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Anniston, Alabama
September 22, 2014

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 22, 2014, at approximately 5:38 o'clock p.m.

Chief Taylor, Fire Department, prayed the Invocation.

Chief Taylor, Fire Department, 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 September 8, 2014. 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 Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2014. 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 Jenkins made a motion to add a Board Confirmation Hearing and a Board appointment resolution to the agenda and to adopt the agenda as amended. 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.

Mayor Stewart announced that was the time for the Board Confirmation Hearing for Wanda Hall and his nomination to the Anniston Calhoun County Library Board.

Ms. Hall 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 Anniston Calhoun County Library Board.

Mayor Stewart announced that was the time for the Board Confirmation Hearing for Brian Johnson and his nomination to the Regional Medical Center Board.

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Council Member Harris stated that it was imperative that they have transparency on this board and an advocate for Anniston on this board. She asked Mr. Johnson if he understood there was a requirement of 75% attendance at board meetings.

Mr. Johnson stated that he did understand there was a requirement of 75% attendance at board meetings.

Mr. Johnson verified that the information provided by him through his application and this confirmation hearing is true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and he pledged that if appointed he would faithfully, dutifully, and honestly serve the best interests of the City and the Regional Medical Center Board.

Mayor Stewart announced that was the time for the public hearing regarding a Lounge Retail Liquor – Class I application for C. C. Beck and Casey Doss d/b/a Blus Bar located in the city limits at 1013B Highway 431 North, declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said Lounge Retail Liquor – Class I application for C. C. Beck and Casey Doss d/b/a Blus Bar located in the city limits at 1013B Highway 431 North.

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said Lounge Retail Liquor – Class I application for C. C. Beck and Casey Doss d/b/a Blus Bar located in the city limits at 1013B Highway 431 North.

Mayor Stewart declared the public hearing regarding a Lounge Retail Liquor – Class I application for C. C. Beck and Casey Doss d/b/a Blus Bar located in the city limits at 1013B Highway 431 North closed.

Mayor Stewart announced that was the time for the public hearing regarding amending Section 30: Supplementary District Regulations, of the City of Anniston Zoning Ordinance to include Subsection 12: Pawn Shops, Pay-Day Lending, Title Pawn, Deferred Presentment Financial Institutions, declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said proposed amending Section 30: Supplementary District Regulations, of the City of Anniston Zoning Ordinance to include Subsection 12: Pawn Shops, Pay-Day Lending, Title Pawn, Deferred Presentment Financial Institutions.

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said proposed amending Section 30: Supplementary District Regulations, of the City of Anniston Zoning Ordinance to include Subsection 12: Pawn Shops, Pay-Day Lending, Title Pawn, Deferred Presentment Financial Institutions.

Mayor Stewart declared the public hearing regarding amending Section 30: Supplementary District Regulations, of the City of Anniston Zoning Ordinance to include Subsection 12: Pawn Shops, Pay-Day Lending, Title Pawn, Deferred Presentment Financial Institutions closed.

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

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- (a) Resolution declaring a reported condition to be a public nuisance. (Grp 2014-01 - Vehicles)
- (b) Resolution declaring various vehicles and pieces of equipment as surplus and authorizing their sale.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with East Alabama Regional Planning Development Commission for Federal Highway Administrations Computer Mapping Program.
- (d) Motion to approve a Lounge Retail Liquor – Class I application for C.C. Beck and Casey Doss d/b/a Blus Bar located in the city limits at 1013 B Hwy 431 N.
- (e) Motion to approve \$24,900.00 appropriation to the Anniston Board of Education from the Education Innovation fund.
- (f) Evaluation of bid for baling of hay at the Anniston Airport.
- (g) Evaluation of bid for concrete for FY 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 introduced and read by Ordinance Number 14-O-21 as follows:

(14-O-21, amending Section 30: Supplementary District Regulations of the City of Anniston Zoning Ordinance to include Subsection 12: Pawn Shops, Pay-Day Lending, Title Pawn, Deferred Presentment Financial Institutions)

Council Member Reddick made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 14-O-21 as introduced and read. 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. Unanimous consent of the Council having been granted for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 14-O-21 as introduced and read, Council Member Selase made a motion for the passage and adoption of Ordinance Number 14-O-21 as introduced and read. 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 Ordinance Number 14-O-21 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council to introduce and read by title Ordinance Number 14-O-22. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Mayor Stewart asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to the introduction and reading by title of Ordinance Number 14-O-22.

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to the introduction and reading by title of Ordinance Number 14-O-22.

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On call of the roll on Council Member Jenkins' motion for the unanimous consent of the Council to introduce and read by title Ordinance Number 14-O-22 and Council Member Harris' second to said motion the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been granted to introduce and read by title Ordinance Number 14-O-22, Council Member Jenkins introduced and read by title Ordinance Number 14-O-22 as follows:

(14-O-22, establishing the Anniston Museum Complex Board, the Anniston Museum of Natural History Board and the Longleaf Botanical Gardens Board)

Council Member Harris made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 14-O-22 as introduced and read by title. 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. Unanimous consent of the Council having been granted for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 14-O-22 as introduced and read by title, Council Member Jenkins made a motion for the passage and adoption of Ordinance Number 14-O-22 as introduced and read by title. 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 and Ordinance Number 14-O-22 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Jenkins introduced and read Resolution Number 14-R-336 as follows:

(14-R-336, to amend the FY14 General Operating Fund to adjust for the differences between the previously amended budget and presently projected revenues and expenditures for certain of the City's various budgets)

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for the passage and adoption of Resolution Number 14-R-336 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, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried and Resolution Number 14-R-336 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Jenkins introduced and read Resolution Number 14-R-337 as follows:

(14-R-337, authorizing agreement on behalf of the Anniston Calhoun County Home Consortium with the Right Place for Housing and Support Inc.)

