



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

City Council Chambers

Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM

AGENDA

Call to Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustment and Approval of the Agenda — *Items will only be added or removed with the approval of the Mayor and City Council.*

Special Presentations

1. **Students of the Month:** Mayor & City Council will recognize the March 2023 students of the month from Bessemer City area schools: Bessemer City Primary School, Bessemer City Central Elementary, Bessemer City Middle School, and Bessemer City High School
2. **Proclamation Celebrating Bessemer City's 130th Anniversary:** Mayor Smith will present a proclamation regarding the City's 130th anniversary.
3. **Audit Presentation:** Tony Brewer, CPA will present to City Council regarding the City's 2022 financial audit.

Request to Speak/Opportunity for Public Comment — *This is an opportunity for members of the public to express items of interest to the Mayor and City Council. This is not a time to respond or take action. Any necessary action will be taken under advisement. Speakers are asked to use proper decorum and to limit comments to no more than three minutes.*

4. **Public Comment Acknowledgment:** City Manager, Josh Ross will provide clarity on items mentioned during public comment, if needed.

Consent Agenda — *The items of the Consent Agenda are adopted on a single motion and vote, unless the Mayor and City Council wish to withdraw an item for separate vote and/or discussion.*

5. **Approval of Minutes:** City Council will consider adopting the Regular Meeting minutes of the February 13th, 2023 meeting.
6. **Approval of Minutes:** City Council will consider adopting the Special Session Meeting minutes of the February 23rd, 2023 meeting.
7. **Street Closure-35th Annual Down Home Festival Ordinance** - City administration is requesting the temporary closure of the 100 Block of West Virginia, East Virginia, West Pennsylvania Avenue, and the 100 Block of North and South 12th Street for the 35th Annual Down Home Day Festival on Thursday, May 11th, Friday, May 12th and Saturday, May 13th, 2023.

8. **Street Closure-Sounds of Summer 2023** - City administration is requesting the temporary closure of the 100 Block of West and East Virginia Avenue and the 100 Block of North and South 12th Street for the 2023 Sounds of Summer Series on the 4th Saturday of each month from April to September from the hours of 2:00PM-10:00PM.

Business Items

9. **One Gaston 2040:** City Council will hear a report from One Gaston 2040 staff. One Gaston 2040's vision is to engage county residents, businesses, and organizations in dialogue about their desires for the future of Gaston County and to use that dialogue, along with an examination of data and trends, to create a vision for what Gaston County can achieve between today and 2040.
10. **Public Hearing- Economic Development Grant (Foundry):** City Council will hold a public hearing to hear public comment regarding an Economic Development Incentive Level 2 for Foundry Commercial.
11. **Resolution to Approve Incentives Pursuant to NCGS §158-7.1 And To Authorize Bessemer City To Enter Into An Economic Development Agreement (EDA) With Foundry Commercial (Level II Investment):** City Council will consider approving a resolution regarding an Economic Development Incentive Level II for Foundry Commercial.
12. **Amendment to Audit Contract:** City Council will consider approving the amended audit contract. There was a delay in receiving a component units financial report.
13. **Loan Closing Approval:** City Council will consider approving the closing loan for the Water Treatment Plant. The interest rate for LN 05 \$4,865,000 will be 2.125% and for subsequent LN 09 \$133,000 will be 1.25%, both loans are a 40-year term with the first installment due June 1, 2023, and annually thereafter on the 1st day of June until maturity.

City Manager's Report

14. **Budget Amendment:** City Council will consider approving a budget amendment regarding the fire department.

Council General Discussion — *This is an opportunity for the Mayor and City Council to ask questions for clarification, provide information to staff, request staff to report back, or place a matter on a future agenda.*

Adjourn