



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

City Council Chambers

Monday, September 13, 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. City Manager, James Inman and City Attorney, Dan O'Shea were 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 Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, the September 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 Kay McCathen:

- 1. Approval of Minutes** - Council will consider adopting the Regular Meeting minutes of August 9th, 2021.
- 2. Approval of Minutes** - Council will consider adopting the Work Session Meeting minutes of August 31st, 2021.

Business Items

Proclamation: Dyslexia Awareness Month

Mayor, Becky S. Smith read the Dyslexia Awareness Month Proclamation aloud and declared October 2021 as a month of awareness in Bessemer City.

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

Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor, Becky S. Smith read the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation aloud and declared October 2021 as a month of awareness in Bessemer City.

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

Capital Project Ordinance

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding the Capital Project Ordinance. This ordinance is for the paving project. A number of City streets will be paved and patched.

By motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote, the capital project ordinance regarding the paving project was adopted.

Gaston County Building Inspection Agreement

Code Enforcement Officer, Nathan Hester address Council regarding the inspection agreement. Said agreement would allow Gaston County Building inspectors to act as the City's agent and inspect setbacks for building structures and family dwellings. There will be a fee for this service from the County.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, the Gaston County Building Inspection Agreement was approved.

Demolition Ordinance – 709 Costner School Rd

Code Enforcement Officer, Don Mauldin addressed Council regarding a demolition ordinance for property located at 709 Costner School Road. Said property has minimum housing code violations that have not meet the City code since 2018.

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, the ordinance regarding the demolition of property located at 709 Costner School Road and a lis pendens filing was approved.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding the following:

- Stinger Park Water & Sewer Lines Project: Several bids were received for the Stinger Park Water & Sewer Line project. City Staff is recommending the bid be awarded to Buckeye Bridge LLC. By motion of Donnie Griffin and a unanimous vote, the bid was awarded to Buckeye Bridge LLC.
- Bessemer City Swimming Pool: We had a successful year at the pool. Andrea Nixon, Event & Recreation Supervisor, in partnership with Gaston County Schools, distributed over 800 free meals to local youth.
- General: Two local downtown property owners will be doing façade improvements. The City will host a job fair this Thursday, September 16th from 2 -6 PM at the Allan Farris Center.

Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council member, Dan Boling inquired about several potholes on Maine Avenue. Council member, Joe Will inquired about the public comment sign up procedure for Regular City Council Meetings. By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, citizens will no longer have to register by 12:00Noon the day of the meeting to speak during the public comment. Council member, Donnie Griffin expressed his concern about Waste Pro placing trashcans in the road way.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, by motion of Alfred and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.