

Anniston, Alabama

August 1, 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, August 1, 2023, at approximately 5:30 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. 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 July 18, 2023 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, Harris, Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the July 18, 2023 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Council Member Smith made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the July 24, 2023 special called meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Smith, Harris, and Draper; abstentions: Council Member Jenkins and Roberts; nays: none. The motion carried and the July 24, 2023 special called meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of a public hearing for the overruling objections to abatement of identified nuisances. 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 amended agenda was adopted.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comment on the overruling objections to abatement of identified nuisances.

Mayor Draper read the following addresses for the record: 2920 Noble, 1912 Walnut, 1505 Hannah, 1125 Ferron, 1118 Ferron, 418 Palmetto, 416 Palmetto (front), 416 Palmetto (rear), 701 Mulberry, 706 Mulberry, 601 Mulberry, 2730 Old Quintard Ave, 200 E. 27th, 2701 Old Quintard Ave, 1603 Cobb, 1325 Crawford, 208 McArthur, 1500 Valley Place, 1604 Moore, 2613 Moore.

Calvin Brown, 1604 Moore Ave, addressed the council that this morning he went over and started cutting the grass. He will be selling the property to his brother and will fix the roof and paint.

Tana Bryant, Senior Code Enforcement Officer, stated that Mr. Brown will discuss the property 1604 Moore with her tomorrow.

Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comment on the overruling objections to abatement of identified nuisances.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Resolution adopting 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan and the 2023 Annual Action Plan budget for the City of Anniston's Community Development Block Grant Program and the Anniston/Calhoun County HOME Consortium's HOME Program (23-R-35)
- (b) Motion to approve the bid for resurfacing of a portion of E 18th Street, E 19th Street and Legrande Avenue to Alabama Grading and Excavation in the amount of \$117,590.00
- (c) Motion to approve the bid for abatement & selective demolition for the Anniston Historic Courthouse (new City Hall) at 1129 Noble Street to Bradshaw & Pitts in the amount of \$627,200.00
- (d) Motion to approve a Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) alcohol license application for Hyo Cha Andrews d/b/a Sevens Food Mart located at 831 W 15th Street inside the corporate city limits

Mayor Draper presented the Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Article VIII of the Code of Ordinances Establishing the Downtown Anniston Arts and Entertainment District (1st Reading)

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

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comment on reading the ordinance by title only. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comment 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 Chapter 3, Article VIII of the Code of Ordinances Establishing the Downtown Anniston Arts and Entertainment District by title only.

Council Member Smith made a motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration of ordinance amending Chapter 3, Article VIII of the Code of Ordinances Establishing the Downtown Anniston Arts and Entertainment District. 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 Jenkins made a motion for passage and adoption of the ordinance amending Chapter 3, Article VIII of the Code of Ordinances Establishing the Downtown Anniston Arts and Entertainment District. 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 passed and adopted (23-O-5).

Mayor Draper presented the Ordinance declaring surplus real property and authorizing lease of the same. (1st Reading)

Council Member Smith made a motion to read the ordinance by title-only. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comment on reading the ordinance by title only. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comment 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 declaring surplus real property and authorizing lease of the same by title only.

Council Member Roberts made a motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration of ordinance declaring surplus real property and authorizing lease of the same. 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.

Council Member Smith made a motion for passage and adoption of the ordinance declaring surplus real property and authorizing lease of the same. 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 ordinance was passed and adopted (23-O-6).

Council Member Jenkins congratulated Mrs. Ella Jemison on turning 100 years old today. He stated that it becomes a great day when they have someone who becomes a centurion in the community and we need to celebrate that.

Council Member Roberts stated that he gets the opportunity to celebrate Mrs. Gerald will be turning 100 on Saturday August 5th. He stated that they will be doing a drive-by parade for her. He stated that both ladies, Mrs. Gerald and Mrs. Jemison are model citizens.

Council Member Harris reminded everyone of the Woodstock Race that will be Saturday at 7:30 a.m. She stated that they are in need of volunteers, so if anyone is interested please let her know.

Mayor Draper stated that the Woodstock Race is a big deal for the city and he thanked Council Members Jenkins and Roberts for mentioning the 100th birthdays for Mrs. Jemison and Mrs. Gerald.

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 5:43 o'clock p.m.