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for the passage and adoption of Resolution Number 14-R-337 as introduced and read. The motion was seconded by Council Member Selase.

Council Member Reddick stated they had a West Anniston Strategic Plan and there was going to come a time when they would need this Home Consortium money. He stated this resolution was

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not part of their West Anniston plan and if they passed this resolution they would have spent $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million dollars into one agency and they are not matching money. He stated these 4 units could probably be 10 units if they put it under their housing authority. He stated they had refused to give the Anniston Housing Authority money to do renovation on a duplex. He stated when it comes time to implement their West Anniston Strategic Plan that they would not have the money to do it because they were giving it all away now. He stated they were making the same mistake they had made as when they had passed the no smoking ordinance which killed a whole section of their business in the city.

Council Member Jenkins stated that the Right Place for Housing and Support Inc. was effectively a pass through for the needy families. He stated he understood what Council Member Reddick was saying about the West Anniston Strategic Plan but he did not think they could just bankroll monies for that plan. He stated he had looked at the West Anniston Strategic Plan and it was a 20 to 30 million dollar plan that would require a bond. He stated they did need to be looking ahead to the implementation of the West Anniston Strategic Plan. He stated he felt this resolution was a good use of their funds at this time.

Mayor Stewart stated he thought this Council was in support of both this resolution and the West Anniston Strategic Plan.

On call of the roll on Council Member Jenkins' motion for the passage and adoption of Resolution Number 14-R-337 as introduced and read and Council Member Selase's second to said motion the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: Council Member Reddick. The motion carried and Resolution Number 14-R-337 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Selase introduced and read Resolution Number 14-R-338 as follows:

(14-R-338, authorizing agreement on behalf of the Anniston Calhoun County Home Consortium with the Northeast Alabama Community Development Corp.)

Council Member Selase made a motion for the passage and adoption of Resolution Number 14-R-338 as introduced and read. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Council Member Reddick stated their strategic plan should be implemented in the next two years and they were bleeding themselves dry with these agreements. He stated they had a homeless shelter come to them for \$400.00 to have the gas turned on and they could not give them that money.

On call of the roll on Council Member Selase's motion for the passage and adoption of Resolution Number 14-R-338 as introduced and read and Council Member Harris' second to said motion the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: Council Member Reddick. The motion carried and Resolution Number 14-R-338 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Jenkins introduced and read Resolution Number 14-R-339 as follows:

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(14-R-339, agreement with ALDOT for engineering , ROW acquisition and construction for industrial access improvements to the McClellan Industrial Park)

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for the passage and adoption of Resolution Number 14-R-339 as introduced and read. 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 Resolution Number 14-R-339 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Harris introduced and read Resolution Number 14-R-340 as follows:

(14-R-340, adopting the FY 2015 budget)

Council Member Harris made a motion for the passage and adoption of Resolution Number 14-R-340 as introduced and read. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins.

Council Member Selase stated they needed to add back the \$150,000 that was cut from the Education Innovation Fund. He stated they now knew what put them in position to have successful schools and students which was Pre-K for all, quality after school programs, and career technical opportunities. He stated he was working with the superintendent to lure the Teach For America program which would also require extra resources. He stated this year the enrollment had increased by 340 students. He stated there were positive changes ongoing in the school system.

Council Member Selase made a motion to amend the budget to add an additional \$150,000 to the Education Innovation Fund. The motion did not receive a second.

Council Member Reddick stated that the reason the City's budget is so far under where it should be is because the Council passed the no smoking ordinance that in his opinion has cost the City over a million dollars in revenue. He stated the no smoking ordinance had made one of the most competitive industries in our region uncompetitive. He stated City workers were going to lose their jobs in this budget. He stated they did not look closely enough at the consequences of the no smoking ordinance before they passed it. He stated that is why he did not support the amendment to the budget.

Mayor Stewart stated he would need to see facts that the City had experienced a sale tax revenue decrease due to the no smoking ordinance. He commended the City Manager and the Finance Department for their work on this budget. He stated Anniston is not alone as a city facing a financial crunch. He stated every department has had to make cuts and that was why he could not favor the amendment to the budget. He stated they would all like to give more funding to the City's education system. He stated they needed to look for other resources to help fund the City's education system.

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Council Member Harris stated she was sorry they could not support the budget amendment. She stated their first priority had to be safety of citizens. She stated she would like to see data concerning the loss of revenue to the City due to the no smoking ordinance.

Council Member Jenkins stated that working on and passing a budget was hard work. He stated they would like to fund all departments at a greater level. He stated he appreciated the positions concerning increased funding for education.

Council Member Selase stated he learned a great deal in this budget process. He stated he appreciated the work of the City Manager and staff. He stated he could not vote for a budget that balances itself on the backs of their children.

On call of the roll on Council Member Harris' motion for the passage and adoption of Resolution Number 14-R-340 as introduced and read and Council Member Jenkins' second to said motion the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Harris and Stewart; nays: Council Member Selase. The motion carried and Resolution Number 14-R-340 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Harris introduced and read Resolution Number 14-R-341 as follows:

(14-R-341, appointing Brian Johnson to the RMC board)

Council Member Harris made a motion for the passage and adoption of Resolution Number 14-R-341 as introduced and read. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins; 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 14-R-341 was passed and adopted.

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 6:41 o'clock p.m.