

Anniston, Alabama

January 17, 2023

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, January 17, 2023, at approximately 5:30 o'clock p.m.

Demetric Roberts, Council Member, prayed the Invocation.

Demetric Roberts, 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, 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.

Steven Folks, City Manager, was present.

Council Member Smith made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the December 20, 2022 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 and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the December 20, 2022 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the agenda with the removal of item (F), Motion in accordance with the Council-Manager Act of 1953, the City Council hereby affirms the City Manager's appointment of Jessica Leonard as the Finance Director of the City of Anniston, from the consent agenda as a standalone motion. 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 amended agenda was adopted.

Joe Hoffman recognized the Anniston Youth Football Champions: C Team (sophomore team ages 5-7) and A Team (senior team ages 10-12).

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to remove from the table for approval, the motion to approve a Bingo Permit to 7 Springs Ministries located at 33 Old Gadsden Hwy, Anniston, AL 36201. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: none; nays: Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, and Harris; abstentions: Mayor Draper. The motion failed.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the consent agenda:

- (a) Resolution authorizing the Finance Director to write-off account receivables for certain household refuse collection charges (23-R-1)
- (b) Motion to approve a Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) alcohol license to Radiant Food Store 1 LLC d/b/a SAMCO 18 located at 111 Old Gadsden Hwy in the police jurisdiction
- (c) Motion to approve bid for grass cutting and lot clean-up of 21 lots to Wendy Thornton in the amount of \$2,850.00

- (d) Motion to approve bids for demolition of 12 CDBG substandard structures to Emtex for CDBG properties: 2430 McKleroy Ave, 1421 McDaniel, 1318 Front St., 1600 Bancroft, 1122 Mulberry Ave, 2000 McKleroy Ave, 1022 West 16th St., 1008 Front St., 2631 McCoy Ave in the amount of \$49,300.00; T&D Stump Grinding and Tree Service/Cleaning LLC for CDBG property: 100 East 29th St. in the amount of \$11,950.00; Eagle Demolition for CDBG properties: 1312 W. 15th St., 1724 Dooley Ave in the amount of \$16,893.00
- (e) Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Chambless King Architects for renovation of 1129 Noble Street Historic Courthouse

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 Smith made a motion in accordance with the Council-Manager Act of 1953, the City Council hereby affirms the City Manager's appointment of Jessica Leonard as the Finance Director of the City of Anniston. 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.

Glen Ray, 3514 Dale Hollow Road, addressed the council that they are having some issues in the community. He stated that the community is going to have to do something; if not they will continue to lose young people. He stated that cannot put all the burden on the police chief but the community needs to step up.

Shawana Hill, 2630 Wilmer Ave, thanked Council Member Smith for fixing the issue in her area. She stated that maybe the city could set up a curfew due to the incident that occurred.

Richard Jackson, 2317 Noble Street, addressed the council that there are things that need to be accomplished but it cannot be done by 5 people alone; it takes cooperation from the community as well. He stated that he appreciates the council for recognizing the young men on the Anniston Youth Football teams.

Council Member Jenkins congratulated Jessica Leonard on her new position. He stated that it was the content of her character that earned her this position. He thanked staff for putting on the celebration to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Council Member Robert congratulated Jessica Leonard on her new role. He stated that they cannot raise everyone's kids but they have to hold people accountable. He stated if they are going to clean-up this city that is in all areas.

Council Member Smith stated that the council is in year 3 of their administration and she asks the council, what will they be known for? She stated that when they end their term, she wants them to be known for something monumental. She stated that all they can do is keeping pushing forward; and that what children experience at home is the biggest storyteller in their lives.

Council Member Harris stated that the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s breakfast was fabulous. She stated that she agrees with Council Member Smith, that parents are critical factors in their children's lives. She stated that she does not know what the council can do.

Mayor Draper congratulated Jessica on the great work that she has already been doing. He stated that the City of Anniston is in very good hands with our Police Department. He stated that they are well trained and well regarded and would not trade them for any other police department anywhere. He stated that it will take everyone working together to fight crime and make the City safer.

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 6:07 o'clock p.m.