

Anniston, Alabama

March 16, 2021

The City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama, met in Regular Session in Room B at the Anniston City Meeting Center in the City of Anniston, Alabama, on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at approximately 5:30 o'clock p.m.

LaJuree McCluney, prayed the Invocation.

LaJuree McCluney, 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 Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; absent: Council Member Jenkins. A quorum was present and the meeting opened for the transaction of business.

Steven Folks, City Manager, was present.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, was present.

Council Member Harris made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the February 24, 2021 called meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the February 24, 2021 called meeting minutes were approved.

Council Member Roberts made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of a special recognition and two public hearings for the resolutions over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the amended agenda was adopted.

Frazier Burroughs, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced Ms. Carol Bush and the A-town Runners for a Special Recognition.

Carol Bush, Director of the Wiggins Community Center, recognized the A-town Runners.

- Christiyuna Reed
- Aubriyana Patton
- A'aliyah Monroe
- Kamryn Harris
- Ameria Fitten
- Kerrington Phillips
- Zylen Davis
- Amarien Moore
- Toderick Chandler

- Cameron Wiggins
- LaDarrious Walker
- Kwentin Jones
- Damon Morgan

She stated that a couple of years ago they became associated with the Track and Field Coalition USA (TFCUSA), an association that is 30 colleges deep. She stated that 6 of the children introduced were named All-American Athletes:

- Amarien Moore-200 meter, 400 meter and inducted into the coalition (AB Honor Roll)
- Toderick Chandler- 200 meter
- Aubriyana Patton-200 meter
- Christiyuna Reed-200 meter, 400 meter, and inducted into the coalition
- Damon Morgan- voted the most valuable athlete all-around
- Cameron Wiggins- (A Honor Roll)

Ms. Bush stated that to be awarded all-American, a vote was taken by all the coaches in TFC and each of these athletes were awarded the title because they deserved it and worked hard. She stated that Anniston is never without talent.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding the vacation of Falcon Road. No One spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive comments regarding the vacation of Falcon Road.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding the over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisance Group 2021-01 Grass/Debris/Vehicles: 123 McArthur Drive. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive comments regarding the over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisance Group 2021-01 Grass/Debris/Vehicles.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding the over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisance Group 2021-02 Grass/Debris/Vehicles: 12 Blue Mountain, 208 West 20th Street, 431 Chestnut Ave, 626 Mulberry Ave, 629 Mulberry Ave, 630 Mulberry, 710 Mulberry Ave, 1924 McKleroy Ave, 2706 Old Quintard, and 3824 George St.

Tana Bryant, Senior Code Enforcement Officer, stated that they have contracts with 629 Mulberry Ave, 630 Mulberry Ave, 710 Mulberry Ave, and 2706 Old Quintard. She stated that they have contracts with the owners and they were given a little extra time.

Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive comments regarding the over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisance Group 2021-02 Grass/Debris/Vehicles.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Resolution over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisance Group 2021-01 Grass/Debris/Vehicles (21-R-19)
- (b) Resolution over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisance Group 2021-02 Grass/Debris/Vehicles (21-R-20)

(c) Resolution declaring various vehicles and pieces of equipment as surplus and authorizing their sale

(d) Motion to authorize Mayor Jack Draper as the voting delegate at the Annual Convention of the Alabama League of Municipalities on May 14, 2021

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

Council Member Harris made a motion to authorize the City of Anniston to join the Calhoun County 9-1-1 District in the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for emergency ambulance services. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith.

Mayor Draper made a motion to table the motion to authorize the City of Anniston to join the Calhoun County 9-1-1 District in the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for emergency ambulance services.

*The motion failed for lack of second

Council Member Harris stated that this authorization does not mean that the present carrier will not be the same one that we have now that they think so highly of. She stated that she did have some legal questions about not putting out a bid and she believes it should be open to bid.

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

Mayor Draper introduced an Ordinance adopting regulations for operations of Towing Services (1st Reading). (21-O-2)

Mayor Draper made a motion to read the Ordinance adopting regulations for operations of Towing Services by title only. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments on reading the Ordinance adopting regulations for operations of Towing Services by title only. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments on reading the Ordinance adopting regulations for operations of Towing Services by title only.

And on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the Ordinance will be read by title-only.

Mayor Draper made a motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration of Ordinance adopting regulations for operations of Towing Services. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and Ordinance (21-O-2) will be considered for immediate consideration.

Mayor Draper made a motion for passage and adoption of ordinance 21-O-2. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and Ordinance 21-O-2 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Roberts stated to have the track team recognized tonight will go a long way in their minds. He stated they need to continue to give back to the youth and uplift them instead of talking about a race war that does not exist. He stated as leaders they should be onboard with the schools and start recognizing the kids.

There being no further business to come before the council at that time Mayor Draper made a motion that 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 Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:03 o'clock p.m.