

Anniston, Alabama

October 3, 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, October 3, 2023, at approximately 5:32 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 September 19, 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 September 19, 2023 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper motion to adopt the agenda with the additional of resolution authorizing a professional service agreement with Alagrants, LLC d/b/a Simple Grants for grant writing consulting services for the City of Anniston and the resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Williams & Jensen, PLLC for federal funding opportunities /legislation to provide opportunities of new industries, economic growth and job creation 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 presented special recognitions to the Anniston Barracudas Swim Team for winning the ARPA 2023 Swimming Championship.

Mayor Draper presented a distinguished service and commendations for outstanding achievements during an emergency operation:

Commendation- Sergeant Austin Key Engine 3

Commendation- Firefighter James Dorroh Engine 3

Life Saving Award- Lieutenant Dustin Walker

Citizen Life Savings Award- Lifeguard Tyrone Wysinger

Citizen Life Savings Award- Lifeguard Owen Smith

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances Group 2023-03 Grass/Vehicles/Debris. No one spoke. Mayor Draper

closed the public hearing to receive public comments over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances Group 2023-03 Grass/Vehicles/Debris.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a Lounge Retail Liquor – Class I license application for Partners Enterprises LLC d/b/a Partners Lounge located at 831 S Quintard Avenue inside the city limits. No One spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding a Lounge Retail Liquor –Class I license application for Partners Enterprises LLC d/b/a Partners Lounge located at 831 S Quintard Avenue inside the city limits.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a Restaurant Retail Liquor application for LuLu’s Place, Inc. located at 1021 Noble Street, Ste. 109 inside the city limits. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding a Restaurant Retail Liquor application for LuLu’s Place, Inc. located at 1021 Noble Street, Ste. 109 inside the city limits.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Resolution authorizing reimbursement to city officials for expenses incurred while traveling away from the city (23-R-50)
- (b) Resolution over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances (Group 2023-03 Grass/Debris/Vehicles) (23-R-51)
- (c) Resolution authorizing an agreement for Environmental Consulting Services in support of the City of Aniston’s MS4 Permit Program (23-R-52)
- (d) Motion to approve Change Order #5 for the Glen Addie Clinic in the amount of \$14,355.00 with funds from the FY23 Reserve Fund
- (e) Motion to approve a Lounge Retail Liquor- Class I license application for Partners Enterprises LLC d/b/a Partners Lounge located at 831 S Quintard Avenue inside the city limits
- (f) Motion to approve a Restaurant Retail Liquor application for Lulu’s Place, Inc. located at 1021 Noble Street, Ste. 109 inside the city limits
- (g) Motion to approve a Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) application for Eagles Investment Anniston, Inc. d/b/a Chevron located at 851 Lagarde Avenue inside the city limits
- (h) Motion to approve a non-profit special event retail license application for Northeast Alabama Bicycle Association (NEABA) d/b/a 2023 Coldwater Mountain Fat Tire Festival located at 101 W 14th St., Coldwater Trailhead, 26 W 10th St, and 399 Monsanto Road, Anniston inside the city limits.
- (i) Motion to approve a Special Events Retail License application for the City of Anniston d/b/a City of Anniston Jazz and Art Festival located at Parking Lot 3 between Noble and 12th Street inside the city limits
- (j) Resolution authorizing a professional service agreement with Alagrants, LLC d/b/a Simple Grants for grant writing consulting services (23-R-53)
- (k) Resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Williams & Jensen, PLLC for federal funding opportunities /legislation to provide opportunities of new industries, economic growth and job creation (23-R-54)

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 consent agenda was approved.

Mayor Draper presented a Resolution authorizing the City to come under the Retiree Act 2023-107 granting a one-time payment to City of Anniston Retirees participating in the RSA Program.

Mayor Draper made a motion for passage and adoption of the Resolution authorizing the City to come under the Retiree Act 2023-107 granting a one-time payment to City of Anniston Retirees participating in the RSA Program. 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 resolution was passed and adopted. (23-R-55)

Glen Ray, 3514 Dale Hollow Rd, addressed the council on putting back up the sign showcasing Anniston first state championship.

Richard Jackson, 2317 Noble St., addressed the council on the young men that were recognized for their life saving efforts.

Council Member Jenkins stated that the city had a record year last year. He stated that over 40 million dollars was collected from building permits, almost 62 million dollars in economic impact and 503 new jobs were created within the community. He stated that this is the biggest growth since 2015.

Council member Roberts stated that he is almost certain that the decision that was made was not done by the City of Anniston for the school system. He stated that there is a lot of illegal activity happening on Sundays in Anniston and it bothers him even though it is not in his ward.

Council Member Smith stated that both school systems did what was best in the interest of their students' safety. She stated that they are spending too much on infrastructure in the city for people to damage it with doughnuts and street racing.

Council Member Harris stated that it was mentioned in the work session, that the street department will be short one leaf vacuum machine. She stated if citizens are willing to bag their leaves, they will be picked up within a week's time.

Mayor Draper stated that the ribbon cutting for the City Market will be on Thursday October 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. He stated that the city adopted a comprehensive plan a few years ago and they are executing it now.

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 6:19 o'clock p.m.