

Anniston, Alabama

November 7, 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, November 7, 2023, at approximately 5:30 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; 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 October 17, 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 October 17, 2023 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the agenda with the removal of Toby Kilpatrick from the resolution appointing members to the Historic Preservation Commission on the consent 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, Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the agenda was amended.

Mayor Draper opened a board confirmation for Patricia Gaither and Beverly Parsons to the Anniston Historic Preservation Board.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Resolution appointing members to the Historic Preservation Commission (23-R-59)
- (b) Resolution declaring certain personal property surplus and authorizing the donation of said property (23-R-60)
- (c) Motion to approve a Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Retail Table Wine (Office Premises Only) for Yousef Yaqoub., d/b/a Express Mart 25 located at 1229 Wilmer Avenue inside the city limits

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.

Council Member Jenkins offered his condolences to the Ayers family and friends. He stated that the city lost a true community icon in Mrs. Josephine Ayers and he appreciates the legacy she left behind. He congratulated city staff, council and citizens for the ribbon cutting of the Dr. David Satcher and St. Michael's Health Clinic.

Council Member Roberts echoed the sentiments of Council Member Jenkins regarding Mrs. Ayers. He stated that the council needs all the help they can get because they cannot see everything. He stated that there are continuous senseless crimes in Anniston.

Council Member Smith shared the same sentiments regarding Mrs. Ayers. She stated that there is an idea in our community of people not telling who harmed them. She stated that it takes a community to address and evolve the issue. She stated that the health clinic is a beacon of light for the Glen Addie community.

Council Member Harris reiterated the sentiments of the council regarding Mrs. Ayers. She stated that there were two exhibits that had Mrs. Ayers fingerprints on, the Force Factory Exhibit and the Fibonacci sequence at the museum. She stated that the museum wouldn't be what it is without the input of Mrs. Ayers.

Mayor Draper echoed the comments regarding Mrs. Ayers. He stated that she was an iconic figure in the community. He stated that the opening of the Satcher clinic was a great event and he was blown away by the attendance. He stated that this was a much needed project.

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 5:47 o'clock p.m.