

Anniston, Alabama

February 15, 2022

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, February 15, 2022, at approximately 5:35 o'clock p.m.

Jack Draper, Mayor, prayed the Invocation.

Jack Draper, Mayor, 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.

Steven Folks, City Manager, was present.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, was present.

Council Member Roberts made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the February 1, 2022 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, and Harris; abstentions: Mayor Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the February 1, 2022 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the agenda. 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 agenda was adopted.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a 011-Lounge Retail Liquor-Class I application for Live Lounge LLC d/b/a Live Lounge located at 320 S. Quintard Avenue inside the corporate city limits. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding a 011-Lounge Retail Liquor-Class I application for Live Lounge LLC d/b/a Live Lounge located at 320 S. Quintard Avenue inside the corporate city limits.

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

- (a) Resolution directing installation of Fire Hydrant (22-R-11)
- (b) Resolution declaring various vehicles/equipment and personal property as surplus and authorizing the disposal of said property (22-R-12)
- (c) Resolution adopting Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (22-R-13)
- (d) Motion to approve a 011-Lounge Retail Liquor-Class I application for Live Lounge LLC d/b/a Live Lounge located at 320 S Quintard Avenue inside the corporate city limits
- (e) Motion to approve a Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) application for Amoco Food Mart Inc., d/b/a Amoco Food Mart located at 1000 W 15th Street inside the corporate city limits

(f) Motion to approve the bids for removal and re-roofing of the property located at 1025 & 1029 Gurnee Avenue to GMC Blue Services Inc., in the amount of \$83,700.00

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.

Mayor Draper introduced resolution authorizing an amendment to Program Year 2021 Annual Action Plan under the HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) for submission of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Mayor Draper made a motion for passage and adoption. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins.

Council Member Harris stated that she has been approached by numerous individuals of the Homelessness Task Force requesting to put this resolution on hold until they receive the final results of their study.

Council Member Harris made a motion to table the resolution. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Council Member Smith stated that this is not the best way to use these funds. She stated that with the data they will receive from the point –in- time count survey, they will be able to bring forth programming that will be effective.

Council Member Jenkins stated that he does not know what the answer is. He stated that the Council has some time to expend these funds. He stated that they should empower the Homelessness Task force and they are not complete with their work just yet. He asked if these funds have to be committed as a whole or in parts.

Mary Motley, Community Development Coordinator, stated that it would easier to do things altogether. She stated that the council could vote it down and start the process over.

Mayor Draper stated that ultimately, that would be the best thing. He stated that then the recommendation could include the data from the Homelessness Task Force. He stated that the better thing to do, would be to vote it down and start all over again.

Council Member Roberts stated that for transparency, they have not given out any money. He stated that the council needs to sit back and take their time. He stated that as they get education on this issue, they need to educate the public so they can kill some of the negative talk.

Council Member Jenkins asked Mary Motley if seven years is required from a spending standpoint or if there is a requirement for a dedication of these funds?

Mary Motley, stated that these funds have to be fully spent by 2030.

Council Member Smith stated that even though there is an extended amount of time to utilize these funds, the council is being super intentional about using the funds. She stated that she does not foresee it taking 7-8 years to find a solution or a way to fix some of the issues in the community.

And on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: none; nays: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris and Draper. The motion failed for passage and adoption of the resolution.

Tammy Hall, 102 Willside Drive, addressed the city council on the bike trail at Wiggins Community Center. She thanked the council and anyone who has helped assist.

Gerald Grizzard, 1709G Hillyer Roberson Industrial Parkway South, addressed the city council on his issues with the incinerator that he has dealt with for the past 15 years.

Wayne Willis, P.O. Box 108, welcomed the new council members and stated that this is the best council the City of Anniston has had in his generation.

Council Member Harris thanked everyone for what they are doing to address the homelessness issue.

Council Member Smith thanked the council for coming together and doing what is right for the community and they find some sort of solution.

Council Member Roberts stated that this is probably the best council meeting since he has been here. He asked everyone available to come out and help Anniston Changers on February 26th.

Council Member Jenkins stated that he appreciates working in an environment where the council may not all agree but they are still able to listen to each other.

Mayor Draper stated that specifically, with the resolution that was voted down, this is a serious thing the council has to address. He stated that this is not an Anniston issue but a regional issue.

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 Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:58 p.m. o'clock p.m.