



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

City Council Chambers

Monday, October 11, 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 Baptist Church Pastor, Olin Byrum led the audience in prayer. Mayor Smith led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustment and Approval of the Agenda

By motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote, the October agenda was approved with the following revision:

-Recognition of Mayor, Becky S. Smith for being selected as the 2021 Gaston Chamber "Woman Who Rocks".

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 Dan Boling:

1. **Approval of Minutes** - City Council will consider adopting the Regular Meeting minutes of September 13th, 2021.
2. **Approval of Minutes**- City Council will consider adopting the Work Session Meeting minutes of September 28th, 2021.
3. **Ratify Telephone Poll - Latin Heritage Month Proclamation:** City Council will consider ratifying the telephone poll approving the adoption of the Latin Heritage Month proclamation.
4. **Street Closure for Halloween Movie in the Park:** City Staff is requesting a temporary street closure of the 100 block of West Virginia Avenue for the Parks & Recreation Movie in the Park on Friday, October 22nd from 5:00 PM -11:00PM.
5. **Temporary Street Closure- Community Tree Lighting & Christmas in the City Festival and Parade:** City Staff is requesting a temporary street closure of the 100 block of West Virginia Avenue for Parks & Recreation Community Tree Lighting on Saturday, November

20th at 6:30 PM, and on Saturday, December 4th at 9:00 AM for the Christmas in the City festival and parade.

Establish Public Hearing:

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, a public hearing regarding the rezoning of property located at 801 W. Highway 161 at the Monday, November 8th, 2021 at 7:00PM in Council Chambers.

Establish Public Hearing:

By motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote, a public hearing regarding the amendment of several ordinances to be compliant with new state law will be held on Monday, November 8th at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Establishment of Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, a Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was established. The mission of this Board is to make Bessemer City a great community. This Board will align with the Parks & Recreation Department's mission to provide safe and inviting parks and facilities, meet current and future community needs through meaningful and diverse recreational programs, cultural activities and services.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Members

Light discussion was held regarding the applications received to serve on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Council will review these applications and discuss potential appointments at the next meeting.

By general consensus, this item was tabled to the next Work Session in October.

Public Hearing – Text Amendments

Code Enforcement Officer, Nathan Hester addressed Council regarding several Land Development Code (LDC) amendments: Section 2.7.B Table of Uses for Wholesale/Warehouse usage permitted in the Business Campus Production BCP district, 3.2.B Accessory Structures, 3.3.F Garages and Carports, 3.8.C.13 Signage Requirements Table, and 3.8.D.5(b) Additional Requirements for Certain Permitted Signs.

By motion of Joe Will, the public hearing was opened at 7: 25 PM.

Mayor Smith asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of the text amendments. There was no one present to speak.

Mayor Smith asked if there was anyone to speak in opposition of the text amendments. There was no one present to speak.

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, the public hearing was closed at 7:27 PM.

Resolution Adopting – Text Amendments

By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote, the following section amendments were approved: Section 2.7.B Table of Uses for Wholesale/Warehouse usage permitted in the Business Campus Production BCP district, , 3.8.C.13 Signage Requirements Table, and 3.8.D.5(b) Additional Requirements for Certain Permitted Signs.

By general consensus, the following section amendments: 3.2.B Accessory Structures, 3.3.F Garages and Carports, are tabled for the November 2021 Regular Meeting.

Budget Amendment

By motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote, the budget amendment regarding general funds was approved.

Local Water Supply Plan

City Staff is requesting the approval of the annual water supply plan. This Local Water Supply Plan provides a comprehensive assessment of water supply needs, water use, and water availability.

By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote, the local water supply plan was approved.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding the following:

- Ratify Telephone Poll-Purchase of Property: By motion of Brenda Boyd and unanimous vote, the telephone poll approving the purchase of property at 107 W. Washington Avenue was ratified.
- Select Engineering Firm for Vantine Pump Station & Sewer Line Repair: By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, McGill Associates was selected as the engineering firm to conduct the Vantine Pump Station sewer line upgrades. Grant funds have been received from NCDENR.

Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council member, Alfred Carpenter inquired about a vacant lot. Council member, Donnie Griffin inquired about reporting a state road for maintenance service to NCDOT.

Closed Session

By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote, City Council entered Closed Session to consult with the City Attorney in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(3) at 7:43 PM.

By motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote, City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:17 PM. No action was taken.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, by motion of Alfred and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk