

Anniston, Alabama

August 6, 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, August 6, 2024, at approximately 5:31 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 July 16, 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, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the July 16, 2024, regular meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of a Resolution Acknowledging Anniston Museum Endowment Corporation's Status as a component Unit of the City of Anniston. 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 approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Motion to award the bid for the resurfacing of a portion of 14th Street and the intersection of 0th, 12th, and 13th Street on Noble Street to Woodard Brothers Grading Inc. in the amount of \$214,221.50
- (b) Resolution declaring equipment as surplus and authorizing their sale (24-R-41)
- (c) Resolution appointing member(s) to the Anniston Water Works and Sewer Board (24-R-42)
- (d) Resolution authorizing the adoption and approval of the fiscal year 2024 Annual Action Plan under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Act Program (24-R-43)
- (e) Resolution Acknowledging Anniston Museum Endowment Corporation's Status as a component Unit of the City of Anniston (24-R-44)

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 consent agenda was approved.

Ralph Bradford, 825 Quail Drive, addressed the council on issues with the newly adopted ward map and how it violates the voting rights act.

Mayor Draper made a motion to convene an 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. 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 5:40 o'clock p.m.