

Anniston, Alabama

October 1, 2019

The City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama, met in Regular Session in Room B of the Anniston City Meeting Center in the City of Anniston, Alabama, on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at approximately 5:38 o'clock p.m.

Jay Jenkins, Council Member, prayed the Invocation.

Jay Jenkins, Council Member, 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.

Steven Folks, Interim City Manager, was present.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, was present.

Council Member Reddick made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Little, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the September 17, 2019 minutes were approved.

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

Mayor Draper presented a Proclamation for Family Day and Family Week

Mayor Draper presented a Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (2<sup>nd</sup> Chance)

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Resolution declaring a reported condition to be a public nuisance. Group 2019-05 Grass/Debris/Vehicles (19-R-195)
- (b) Resolution declaring certain personal property surplus and authorizing the sale of said property (19-R-196)
- (c) Motion to award bid to EMTEK in the amount of \$51,000.00 for the demolition of five (5) substandard structures and to Teague Hauling and Demolition in the amount of \$49,500.00 for the demolition of four (4) substandard structures.

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

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to approve a Special Events Retail License application for the City of Anniston d/b/a Berman Museum Boos Bash on October 19, 2019 located at 920 Museum Drive within the Corporate City Limits. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick and on call of

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

Council Member Little made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a Contract Amendment #1 to Architectural Design Services (attached) with Dorsey Architects & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$27,000.00 as described in the Scope of Work for the City of Anniston Health Institute, Civil Rights Museum and Senior Citizen Center.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to amend the motion to include authorizing the City Manager to negotiate with the architect to confirm that these fees will be counted towards a portion of the full design service should this project move forward. The motion was seconded by Council Member Little and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Little, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council Member Harris stated that she hopes the Civil Rights section is oriented towards the medical issues within the African American community and she does not want to see it take away from the Freedom Riders location here, or the Civil Rights Museum in Birmingham or Atlanta. She stated that they have a unique situation here with our health issues and that will give a unique twist oppose to copy what has already been done.

Council Member Little stated that this will be something that is unique to Anniston that will be interwoven with the health and the environment also. He stated that they should have a meeting with the monument people and that everything will be all right.

Council Member Reddick stated a quote from Ford Motors, "Whether you think you can or you can't, you are right." He stated that they should not approach this from a lack mentality and that they live in world where if you build it they will come. He stated so the more they do to build the city, bring development, to explore people coming into he city for tourism and training the more opportunities they are giving people to come to Anniston.

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

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to authorize the Mayor execute an extension to the Agreement with Calhoun County through December 31, 2019 for animal control shelter services as described in the attached. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Little, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Glen Ray, 3514 Dale Hollow Road, addressed the council on issues in the municipal court.

Leona Macklemore, 1501 Stephens Ave, addressed the council on flood issues with her home.

Candace Williams addressed the council on the illegal search and arrest of her fiancé. She asked for an investigation on the Police Department, and the Municipal Court.

Shantell addressed the council on the mistreatment of inmates in the jail system.

Richard Jackson, 2317 Noble St. addressed the council on looking at the criminal justice reform.

Ralph Bradford, addressed the council, on an update the upcoming town hall meeting that will address race in Anniston.

Demetri Crawford, 1806 West 16<sup>th</sup> St., addressed the council on the Calhoun County Voting Rights Project and the voter restoration drive to assist those with a felony restore their right to vote.

Christina Belmont, 304 West Front St., addressed the council on the issues with the county jail system.

Emma Fantroy, addressed the council on the issues of young black men being stopped by the police.

Harold Ray, 905, addressed the council on young black men being stopped by the police.

Council Member Harris stated that they had a session yesterday for Keep America Beautiful, and she wanted to thank interim PARD Frazier Burroughs for his efforts and bringing all this together. She stated that they had 21 citizens that participated; and an excellent program that will bring the entire community together to beautify Anniston.

Council Member Little thanked the council for some things that were approved tonight and that he and Council Member Harris will be getting together and have a meeting at Golden Springs Community Center to discuss the de-annexation. He stated that they will address the court system. He stated that they need to look into pulling the CDBG money back to be able to do something with it.

Council Member Reddick stated that the council is working together and they cannot afford to divide the city. He stated that community policing is very important and that there was a time when the city manager would pull random stops and look at the video and check the tickets and he would like to see that happen again. He stated that they are putting together a 5K fundraiser to help the Anniston High School and Wiggins Community Center track teams be able to travel and compete.

Council Member Jenkins thanked the citizens for coming out tonight and expressing their concerns and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance for all that they do to help those in need. He thanked Mr. Folks and the staff for all they do for making the community better. He stated that the Youth football team continues to dominate and are undefeated.

Mayor Draper stated that the City previously, very forcefully and unanimously, resolved to oppose de-annexation. He stated that the City council is still adamantly opposed to de-annexation and nothing has changed.

There being no further business to come before the council at that time Mayor Draper made a motion the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins; 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 and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:29 o'clock p.m.