



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 3:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Becky S. Smith called the meeting to order.

Members Present

Mayor, Becky S. Smith, Council Members: Alfred Carpenter, Kay McCathen, Brenda Boyd, Dan Boling, Joe Will, and Donnie Griffin were all present. City Manager, James Inman was present as well.

Osage Mill Redevelopment Team Presentation

Amy Michael of WinnCompanies addressed Council regarding the status of the Osage Mill Redevelopment Project. WinnCompanies has completed a lot of redevelopment projects in Massachusetts. The project design, amenities, and historic tax credits were discussed.

McGill Paving Project Presentation

Doug Chapman of McGill Associates & Engineering addressed Council regarding the upcoming paving project. Paving project streets were chosen by a software system that assessed all of the streets in Bessemer City. Each street was assessed and received a PCI (Pavement Condition Index) score, where 100 is good and streets in the lower teens are more problematic. Some streets will receive paving after the sewer project is completed, like Dover Avenue. Potholes will not be a part of this project at this time. City Staff is currently working on getting the contract signed, with a start date in early September. We choose Blythe, and suspect that they'll be done before winter. Also, improvements to Indian Springs Park will be made during this project and new playground equipment will be purchased.

Demolition Ordinance- 504 E. Maryland Avenue

Code Enforcement Officer, Nathan Hester spoke to Council regarding the demolition ordinance for property located at 504 E. Maryland Avenue. The owner of the property has applied for a demolition permit. City Staff has held multiple hearings for the property. However, the house still does not meet the minimum housing code.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, the demolition ordinance for property located at 504 E, Maryland Avenue was adopted.

Close & Vacate Ordinance - 402 N. 10th Street

Code Enforcement Officer, Nathan Hester spoke to Council regarding the close and vacate ordinance for property located at 402 N. 10th Street. The current residents have been a problem for a while. The house does not meet the minimum housing code. There are holes of the exterior, water damage to the floors, and most of the floor coverings are missing.

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, the close and vacate ordinance for property located at 402 N. 10th Street was adopted.

Close & Vacate - 609 S. 11th

Code Enforcement Officer, Nathan Hester spoke to Council regarding the close and vacate ordinance for property located at 609 S. 11th Street. This house has had many complaints and does not meet the minimum housing code requirements.

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, the ordinance to close and vacate property located at 609 S. 11th Street was adopted.

City Manager's Report

Purchase of Property

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding the purchase of property at 806 Edgewood Rd. In order to purchase this property land that the City owns will be sold. This purchase is needed to aid in Economic Development for the City.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, property at 806 Edgewood Rd. will be purchased for \$180,000.

Budget Amendment

A budget amendment is needed to account for money from the sale and purchase of property. The sale of the property is \$300,000 and the purchase of the property is \$183,000. The remaining \$117,000 will be placed in the Economic Development budget.

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, the budget amendment regarding the sale and purchase of property was approved.

General

Mr. Inman reminded Council of the Staff Luncheon tomorrow at 12:30 pm. Also, that he will not be present for the Regular August meeting.

Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council member, Alfred Carpenter inquired about a code enforcement issue on the 400 block of East Virginia Avenue.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk