

Anniston, Alabama

October 17, 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 17, 2023, at approximately 5:32 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; 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 5, 2023 regular meeting. 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, Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the October 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes were approved

Mayor Draper motion to adopt the agenda. 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 agenda was adopted.

Mayor Draper presented a Resolution authorizing reimbursement to city officials for expenses incurred while traveling away from the city.

Council Member Roberts made a motion for passage and adoption of a resolution authorizing reimbursement to city officials for expenses incurred while traveling away from the city. 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. (23-R-56)

Mayor Draper presented a Resolution to amend the Retiree Healthcare Plan.

Council Member Smith made a motion for passage and adoption of a resolution to amend the Retiree Healthcare Plan. 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. (23-R-57)

Glen Ray, 3514 Dale Hollow Road, thanked the council for finding his championship plaque, the first state championship that was received in Anniston.

Richard Jackson, 2317 Noble Street, thanked the council for doing an exemplary job. He stated that anything that goes on within the city, local talent should take care of it first.

Council Member Jenkins stated he wants the city to continue to pursue better levels of communication in all aspects of what we do primarily with people within the city.

Council Member Roberts stated that a lot of things are going on, on social media. He stated that we should start about things we know and not regurgitated misinformation.

Council Member Smith stated that there will be a tall hall meeting on Thursday October 19, 2023 hosted by Alabama New South Coalition, Alabama Democratic Conference and the NAACP at 6:00 pm., at the city meeting center. She stated that the speakers will be State House Representative Barbara Boyd, State House Minority Leader Rep. Anthony Daniels, Council Member Smith, Council Member Roberts and Calhoun County Commissioner Fred Wilson.

Council Member Harris stated that she hopes everyone will come out to support Jazz & Art that will be October 19-October 21 on Noble Street. She stated that this event will support the Cheaha Creative Arts.

Mayor Draper encouraged everyone to come out to the Jazz & Art Festival this Thursday as well as the upcoming holiday events. He thanked Bersheba Austin, Human Resources Director, for her hard work on the healthcare plan.

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 5:44 o'clock p.m.