

Anniston, Alabama

June 29, 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, June 29, 2022, at approximately 5:36 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 June 7, 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, and Harris; nays: none; abstentions: Mayor Draper. The motion carried and the June 7, 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; nays: none. The motion carried and the agenda was adopted.

Mayor Draper recognized the 10U Anniston All Stars Baseball Team and the Special Olympics 2022 National Games Anniston Athletes.

Mayor Draper introduced and read the Resolution to allocate certain sales tax proceeds for educational purposes.

Mayor Draper made a motion for passage and adoption of the Resolution to allocate certain sales tax proceeds for educational purposes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins.

Council Member Smith stated that the council discussed to table the resolution in the work session. She stated that there is some language the council would like to implement, that requires a written request from the school board to inform the council what they are requesting funds for. She stated that at their quarterly meetings with the school board, the council will be given reports of how those monies were utilized and how it impacts the students.

Mayor Draper made a motion to table the resolution to allocate certain sales tax proceeds for educational purposes. 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 was carried and the resolution was tabled.

Council Member Harris had no comment.

Council Member Smith stated that it is a great day to be alive.

Council Member Roberts asked everyone to be in prayer for our country after the Supreme Court decision. He stated that it seems like the country needs a big hug. He stated that every time they turn around, it is something. He stated that Anniston has the greatest city staff trying to make this place better.

Council Member Jenkins welcomed Aldi and Jaks in Golden Springs to the Anniston family. He congratulated the MDA for getting Yahoo Lake back up and running. He stated that they have some real gems in this community. He congratulated Jackson and Karla, public works, Mr. Folks, and everyone that made the past Fourth Friday, a fun event.

Mayor Draper thanked everyone for a great Heritage Festival. He stated that city staff has done a great job with these events.

Mayor Draper made a motion to convene into executive session for the council to discuss with the City Attorney the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated, and/or controversies imminently likely to be litigated if the governmental body pursues a proposed course of action, and will not be returning therefrom to discuss or take action on anything discussed in the executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, stated that the intended discussion ****the city's attorney's comments were inaudible****

And on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris and Draper; nays: none. The motion was carried and the council was convened into executive session at approximately 6:02 p.m.