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May 2, 2025

The Mayor of the City of Anniston, Jack Draper, submitted his resignation to the City Clerk effective today, May 2, 2025. The City of Anniston, its elected officials, employees, and citizens extend their sincere gratitude to Mayor Draper for his years of dedicated service and leadership. His commitment to the City has left a lasting impact, and we thank him for the integrity, vision, and steady guidance he provided throughout his tenure. We wish Mayor Draper all the best in his future endeavors and continued good health.

In accordance with **Article III of Act No. 404, S.430, Regular Session 1953**, when a vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor, the Assistant Mayor (Vice Mayor) shall assume and hold the office of Mayor until the next Council takes office. As such, **Vice Mayor Ciara Smith** (ccsmith@anniston.al.gov), who was unanimously appointed to the position by the Anniston City Council on November 3, 2020, will now **assume the office of Mayor, effective immediately.**

As a result of this transition, **the council seat for Ward 3 has become vacant** and may be filled by the Council, as provided by Ala. Code § 45-8A-23.060.

The City of Anniston will begin accepting resumes for the Ward 3 vacancy on Monday, May 5, 2025. All resumes should be hand-delivered to the City Manager's Office (1129 Noble Street, Anniston, AL 36201) or sent via email to citymanager@anniston.al.gov by Monday, May 12th at 4:00 PM.

Interviews for eligible applicants will be conducted on **Thursday, May 15th at 6:00 PM** at the Anniston City Meeting Center (1615 Noble St, Anniston, AL 36201).

The City is committed to a smooth leadership transition and to maintaining exemplary service to the residents of Anniston.

Together, we will continue moving Anniston forward.

