



**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 3:00 PM**

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**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Becky S. Smith called the meeting to order.

**Members Present**

Mayor, Becky S. Smith, Council Members: Joe Will, Kay McCathen, Brent Guffey, Brenda Boyd, Dan Boling, and Donnie Griffin were all present. City Manager, James Inman and department heads was present as well. A quorum was present.

**McGill Associates Engineer Presentation**

Per the August 2022 Work Session, Doug Chapman with McGill Associates is back to review various options for Sunset Drive. Light discussion ensued regarding potential improvements to Sunset Drive.

By general consensus, Council will hold a public hearing at the October 2022 Regular Session to hear public input regarding the potential improvements.

**Department Head Reports**

Bessemer City department heads gave reports on their department's status:

JoD Franklin, Parks and Recreation Director- Mr. Franklin addressed Council regarding department highlights. The Sounds of Summer Series has concluded for the season and was very successful. October Brew & Que Festival will be held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Franklin also informed Council that the Christmas in the City festival would be held on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> this year.

Jamie Ramsey, Assistant City Manager- Mr. Ramsey addressed Council regarding upgrades at the water plant and the gas rate. Due to an increase of gas prices nationally, the City will see an increase in the gas rate to customers. Information explaining this to residents will be sent out in the newsletter. We are ready and preparing for tropical storm Ian.

Nathan Hester, City Planner – Mr. Hester addressed Council regarding Kintegra site plans and an update on property located 709 Costner School Road.

Tom Ellis, Police Chief- Chief Ellis addressed Council about ongoing investigations and the new Fire Chief, Brent Gordon.

Diane Jenkins, Finance Director – Ms. Diane addressed Council about the City's budget and workers compensation audits. Both audits went well.

### **City Manager's Report**

Josh Ross, Director of Administration- Mr. Ross addressed Council about the newsletter changes, Kevin Millwood Park, and the old Central Drug store. The City newsletter will no longer be sent in residents' water bills, instead it will be placed in City Hall, City Hall Annex, Kiser Senior Center, and other local businesses. The City has received an offer to purchase the Kevin Millwood Park. Additionally, City Staff would like to use the Business Accelerator Grant (BAP) to purchase downtown property 112 W. Virginia Avenue.

### **Council General Discussion**

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council member, Kay McCathen inquired about a fallen tree on W. Highway 161 and Mickley Avenue. Council member, Joe Will informed the Board of the ABC store Board meetings. Council member, Donnie Griffin inquired about the new homes being built on Texas Avenue.

### **Adjourn**

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM by motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote.

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Becky S. Smith, Mayor

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Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk