



## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 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: Alfred Carpenter, Kay McCathen, Brenda Boyd, Dan Boling, Joe Will, and Donnie Griffin were all present. City Manager, James Inman was present as well.

#### **Department Head Reports**

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

Josh Ross, Director of Administration- Mr. Ross addressed Council regarding the Osage Mill Redevelopment Project. The Mill now has a new owner Winn Development. A news story will be published on Fox 46 regarding the changes to the project.

JoD Franklin, Parks and Recreation Director- Mr. Franklin addressed Council regarding the Health Fair, Movie in the Park, and the Movie in the Park. The Health Fair will be held tomorrow Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 10AM -12Noon at the Allan Farris Center. Seniors and City Staff will attend this year's fair. The Movie in the Park event was held last Friday in Centennial Park downtown. Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church came and provided the popcorn, cotton candy at the event. This year the Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The Christmas Parade, and Christmas in the City festival will be one event held on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM – 3 PM in downtown Bessemer City.

Charlie Harbin, Fire Chief- Mr. Harbin addressed Council regarding the practice burn of a house over the weekend. Everything is going well at the Fire Department.

Jamie Ramsey, Assistant City Manager- Mr. Ramsey addressed Council regarding the paving project. The Paving project has begun and will continue in to the colder months.

Tom Ellis, Police Chief- Mr. Ellis addressed Council regarding department technology advancements and open positions in the department.

#### **Resolutions Adopting Text Amendments**

Code Enforcement Officer, Nathan Hester addressed Council regarding three tabled resolutions from the October 2021 Regular Meeting. 3.2.B Accessory Structures and 3.3.F Garages and Carports, and 10.1 General Definitions.

By general consensus, the 3 sections of the Land Development Code (LDC) 3.2.B Accessory Structures and 3.3.F Garages and Carports, and 10.1 General Definitions will be placed on the November 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda.

### **Review Ordinance Revisions**

Josh Ross, Director of Administration and Code Enforcement Officer, Nathan Hester addressed Council regarding the junk vehicle and noise ordinance Chapters 92 and 94 of the Land Development Code (LDC).

By general consensus, the establishment of a junk vehicle and noise ordinance public hearing will be added to the November 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda.

### **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

Light discussion was held regarding the applicants who applied for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. The City received 9 applications and will be appointing 7 members to serve on the Board.

By general consensus, 7 applicants from the 9 will be placed on the November 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda for appointment.

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

Mr. Inman informed Council on the progress of Stinger Park, Economic Development growth, and the general City affairs.

### **Council General Discussion**

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council member, Dan Boling inquired about the purple street light on 8<sup>th</sup> and Alabama Avenue. This light is giving off a purple glare and distracting drivers.

### **Adjourn**

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote.

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Becky S. Smith, Mayor

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Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk