

Anniston, Alabama

September 7, 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, September 7, 2021, at approximately 5:31 o'clock p.m.

Craig Miller, owner of Miller Sand and Gravel, prayed the Invocation.

Craig Miller, owner of Miller Sand and Gravel, 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, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; absent: none. A quorum was present and the meeting opened for the transaction of business.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, was present.

David Arnett, Public Works Director, was present in the absence of the City Manager, Steven Folks.

Council Member Smith made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the August 3, 2021 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, Roberts, Smith, Harris, Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the August 3, 2021 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Council Member Roberts made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the August 17, 2021 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper 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 Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the agenda was adopted.

Mayor Draper introduced a board confirmation of Gretchen Richards to the Main Street Board.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package) application for AMAL LLC d/b/a AMAL LLC 2 located at 3006 McClellan Boulevard located in the corporate city limits. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding a Lounge Retail Liquor –Class II (Package) application for AMAL LLC d/b/a AMAL LLC 2 located at 3006 McClellan Boulevard located in the corporate city limits.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to remove the resolution adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2022 from the table. The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the resolution was removed from the table and placed on the floor for consideration.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to amend the resolution adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2022 by:

- Deleting phone/postage for each ward representative for a \$3,000.00 savings
- Increase PARD Golf repair and maintenance of buildings/equipment from \$75.00 to \$2,500.00
- Increase PARD Golf rentals from \$35,000.00 to \$45,000.00
- Increase PARD Golf projects budget from \$4,000.00 to \$9,000.00
- Increase Food Services and Special Events salaries and wages from \$231,445.00 to \$275,725.00
- Increase Food Services and Special Events cost of sales –food from \$98,000.00 to \$113,000.00
- Add \$1,500.00 for advertising for Food Services and Special Events
- Reduce Farmer’s Market line item from \$400,000.00 to \$150,000.00

He stated that of the \$250,000.00 savings realized, he proposes offsetting increases identified above and taking the remaining \$174,795.00 and shifting as much of the operational costs identified in the fire tax fund to the general fund. He stated that additionally, they have \$450,000.00 in capital outlay funds from last year’s budget that was never spent. He stated that his proposes to re-allocate those funds as follows:

- \$125,000.00 Satcher Health Clinic
- \$75,000.00 Improvement to the Airport Fire Station
- \$30,000.00 Painting of Historic McClellan Fire Station
- \$140,000.00 Roofing and Interior Improvements to Cane Creek Restaurant and Golf Shop
- \$40,000.00 Accessibility and Cosmetic Improvements to Hill Golf Building
- \$15,000.00 Replace damaged cart path sections at Cane Creek Golf Course
- \$25,000.00 Recycling Initiative as defined by the Comprehensive Plan

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

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Resolution appointing a member to the Main Street Board (21-R-66)
- (b) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the State of Alabama acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation for Safety Improvements on Greenbrier Dear Road (21-R-67)
- (c) Motion to approve a Lounge Retail Liquor –Class II (Package) application for AMAL LLC d/b/a AMAL LLC 2 located at 3006 McClellan Boulevard in the corporate city limits.

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

Council Member Jenkins stated that someone started a prayer initiative for Anniston school children on Facebook and he wants to uplift things like that. He honored Van Heibel’s daughter-in-law, Elizabeth March who is an Army combat medic that competed in the Paralympics, and set a world record and won the gold in the 100m backstroke.

Council Member Roberts encouraged everyone to be safe with COVID-19. He encouraged those who can, to get the vaccine. He stated that if they cannot please stay masked up and avoid large gatherings.

Council Member Smith encouraged those capable of getting the vaccine, to please do so. She congratulated the Anniston Football team on their revenge tour, in which they are currently 3-0. She asked citizens to support the kids in Anniston.

Council Member Harris thanked Council Member Jenkins for his creativity in ways to adjust the budget. She stated that they have a comprehensive plan meeting Thursday (9/8) and Monday (9/13) and there is nothing more important than finishing this plan with input from citizens.

Mayor Draper congratulated Van's daughter-in law. He stated that what they are doing with the budget is very important and encouraged citizens to stay engaged.

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 Smith; and on call of the roll, the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 o'clock p.m.