

Anniston, Alabama

September 19, 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, September 19, 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, Smith, Harris, and Draper; absent: Council Member Roberts. 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 September 5, 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, Smith, Harris, Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the September 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the agenda was adopted.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the petition for the vacation of a street, alley or highway (Goode Road). No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the petition for the vacation of a street, alley or highway (Goode Road).

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the petition for the vacation of a street, alley or highway (Castle Avenue). No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the petition for the vacation of a street, alley or highway (Castle Avenue).

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the Elk's Lodge BPOE #189 permit application for bingo within the licensing jurisdiction located at 1019 South Noble Street. No one Spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the Elk's Lodge BPOE #189 permit application for bingo within the licensing jurisdiction located at 1019 South Noble Street.

Mayor Draper stated the amendments to the Proposed FY 2024 City Manager's Recommended Budget that were approved at the previous council meeting:

1. Increase police administration budget by \$38,000.00 for wireless data service to the camera systems; this expenditure will be offset by Reserve

2. Increase outside agencies by \$10,000.00 to bring the total appropriation to Coosa Valley Juvenile Center to \$150,000.00; this expenditure will be offset by Reserve
3. Increase Non-departmental by \$15,000.00 to bring the total Anniston Express amount to \$340,000.00. They recently submitted a proposed resolution in the amount of \$340,000.00 and we originally budgeted \$325,000; this expenditure will be offset by reserve
4. Allocate \$400,000.00 in Rescue Act Funds to Regional Medical Center for Capital Improvements
5. Allocate \$225,000.00 in Series 2022 Bonds for PARD Playground Improvements and Capital Improvement Equipment

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the proposed amendment to the Proposed FY 2024 City Manager's Recommended Budget. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the proposed amendment to the Proposed FY 2024 City Manager's Recommended Budget.

Council Member Roberts entered the council chambers at approximately 5:34 p.m. o'clock.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to remove the resolution adopting the budget for fiscal year 2024 from the table and place on the floor for consideration. 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 to approve 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, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the resolution was passed and adopted (23-R-44).

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Resolution declaring a reported condition to be a public nuisance (Group 2023-03 Grass/Debris/Vehicles) (23-R-45)
- (b) Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the pre-application for Federal Assistance for Fiscal Year 2024 with the United States Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration for Airport Improvement Project at the Anniston Regional Airport (23-R-46)
- (c) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement Express Fixed Route System and the Planning and Development Commission for the Anniston Express Fixed Route System and the ADA Para-transit Service (23-R-47)
- (d) Resolution to approve the vacation of Goode Road (23-R-48)
- (e) Resolution to approve the vacation of Castle Road (23-R-49)
- (f) Motion to approve bid for resurfacing of a portion of Mulberry Avenue and West 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Vulcan Materials in the amount of \$129,366.00
- (g) Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Kimley-Horn
- (h) Motion to approve Elk's Lodge BPOE#189 permit application for bingo within the licensing jurisdiction located at 1019 South Noble Street

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 and the consent agenda was approved.

Betty Jean Chapman, 1229 Pine Grove Road, addressed the council regarding issues with the lack of grass cutting to the area near her home. She also addressed the issues regarding the closing of the railroad crossing, which hinders her from dropping off her children at the bus stop.

Council Member Harris had no comments.

Council Member Smith had no comments.

Council Member Roberts stated that he remembers speaking to members of the school board regarding the closing of the railroad crossing. He stated that the school board was supposed to develop a plan to create a new route because they claim the bus was unable to turn around in that area.

Council Member Jenkins stated that the Homecoming Parade for the Anniston Bulldogs will be this Thursday and the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday will be this Friday. He stated that a lot of folks are working hard to improve the city core.

Mayor Draper stated that there are major issues facing the city and they are working closely to solve those issues.

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.