

Anniston, Alabama

May 16, 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, May 16, 2023, at approximately 5:31 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 Smith made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the May 2, 2023 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 May 2, 2023 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of item d, a resolution over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances (Group 2023-01 Grass, Debris, & Vehicles) to the consent agenda. 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 amended agenda was adopted.

Mayor Draper read a proclamation honoring National Historic Preservation Month.

Mayor Draper introduced La Sha' Robinson for a board confirmation to the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding the abatement of public nuisance Group 2023-01 Grass, Debris, & Vehicles. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive comments regarding the abatement of public nuisance Group 2023-01 Grass, Debris, & Vehicles.

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

- (a) Motion to approve the bid for Resurfacing of Dale Hollow Road and Cobblestone Drive to Alabama Grading & Excavation in the amount of \$89,071.80;
- (b) Resolution appointing members to the Zoning Board of Adjustments (23-R-24)
- (c) Resolution declaring personal property as surplus and authorizing the disposal of said property (23-R-25)
- (d) Resolution over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances (Group 2023-01 Grass, Debris & Vehicles) (23-R-26)

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.

Glen Ray, 3514 Dale Hollow Road, stated that he hopes the council keeps up the good work.

Richard Jackson, 2317 Noble Street, commended Council members Smith and Roberts for their town hall meetings. He stated that they were informative and the citizens felt it was needed. He stated that he wished other council members and the mayor was present to hear the citizens' concerns.

Council Member Harris congratulated fellow council members who were on t.v. She mentioned that Saturday was the 62nd anniversary of the bus burning ceremony for the freedom riders and she is grateful to everyone who had a role in the ceremony.

Council Member Smith thanked everyone who attended her town hall meeting and she hopes to do more in the future.

Council Member Roberts recognized the Anniston Boys Track Team for their championship win. He stated that since he started on the council he has asked everyone if they are having an issue to bring it to him directly. He stated that people don't have to respect him but they will not disrespect him.

Council Member Jenkins congratulated the Anniston Boys Track Team on their win. He commended city staff for their efforts with the Noble Street Fest.

Mayor Draper stated that while the city is going through significant development opportunities and issues he encourages everyone to stay engaged.

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 Jenkins; 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 o'clock p.m.