Anniston, Alabama

May 7, 2024

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, May 7, 2024, at approximately 5:31 o’clock p.m.

Jay Jenkins, Council Member, prayed the Invocation.

Jay Jenkins, Council Member, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vice-Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. On call of the roll, the following Council Members were found to be present: Council Members Jenkins, Roberts, Harris, and Smith; absent: Mayor Draper. 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 Harris made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024, 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, Harris, and Smith; nays: none. The motion carried and the April 2, 2024, regular meeting minutes were approved.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the April 25, 2024, Special Called 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, Harris, and Smith; nays: none. The motion carried and the April 25, 2024, Special Called meeting minutes were approved.

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

Vice Mayor Smith presented a Proclamation for Historic Preservation Month.

Steven Folks presented a special recognition for Officers Cornwall and Samples for going above and beyond their civic duty.

Vice-Mayor Smith opened Board Confirmation for the following individuals:

1. Gregory Hill- Main Street Board
2. Matt Chumley-Main Street Board
3. Jerry Leake-Anniston Museum and Garden Board

Vice-Mayor Smith opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding an application for a Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for Yousef Yaqoub Inc. d/b/a Express Mart 40 located inside the city limits at 2328 Noble Street, Anniston, AL 36201. No one spoke. Vice-Mayor Smith closed the public hearing.

Council Member Harris made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

1. Resolution authorizing the Alabama Department of Revenue to Administer and Collect Sales, Use, Rental, and Lodging Taxes Levied by the City of Anniston *(24-R-24)*
2. Resolution authorizing reimbursements to city officials for expenses incurred while traveling away from the city *(24-R-25)*
3. Resolution appointing member(s) to the Main Street Board *(24-R-26)*
4. Motion to approve Jerry Leake to Position 7 in the unexpired term ending 10/31/2025 to the Anniston Museum and Garden Board
5. Motion to approve an application for a Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for Yousef Yaqoub Inc. d/b/a Express Mart 40 located inside the city limits at 2328 Noble Street, Anniston, AL 36201.
6. Motion to approve the amendment of leave policies to the City Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual
7. Motion to approve the amendment on weapons-section II to the City Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual

The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Harris, and Smith; nays: none. The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

Vice-Mayor Smith presented the ordinance declaring surplus real property and authorizing the conveyance of the same (1st Reading).

Vice-Mayor Smith made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins.

Vice-Mayor Smith opened a public hearing to receive public comments on reading the ordinance by title only. No one spoke. Vice-Mayor Smith closed the public hearing to receive public comments on reading the ordinance by title only.

And on call of the roll, the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Harris, and Smith; nays: none. The motion carried and the ordinance will be read by title only.

Vice-Mayor Smith read the ordinance declaring Surplus real property and authorizing the conveyance of the same by title only.

Vice-Mayor Smith made a motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration. The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts and on call of the roll, the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Harris, and Smith; nays: none. The motion carried.

Vice-Mayor Smith made a motion for passage and adoption of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll, the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Harris, and Smith; nays: none. The motion carried and the ordinance was adopted *(24-O-4)*

Council Member Jenkins thanked city staff. He stated that they have an excellent team at the City of Anniston. He encouraged everyone to come out and support the Donohue Lady Falcons soccer team as they advance to the final four on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. He stated if they win that game they will be in the championship game on Friday.

Council Member Roberts stated that his heart is always overjoyed to see the room full for the council meetings. He stated that this past weekend the Donohue and Anniston City Schools track teams came back with a couple of blue maps. He stated that the children are winning and getting it right. He asked everyone to come out to R&B in the park from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 pm this Saturday May 11, 2024.

Council Member Harris stated that the City’s Downtown Market opened last Saturday at 7:00 a.m.-11:00a.m. She encouraged everyone to attend and support this great market. She stated that they do a great job.

Vice-Mayor Smith wished everyone that plays a mothering role in someone’s life a Happy Mother’s Day and thanked everyone for attending the council meeting.

Vice-Mayor Smith made a motion to convene into executive session to discuss preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governmental body is in competition with private individuals or entities or other governmental bodies in Alabama or in other states or foreign nations or to discuss matters or information of the character defined or described in the Alabama Trade Secrets Act, and also to discuss with the City Attorney the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated, and/or controversies imminently likely to be litigated if the governmental body pursues a proposed course of action. She also stated that the council will not be re-convening after the executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and on call of the roll, the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Harris, and Smith; nays: none. The motion carried and the council adjourned into executive session at approximately 5:55 p.m. o’clock.