

Anniston, Alabama

August 15, 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 15, 2023, at approximately 5:31 o'clock p.m.

Demetric Roberts, Council Member, prayed the Invocation.

Demetric Roberts, 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.

David Arnett, Public Works Director, 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 August 1 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, Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the August 1, 2023 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of a Resolution Adopting Transportation Plan pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act (Act 2019-2) to the consent agenda. 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 amended agenda was adopted.

Frazier Burroughs, Parks and Recreation Director, delivered a special recognition of the organizations/agencies who have supported the City of Anniston's Youth Empowered for Success Program (Y.E.S): The Anniston Public Library, The Anniston Museum and Gardens, The Anniston Water Works and Sewer Board, The Boys and Girls Club of East Central Alabama, and the Pediatric Care Center of Northeast Alabama.

Mayor Draper opened board confirmations for Chris Collins to the McClellan Development Authority and Shawn Crawford to the Anniston Museums and Gardens Board. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the board confirmation.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the Proposed FY 2024 City Manager's Recommended Budget.

Jessica Leonard, Finance Director, presented the Proposed FY 2024 City Manager's Recommended Budget.

Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the Proposed FY 2024 City Manager's Recommended Budget.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Resolution over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances Group 2023-02 (23-R-36)
- (b) Resolution appointing member(s) to the McClellan Development Authority (23-R-37)
- (c) Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application through the Recreational Trails Grant Program for trailhead restroom improvements at Michael Tucker Park (23-R-38)
- (d) Motion to approve Shawn Crawford to Position 6 in the unexpired term ending October 31, 2026 of the Anniston Museums and Garden Board
- (e) Motion to approve a revision to the Pay and Classification Plan adding “Cemetery Sexton” and reclassifying “Program Coordinator-CDBG” to “Community Development Coordinator” and change from pay grade 7 to pay grade 10
- (f) Resolution Adopting Transportation Plan pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act (Act 2019-2) (23-R-39)

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

Mayor Draper introduced the resolution authorizing expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds.

Mayor Draper made a motion for passage and adoption of the resolution authorizing expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds. 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 resolution was passed and adopted. (23-R-40)

Mayor Draper introduced the resolution adopting the budget for fiscal year 2024. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith.

Mayor Draper made a motion to table the resolution adopting the budget for fiscal year 2024. 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, Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the resolution was tabled.

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

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to read the Ordinance Declaring Surplus Real Property and Authorizing Lease of the same by title only. The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comment on reading the ordinance by title only. No One Spoke. Mayor Draper closed 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, 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 Smith made a motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration. 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.

Mayor Draper made a motion to amend the ordinance to change the lease agreement from one-year increments to two-year increments. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Smith, Harris, Draper; abstentions: Council Member Roberts; nays: none. The motion carried and the ordinance was amended.

Council Member Roberts made a motion for passage and adoption of the Ordinance Declaring Surplus Real Property and Authorizing Lease. 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 ordinance was passed and adopted (23-O-7).

Mayor Draper introduced the Ordinance Amending Chapter 29 ½ Article 1 of the Code of the City of Anniston, Alabama, 1981 Governing Storm Water Management Regulation (1st Reading).

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to read the Ordinance Amending Chapter 29 ½ Article 1 of the Code of the City of Anniston, Alabama, 1981 Governing Storm Water Management Regulation by title only. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comment on reading the ordinance by title only. No One Spoke. Mayor Draper closed 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, Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the ordinance will be read by title only.

Mayor Draper read the Ordinance amending Chapter 29 ½ Article 1 of the Code of the City of Anniston, Alabama, 1981 Governing Storm Water Management Regulation by title only.

Council Member Roberts made a motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration. 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, Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Mayor Draper made a motion for passage and adoption of the Ordinance Amending Chapter 29 ½ Article 1 of the Code of the City of Anniston, Alabama, 1981 Governing Storm Water Management Regulation. 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, Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the ordinance was passed and adopted (23-O-8).

Council Member Harris thanked the Anniston Public Library, Anniston Museums and Gardens, Anniston Water Works and Sewer board, the Boys and Girls Club of East Central Alabama, and the Pediatric Care Center of Northeast Alabama for their support and participating with the Y.E.S program.

Council Member Smith thanked all the entities that have been a part of making the Y.E.S program what it is today and offering the youth exposure and opportunity.

Council Member Roberts encouraged everyone to check on your loved ones. He stated that the heat index was at 110. He also mentioned the cooling station that are provided by the city to help the community.

Council Member Jenkins stated that it is a joy to work with this collection of individuals each and every day. He appreciates the genuine concern they have for the citizens of Anniston.

Mayor Draper thanked the entities that help with the Y.E.S program. He stated that it takes community support and involvement for the success of this program.

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 6:11 o'clock p.m.