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Anniston, Alabama
October 6, 2014

The City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama, met in Special Session in the Council Chamber in the City Hall of the City of Anniston, Alabama, on Monday, October 6, 2014, at approximately 5:05 o'clock p.m.

Council Member Jenkins prayed the Invocation.

Council Member Jenkins 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 adopt the agenda. 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 introduced and read Resolution Number 14-R-344 as follows:

(14-R-344, authorizing legal action)

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for the passage and adoption of Resolution Number 14-R-344 as introduced and read. The motion was seconded by Council Member Selase.

Council Member Reddick asked how much they had spent on legal fees.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, stated he did not have that figure available. He stated it was unfortunate they were having to spend money on attorney's fees in this matter.

Council Member Reddick stated that most of the issues in the resolution had been resolved and were before the Blue Cross/Blue Shield incident. He stated he had just gotten this resolution. He stated they should accept what the judge ruled. He stated maybe they could appoint the Finance Director to the board instead of the City Manager. He stated he would like to make a motion they dissolve this and accept the ruling of the judge.

Mayor Stewart stated they had motion on the floor that they were currently discussing. He stated they did not invite this lawsuit. He stated no one wins with a lawsuit but they owe to the citizens of Anniston to defend their rights and if a lawsuit is filed then you have to answer it. He stated that was what this meeting was about tonight to authorize the City Attorney to defend the rights

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of the citizens. He stated he would continue discussions with the other appointing authorities and other members of the community. He stated RMC was an important asset of the community.

Council Member Harris stated that the City's side of the story needed to be told. She stated they hoped this would be resolved soon.

Council Member Reddick stated he felt this procedure was flawed and he was not informed enough about this resolution.

On call of the roll on Council Member Jenkins' motion for the passage and adoption of Resolution Number 14-R-344 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-344 was passed and adopted.

Wanda Champion addressed the Council concerning the PCB Health Study. She stated that there might be a possibility if UAB bought RMC then they might do away with RMC. She stated perhaps the City could have a relationship with UAB if they bought RMC and keep them from closing RMC.

Glen Ray addressed the Council and thanked them for looking out for the best interest of RMC. He stated if the City was sending qualified people to sit on the board he did not see why RMC should complain about that.

Dr. George Crawford addressed the Council and stated he understood the City's concerns. He stated meetings are done that are not open to the public which are primarily for the purpose of negotiations. He stated what might be perceived as secrecy at the hospital might actually be some necessary policy. He stated he felt RMC did a good job of taking care of the citizens. He stated it was concerning that they were looking back at the Blue Cross/Blue Shield negotiations that are already done. He asked if the Council had any questions for him.

Council Member Selase stated that the lawsuit and this resolution were public record and the citizens should look at both and make their own comparisons and judgments concerning this situation. He stated there are two sides to the story. He stated they all needed to be educated on what was going on.

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 Harris; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: Council Member Reddick. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:45 o'clock p.m.