

Councilman Wilson commented on his no vote concerning legal counsel, stating he doesn't support the project in its current state and disagreed with using public funds to fight taxpayers.

Councilman Reed announced a Patriots Association program at the War Memorial on May 31.

Councilman Worthy recognized Rev. Andre' Huff, Gadsden City Board of Education President, who was present.

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

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (5-18-2021)

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