

Anniston, Alabama

August 20, 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 20, 2024, at approximately 5:30 o'clock p.m.

Demetric Roberts, Council Member, prayed the Invocation.

Demetric Roberts, 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, Harris, and Draper; absent: Council Member Smith. 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 August 6, 2024, Regular Meeting. 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 Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the August 6, 2024, regular meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper made a 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, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the agenda was approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- a) Motion to approve a Retail Beer (On or Off Premises Only) for Robertson Service Company LLC d/b/a Big Dad's Bar B Que 3105 located inside the city limits at 3105 McClellan Blvd. Anniston, AL
- b) Resolution appointing member(s) to the McClellan Development Authority (24-R-45)
- c) Resolution authorizing amendment to Lease and Inter-Governmental Services Agreement (24-R-46)
- d) Resolution authorizing reimbursements to city officials for expenses incurred while traveling away from the city (24-R-47)

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 Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

Ralph Bradford addressed the city council and asked for his questions to be answered in writing. He asked where do the people who were gerrymandered into Ward 2 vote? He stated if those people have to vote at Refuge Church II, they would have to come from Lenlock which is about 10 miles to the polling location which is a violation of the voting rights act. He stated that under the redistricting fraud 43% of whites in Ward 1, 48% of blacks in Ward 1 were on the old map, and the new map 45.41% whites in Ward 1, 45.4% blacks in Ward 1. He stated that this is fuzzy math. He stated that the council took 96

white people out of Ward 1, 366 blacks out of Ward 1 but yet Ward 1 white population went up to 45%. He stated that Brandon Jones, Director of Political Campaigns for Southern Poverty Law Action Fund is looking into elections in Adamsville, Atmore, Greenville, Livingston, Pleasant Grove, and Anniston. He stated that he requests in writing something that states why can't they get an elected official who is Black in a majority black city.

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 Jenkins; and on call of the roll, the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Roberts, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:36 o'clock p.m.