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Anniston, Alabama  
September 18, 2017

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, September 18, 2017, at approximately 5:33 o'clock p.m.

Laura Hutchinson, First Christian Church, prayed the Invocation.

Laura Hutchinson, First Christian Church, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Cory Salley, Interim City Manager, was present.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, was present.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of September 5, 2017. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Little, Harris and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2017. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Little, Harris and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council Member Harris made a motion to amend the agenda to remove a resolution authorizing the City to come under the Retire Act 2017-367 granting a one-time payment to City of Anniston Retirees and Beneficiaries participating in the RSA program and to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Harris and Draper; nays: none; abstentions: Council Member Little. The motion carried.

Mayor Draper read and presented the following proclamation to James L. Conaway;

(Proclamation for Mr. Conaway to Calhoun County Sports Hall of Fame)

Glen Ray, addressed the Council and stated he did not think the Police Department should have any influence over who was appointed to the City's Police Advisory Board.

Mack Crook, 148 Tiffany Trace, addressed the Council and stated he had not been able to get any return calls concerning a permit for a pole barn he had requested much earlier in the year.

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Carol Malet addressed the Council concerning the divisiveness that she saw on the Council. She stated she was disturbed by Council Member Little describing their problems as racial.

Mayor Draper announced that was the time for the Board Confirmation Hearing for Johnny Byrd and his appointment to the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board.

Mayor Draper announced that was the time for the Board Confirmation Hearing for Barry Twig and his appointment to the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to remove from the table a motion for the passage and adoption of Resolutions Numbered 17-R-95 to 17-R-110, all inclusive, as introduced and read by title. The motion was seconded by Mayor Draper; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Harris and Draper; nays: Council Member Little; abstentions: Council Member Reddick. The motion carried.

(17-R-95 to 17-R-110, resolutions receiving and confirming the cost reports on the abatement of public nuisances; Lenlock Shopping Center; Parcel Numbers 18-04-17-001-003.000, 18-04-17-001-004.000, 18-04-17-001-005.000, 18-04-17-001-006.000, 18-04-17-001-007.000, 18-04-17-001-008.000, 18-04-17-001-009.000, 18-04-17-001-010.000, 18-04-17-001-011.000, 18-04-17-001-012.000, 18-04-17-001-013.000, 18-04-17-001-014.000, 18-04-17-001-015.000, 18-04-17-001-016.000, 18-04-17-001-017.000, 18-04-17-001-018.000)

Cory Salley, Interim City Manager, read the Parcel Numbers and the cost per Parcel Number into the record.

Council Member Jenkins stated he had looked at the information provided by the City's Code Enforcement and Public Works Department and had spoken with those City officials and he felt they were misinformed by Mr. Cruz as to not having received ample notice of the demolition schedule. He stated the facts show that Mr. Cruz refused to pick the letter up. He stated the City had spent in excess of \$90,000 to demolish these parcels. He stated the City was only charging for the land fill tipping fees.

Mayor Draper stated he felt that City staff had dealt with Mr. Cruz extensively and Mr. Cruz had ample opportunity to meet with the staff and remedy the situation.

Council Member Little asked how the staff had assigned the dollar amounts to the parcels.

Cory Salley, Interim City Manager, stated the cost to each parcel was assigned per the total square footage of each parcel.

Council Member Little stated there were many buildings that needed demolishing and the City was ignoring them. He stated that Mr. Cruz was not at this meeting and they should give him some time to talk about these cost reports.

Mayor Draper stated that Mr. Cruz was at the meeting two weeks ago and it was Mr. Cruz's desire that this matter be completed at that meeting.

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Council Member Reddick stated that Mr. Cruz had stated that \$20,000 was fair for this cost. He stated Mr. Cruz was trying to bring business to the city.

Council Member Reddick made motion to cap the fees for this project at \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Council Member Little; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Reddick and Little; nays: Council Members Jenkins, Harris and Draper. The motion failed.

On call of the roll on Council Member Jenkins' motion for the passage and adoption of Resolutions Numbered 17-R-95 to 17-R-110, all inclusive, as introduced and read by title and Mayor Draper's second to said motion the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Harris and Draper; nays: Council Members Reddick and Little. The motion carried and Resolutions Numbered 17-R-95 to 17-R-110, all inclusive, were passed and adopted.

Council Member Harris made a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda:

- (a) Resolution authorizing reimbursements to city officials for expenses incurred while traveling away from the city. Resolution 17-R-111
- (b) Resolution declaring a reported condition to be a public nuisance. Group 2017-01 Grass, Debris & Abandon or Unsafe Structures. Resolution 17-R-112
- (c) Resolution declaring a reported condition to be a public nuisance. Group 2017-04 Vehicles. Resolution 17-R-113
- (d) Resolution declaring a reported condition to be a public nuisance. Group 2017-07 Grass & Debris. Resolution 17-R-114
- (e) Resolution appointing member(s) to the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board. Resolution 17-R-115

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

Council Member Harris complimented Mayor Draper for arranging many positive experiences for Governor Ivey during her visit to Anniston last Friday.

Council Member Little stated he agreed with Mr. Ray concerning the Police Advisory Board. He stated that west and south Anniston are deprived and this was far from a One City/One Vision. He stated they could not continue to only support white areas and businesses. He stated that friends of the Council were receiving funding. He stated the City put over \$100,000 into the Sunny King Classic. He stated they sold Woodland Park to the County to pave a parking lot for white bike riders. He stated he would lay out some charges at the next Council meeting for the Council Inquiry.

Council Member Reddick stated that 90% of their problems would go away if everyone was included in the discussions. He stated it was frustrating when some had discussed items but others had been left out. He stated everyone should be included in the conversation. He stated the schools would continue to get better.

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Council Member Jenkins stated he would like to acknowledge Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, who had tendered his resignation and he was disappointed to see Mr. Atkinson leave. He stated the Council was a team and they individually bring different issues forward and have different perspectives. He stated he did listen to everyone's opinions. He stated he did come into the meetings with anymore prior knowledge as to the agenda's contents than any other Council Member. He stated that everything on the agenda shows up on a prior work session. He stated this conspiracy of being left out is ridiculous. He stated he makes his decisions based on facts and the merits of the issues irrespective of east, west, south or north side and race.

Mayor Draper thanked Mr. Atkinson for his many years of service to the City.

There being no further business to come before the meeting at that time Mayor Draper made a motion the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Harris and Draper; nays: Council Member Little. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:18 o'clock p.m.