



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

City Council Chambers

Monday, August 09, 2021 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present

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

Call to Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. First United Methodist Pastor, Tripp Hord led the audience in prayer. Mayor Smith led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustment and Approval of the Agenda

By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote, the August agenda was approved.

Request to Speak/Opportunity for Public Comment

Mayor Smith opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

Consent Agenda

The following items on the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Alfred Carpenter:

- 1. Approval of Minutes** - Council will consider adopting the Regular Meeting minutes of July 12th, 2021.
- 2. Approval of Minutes** - Council will consider adopting the Work Session Meeting minutes of July 27th, 2021.

Business Items

9/11 Proclamation

Mayor, Becky S. Smith read the 9/11 Proclamation aloud and declared September 11, 2021 as a day of remembrance in Bessemer City. All present were encouraged to engage in programming honoring those in the 9/11 attack on the twin towers.

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, the proclamation was adopted. A copy of the proclamation is available at City Hall.

Ordinance to Close & Vacate- 205 E. Washington Avenue

Code Enforcement Officer, Nathan Hester address Council regarding a vacate and close order for property located at 205 East Washington Avenue. City Staff talked with the home owner in April; however, the minimum housing code issues have not been addressed. Additionally, City Staff suspect that someone may be living inside.

By motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote, the ordinance regarding the closing and vacating of property at 205 E. Washington Avenue was adopted.

Demolition Ordinance - 1210 Edgewood Rd.

Code Enforcement Officer, Nathan Hester address Council regarding a demolition ordinance for property located at 205 East Washington Avenue. City Staff recommend that the City demolish the structure to aid in Economic Development. Currently, there is a federal tax loan that's attached to the property. City Staff will investigate how this will impact the demolition process. The owner has passed away, and the property was inherited by her daughter. However, contact cannot be made with the daughter. Thus, a demolition ordinance is needed.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, the ordinance regarding the demolition of property located at 1210 Edgewood Rd. was adopted.

Demolition Ordinance - 114 S. Skyland Dr.

Code Enforcement Officer, Nathan Hester address Council regarding a demolition ordinance for property located at 114 S. Skyland Dr. Said property is owned by the City. The City wishes to demolish the water tank that's next to the house. City Staff will bid both demolition projects.

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, the ordinance regarding the demolition of property located at 114 S. Skyland Dr.

City Manager's Report

Assistant City Manager, Jamie Ramsey informed Council that City Staff are still monitoring COVID-19 exposures among Staff.

Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council member, Dan Boling inquired about the Christmas lights and about the City water tank on Skyland. Mr. Boling commended City Staff, Donnie Clifton and Greg Thompson for their assistance to GEMS regarding a citizen who passed out. Council member, Donnie Griffin commended City staff for working so hard.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, by motion of Alfred and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.