

Anniston, Alabama

May 17, 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, May 17, 2022, at approximately 5:34 o'clock p.m.

Jay Jenkins, Council member, prayed the Invocation.

Jay Jenkins, 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 May 3, 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 May 3, 2022 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the agenda the addition of a resolution declaring various vehicles and equipment as surplus and authorizing their sale and a motion to suspend the rule requiring the City Council to meet on the third Tuesday of June 2022, and to schedule a City Council meeting for June 28th, 2022 at 5:30p.m. in Room B at the city meeting center to the consent agenda; and remove from the agenda the recognition for Economic Development Week and move it to the next scheduled council 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 and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the agenda was adopted.

Steven Folks, City Manager, recognized the Anniston High School 4A Boys Track and Field State Championship

Lisa Howard, Anniston High School Track Coach, stated that this was a great season for the track team. She stated that the young men were sectional champions and the young women were runner-up. She stated that this was a great accomplishment for the group, both on and off the track.

Mayor Draper read the following addresses for the record: 907 Glenwood Terrace and 1216 Crescent Avenue

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments over-ruling the objections to the abatement of identified nuisances caused by unsafe building, structures, or construction (Grp 2022-01 Substandard Structures)

Richard Thompson, 200 Mary Lane, addressed the council on the two properties. He stated that at 907 Glenwood Terrace, there was a fire about two years ago and they are still in negotiations with State Farm. He asked that the abatement be postponed to give them time to sale the property. He stated that they had cleaned up 1216 Crescent Avenue and listed it for sale.

Tana Bryant, Senior Code Enforcement Officer, stated that she does have a contract ready that will allow for an extension on time for whether this will be a rehabilitation or sale.

Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments over-ruling the objections to the abatement of identified nuisances caused by unsafe building, structures, or construction (Grp 2022-01 Substandard Structures).

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the submission of grant application under the Land and Water Conservation Fund for Coldwater Mountain Trailhead.

Tom Nelson, past president of NEABA (Northeast Alabama Bicycle Association) addressed the council that this trailhead will be tremendous for the community and will bring people to the city.

Tim Lindblom, 400 11th Street, Jacksonville AL, addressed the council that this project will greatly improve the parking issues. He stated that the parking lots are full and overflowing and the capacity of the parking lots do not match the capacity of the trail system.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding 020-Restaurant Retail Liquor application for RJ Bessemer LLC d/b/a The Crab Barrack located at 712 S Quintard Avenue within the corporate city limits.

Sherene Braden, store manager of The Crab Barrack, addressed the council that they are in real need of their liquor license. She stated that their restaurant is suffering due to the fact of no alcohol.

Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding 020-Restaurant Retail Liquor application for RJ Bessemer LLC d/b/a The Crab Barrack located at 712 S Quintard Avenue within the corporate city limits.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the consent agenda:

- (a) Resolution over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances caused by unsafe buildings, structures, or construction (Group 2022-02 Substandard) (22-R-25)

(b) Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (22-R-26)

(c) Motion to award for the renovation of Anniston Fire Station #3 Training Center to Bradshaw and Pitts LLC for the total amount of \$1,087,000.00

(d) Motion to award Glen Addie Addition and Renovation to Hurst Construction, LLC for the total amount of \$1,949,277.00

(e) Motion to approve a 020-Retail Liquor application for RJ Bessemer LLC d/b/a The Crab Barrack located at 712 S Quintard Avenue within the corporate city limits

(f) Resolution declaring various vehicles and equipment as surplus and authorizing their sale (22-R-27)

(g) Motion to suspend the rule requiring the City Council to meet on the third Tuesday of June, 2022, and to schedule a City Council meeting for June 28th, 2022 at 5:30p.m. in Room B at the city meeting center

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 consent agenda was approved.

Mayor Draper introduced an ordinance amending section 15.58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Anniston, Alabama removing a two-way stop intersection **(1st Reading)**

Council Member Harris made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments on reading the ordinance by title only. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments on reading the ordinance by title only.

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 ordinance will be read by title only.

Mayor Draper read the ordinance amending section 15.58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Anniston, Alabama removing a two-way stop intersection by title only.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration. 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.

Council Member Harris made a motion for passage and adoption of the ordinance amending section 15.58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Anniston, Alabama removing a two-way

stop intersection. 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 ordinance was adopted. (22-O-3)

Mayor Draper introduced an ordinance amending section 15.56 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Anniston, Alabama adding three-way stop intersections **(1st Reading)**

Council Member Harris made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Mayor Draper.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments on reading the ordinance by title only. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments on reading the ordinance by title only.

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 ordinance will be read by title only.

Mayor Draper read the ordinance amending section 15.56 of The Code of Ordinances of the City of Anniston, Alabama adding three-way stop intersection by title only.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration. 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.

Council Member Jenkins stated that there were a lot of mountain bikers in the audience to show support for the grant. He stated that it was handled during the consent agenda; and he appreciates them being there and supporting the City's trail system. He stated that it feels good to see Oxford's name on their shirts because it tells them that they are working together for the betterment of the community at large.

Council Member Harris made a motion for passage and adoption of the ordinance amending section 15.56 of The Code of Ordinances of the City of Anniston, Alabama adding three-way stop intersections. 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 ordinance was adopted. (22-O-4)

Mayor Draper made a motion to appoint Ellen Bass to the Health Care Authority Place #2 with a term to expire May 31, 2027. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith.

Council Member Harris stated that she does not know of a single person in this city who works as hard as Ellen Bass.

Council Member Smith stated that she shares the same sentiments as Council Member Harris. She stated that Mrs. Bass is outstanding in how she serves the community.

Council Member Roberts stated that Mrs. Ellen is one of the sweetest hardest working people he knows. He stated that she is an asset to Anniston.

Council Member Jenkins stated that he appreciates Mrs. Ellen's service heart. He stated that not only does she currently serve on the board but she chairs the human resources committee, serves on the compliance committee, served on the surgery center board, and the RMC foundation board.

Mayor Draper stated that he would like to echo everyone's comments and this was a great slate of candidates. He stated that Ellen is one of the best ambassadors the entire City of Anniston has ever had and will probably ever have.

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, stated that last week the state senator was in town for the dedication of the new federal courthouse and a lot of credit was given to him for what was done. Mr. Jackson stated that it made him think about the things that the senator had not done for Anniston. He asked how many times he has been to Anniston since he was a state senator besides getting accolades.

Glen Ray, 3514 Dale Hollow Rd, stated that things have been going so great, there is nothing else he needed to say. He stated that he will have to get the council at the next go around.

Council Member Harris stated that this week is Law Enforcement Appreciation Week and they are having lunch every day at Oxford Civic Center, if anyone wants to help serve. She stated that Friday at Centennial Park, there will be a ceremony for Memorial Day at 11:00 a.m.

Council Member Smith stated that she would remind not to talk about what is happening across this nation. She stated that the fear she felt after watching the video of the domestic terrorist that went into the grocery store and put out a message of white supremacy, will no longer stand in this nation. She stated that this something they should not tolerate by any means necessary.

Council Member Roberts stated that in regards to economic impact, take a look at the last 18 months and see what they have been able to accomplish. He stated that they are starting to see a pattern of what is being built in Anniston. He asked everyone to be in prayer for the nation; and that it is ridiculous to still hold a grudge for something idiotic from years past.

Council Member Jenkins stated that the events that happened in Buffalo this past weekend were both shameful and cowardly. He stated that they have no place in our world and we do need to do something. He stated that he shares Council Member Harris' excitement with the last two weeks in Anniston, with the biking events and Federal Courthouse ribbon cutting. He thanked Mr. Folks and city staff for making all those events run smoothly.

Mayor Draper stated that what happened in Buffalo was not only tragic but shameful; and we as a society need to do everything we can to heal so things like that will not happen in the future. He stated that this could happen anywhere and we have to be so mindful of that. He stated that it was really good to recognize the young people tonight; and that the youth represent the future of 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 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 6:30 p.m. o'clock p.m.