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Anniston, Alabama
February 2, 2015

The City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama, met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber in the City Hall of the City of Anniston, Alabama, on Monday, February 2, 2015, at approximately 5:31 o'clock p.m.

Dr. Angela Fears prayed the Invocation.

Dr. Angela Fears led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order. On call of the roll the following Council Members were found to be present: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; absent: none. A quorum was present and the meeting opened for the transaction of business.

Brian Johnson, City Manager, was present.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, was present.

Council Member Selase made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of January 20, 2015. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2015. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council Member Reddick made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Selase; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council Member Reddick recognized Louise Reardon.

Glen Ray addressed the Council concerning the public records request policy and asked that the Council look closely at the policy and not put more of a burden on the citizens who are requesting public records.

Curtis Ray, Ward 3, addressed the Council and stated he did not like what he was seeing now with businesses being sent out of the city.

Harold Ray addressed the Council about education and the need for a new High School in Anniston.

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Mayor Stewart announced that was the time for the Board Confirmation Hearing for Dr. Angela Fears and her nomination to the McClellan Development Authority.

Dr. Fears verified that the information provided by her through her application and this confirmation hearing is true and accurate to the best of her knowledge and she pledged that if appointed she would faithfully, dutifully, and honestly serve the best interests of the City and the McClellan Development Authority.

Mayor Stewart announced that was the time for the public hearing regarding a permit application for bingo for the Elk's Lodge BPOE #189 located at 1019 South Noble Street, declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said permit application for bingo for the Elk's Lodge BPOE #189 located at 1019 South Noble Street.

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said permit application for bingo for the Elk's Lodge BPOE #189 located at 1019 South Noble Street.

Mayor Stewart declared the public hearing regarding a permit application for bingo for the Elk's Lodge BPOE #189 located at 1019 South Noble Street closed.

Council Member Selase made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- (a) Resolution authorizing reimbursements to city officials for expenses incurred while traveling away from the city.
- (b) Resolution declaring a reported condition to be a public nuisance. (Grp 39 – Dangerous Structures)
- (c) Resolution appointing a member to the McClellan Development Authority.
- (d) Motion to approve the permit application for bingo to Elk's Lodge BPOE #189 located at 1019 South Noble Street.
- (e) Motion to approve an amendment to the City of Anniston Policies and Procedures Manual on Personal Appearance and Dress.
- (f) Motion to approve the applications for wrecker rotation within the city limits of Anniston.
- (g) Evaluation of bid for tent for Farmers Market.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council Member Jenkins introduced and read Resolution Number 15-R-10 as follows:

(15-R-10, adopting a Public Records Request Policy)

Brian Johnson, City Manager, addressed the Council concerning the Public Records Request Policy.

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Council Member Jenkins made a motion for the passage and adoption of Resolution Number 15-R-10 as introduced and read. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none; abstentions: Council Member Reddick. The motion carried and Resolution Number 15-R-10 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Reddick thanked Dr. Fears for attending the meeting.

Council Member Selase commended the Anniston school system and the Anniston Housing Authority for their off-site tutoring program. He commended the Anniston school system for their prior year 16% graduation rate improvement.

Council Member Harris thanked the City Code Enforcement officers for doing all they can to end blight in Anniston.

Council Member Jenkins congratulated the Anniston High School Girls Basketball Team and the Sacred Heart Boys Basketball Team for the winning the Calhoun County Tournament.

Mayor Stewart stated that the 16% graduation rate improvement was a huge development. He stated that the Anniston school system was to be commended for that improvement.

There being no further business to come before the meeting at that time Council Member Selase made a motion the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:07 o'clock p.m.