

Anniston, Alabama

July 6, 2021

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, July 6, 2021, at approximately 5:30 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 Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; absent: Council Member Jenkins. A quorum was present and the meeting opened for the transaction of business.

Steven Folks, City Manager, was present.

Council Member Smith made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the June 15, 2021 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Council Member Roberts made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the June 19, 2021 called meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the June 19, 2021 called meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the agenda the additions of a motion for the Greyhound Bus Mural and a motion for the Anniston Fire Department Radios. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the amended agenda was adopted.

Mayor Draper introduced a board confirmation of Manuell Smith to the Anniston Museum of Natural History.

Mayor Draper read the following addresses for the record: 0 Moore Ave, 200 West 13<sup>th</sup> St., 202 West 13<sup>th</sup> St., 204 West 13<sup>th</sup> St., 206 West 13<sup>th</sup> St., 208 West St., 214 West 13<sup>th</sup> St., 218 West 13<sup>th</sup> St., 1224 Moore Ave

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances. Group 2021-02 Unsafe Structures.

Tana Bryant, Senior Code Enforcement Officer, stated that she received an email from Vernon and Felicia Cobb (0 Moore Ave, 200 West 13<sup>th</sup> St., 202 West 13<sup>th</sup> St., 1224 Moore Ave), stating that per their conversation regarding Moore Ave and 13<sup>th</sup> St., they will be in contact with the Spirit of Anniston to discuss donation of the property or pursue the avenue of demolition of the property at a later date. She stated that they have not signed a formal contract, this is just his intent.

Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances. Group 2021-02 Unsafe Structures.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Resolution declaring a reported condition to be a public nuisance Group 2021-05 Grass/Debris/Vehicles (21-R-48)
- (b) Resolution over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances caused by unsafe buildings, structures, or construction (Group 2021-02 Unsafe Structures) (21-R-49)
- (c) Resolution amending the 2019 Action Plan to include the CDBG-CV3 allocation (21-R-50)
- (d) Resolution appointing member(s) to the Anniston Museum of Natural History (21-R-51)
- (e) Resolution appointing member(s) to the Downtown Development Authority (21-R-52)
- (f) Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant under the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant (21-R-53)
- (g) Motion to award the bid for a 2021 Crew Cab ¾ ton pickup or a compatible model for the Fire Department in the amount of \$33,987.50 to Sunny King Ford

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

Council Member Harris made a motion to reject the bids for Repair and Resurfacing the existing 6-lane red running track at the Anniston Sports Complex. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council Member Harris made a motion to reject the bids for the prep and exterior painting of the Old Fire Station at McClellan located at 34 Traffic Circle, Anniston Al. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council Member Roberts made a motion to reject the bids for removing and re-roofing of 1029 Gurnee Avenue (formerly Moore Printing). The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council Member Harris made a motion to approve a Bingo Application for Anniston Elks Lodge #189. The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council Member Smith made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Anniston and Joseph Giri to restore the Greyhound Bus Mural to certain terms. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council Member Roberts made a motion to appropriate \$50,000.00 from the General Fund to purchase radios for Anniston Fire Department to remedy an immediate safety issue. The motion was seconded by

Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Mayor Draper introduced an Ordinance adopting Chapter 13, Article IV of The Code of Ordinances to Regulate Short-Term Rentals (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Council Member Harris made a motion to read the ordinance adopting Chapter 13, Article IV of The Code of Ordinances to Regulate Short-Term Rentals by title only.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding reading the ordinance adopting Chapter 13, Article IV of The Code of Ordinances to Regulate Short-Term Rentals by title only. No one Spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding reading the ordinance adopting Chapter 13, Article IV of The Code of Ordinances to Regulate Short-Term Rentals by title only.

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

Mayor Draper read Ordinance adopting Chapter 13, Article IV of The Code of Ordinances to Regulate Short-Term Rentals by title only.

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

Mayor Draper made a motion for passage and adoption of ordinance adopting Chapter 13, Article IV of The Code of Ordinances to Regulate Short-Term Rentals. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the ordinance (21-O-11) was passed and adopted.

Dino Nanna, 5829 Holly Trace, urged the council to move forward with the Satcher Institute. Also, when it comes time for the council to move city hall they should consider downtown to help with revitalizing Noble Street.

Council Member Roberts stated that they lost three young black men over the course of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday weekend. He stated to the base of his knowledge two were murdered. He stated we have to stop condoning wrong.

Council Member Smith stated that there should be a level of accountability and conversation regarding gun violence; and an actual plan of action to make the community safe for the City's young Black men and women.

Council Member Harris stated the violence in Anniston is totally unacceptable for our young people to be losing their lives. She stated that she is willing to do everything she can to support whatever the council can do to stop the violence. She thanked staff for their efforts with the Noble Street Festival.

Mayor Draper stated that as a community, we have to recognize, we all have a role in public safety. He thanked city staff and everyone who came out to the Noble Street Festival.

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 Roberts; 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 5:54 o'clock p.m.