

Anniston, Alabama

April 5, 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, April 5, 2022, at approximately 5:30 o'clock p.m.

Ciara Smith, Council member, prayed the Invocation.

Ciara Smith, 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.

Steven Folks, City Manager, was present.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, was present.

Council Member Smith made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022 regular meeting. 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 March 15, 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 made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

(a) Motion to approve bid for the purchase of battery upgrades for multiple solar-powered trailers for the Police Department to Vetted Security Solutions in the amount of \$31,250.00

(b) Motion to designate Mayor Draper as the official Voting Delegate and Councilwoman Millie Harris as the 1st Alternate Voting Delegate during the Annual Business Meeting of the Alabama League of Municipalities held May 11-14, 2022

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 and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

Mayor Draper introduced the resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Economic Development Administration under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program

Mayor Draper made a motion for passage and adoption of the resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Economic Development Administration under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and the resolution was passed and adopted. (22-R-18)

Mayor Draper made a motion to reject the bids for new restrooms at the Anniston Museum of Natural History due to the bid excessively exceeding FY22 budgetary constraints. 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.

Richard Jackson, 2317 Noble Street, addressed the city council on the issue of city hall closing at 4:00 p.m. He stated that this is entirely too early and that it is a travesty to have to apply to speak at a council meeting.

Glen Ray, 3514 Dale Hollow Road, addressed the city council on the drug crisis that is facing the city of Anniston. He stated that on behalf of the NAACP, they want to work with law enforcement and the City of Anniston to do whatever it takes to help the community.

Council Member Jenkins thanked Council Member Smith for her prayer and stated that if she gets tired of politics she should consider the pulpit.

Council Member Roberts stated that the drugs that are on the streets are very lethal but the City of Anniston is working on a solution. He stated that this is not the time to blame law enforcement, or officials and accuse them of not doing things.

Council Member Smith stated that she prays that the council can find some solution to assist law enforcement to get these drugs out of their neighborhoods. She stated that this is truly a disease that is hard to overcome.

Council Member Harris stated that this drug issue does not just effect one socio-economic group but all groups and they have to do something about it. She stated that she wants everyone to uplift those in the Ukraine in thoughts and prayers. She stated that we take our freedom in this country for granted.

Mayor Draper stated that the city of Anniston has some of the best trained police and fire departments in this state. He stated that he is confident in their ability to work with city staff and officials to devise strategies to handle this drug issue. He encouraged everyone to come out to the Noble Street Festival and Sunny King Criterium this weekend, which is a big deal for the city.

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 5:46 p.m. o'clock p.m.