



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Council Chambers

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 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: Joe Will, Kay McCathen, Brenda Boyd, Dan Boling, and Donnie Griffin were all present. Council Member: Brent Guffey was absent. City Manager, James Inman and department heads was present as well. A quorum was present.

Department Head Reports

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

Josh Ross, Director of Administration- Mr. Ross addressed Council regarding Osage Mill Redevelopment, Trinity Capital Advisors, and Project Trim. The Mill Redevelopment team has received its approval letter to move forward. Trinity Capital Advisors and Project Trim will be applying for the Economic Development grant at the next Council meeting.

JoD Franklin, Parks and Recreation Director- Mr. Franklin addressed Council regarding the City Pool and the 9-10 year old Baseball Division Tournament. The tournament went great, the City made over \$5,000 on the gate and won two Sportsmanship awards.

Jamie Ramsey, Assistant City Manager- Mr. Ramsey addressed Council regarding upgrades at the water plant and storm damage that occurred at the Long Creek pump station. During the recent storm, the roof was blown off.

Nathan Hester, City Planner – Mr. Hester addressed Council regarding the amendments to the Code of Ordinances to come before Council at the next Council meeting. By general consensus, included in the text amendments are that no one may have more than 4 chickens and 5 bee hives. There will be several public hearings at the next Council meeting.

Charlie Harbin, Fire Chief – Mr. Harbin addressed Council regarding the house that was recently burned down at 902 Edgewood Road. Also, the Fire Department went and trained with the Livent Fire Department.

City Manager's Report

Director of Administration, Josh Ross addressed Council regarding the following:

- General: The City received a \$500,000 grant for the Business Accelerator program. By general consensus, Council agreed to allow City Administration to work with real Estate personnel to

purchase the old Kintegra office building for \$140,000 and the old Dixon pool building for \$70,000 in hopes to renovate the buildings and sale them to stabilize downtown properties.

- Capital Project Ordinance: City Staff is seeking the approval of a Capital Project Ordinance regarding fund balance and revenue used for the digitizing of all City utility lines and maps.
- Budget Amendments: Yearend budget amendments to close out the fiscal year 2021-2022. The first budget amendment regarding fund balance appropriation for contracted services was adopted by motion of Brenda Boyd and unanimous vote. The second budget amendment regarding appropriations in the water and gas fund were adopted by motion of Dan Boling an unanimous vote.

Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council member, Joe Will informed Council about the recent ABC Board meeting he attended as the City liaison.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 PM by motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk