



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Council Chambers

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 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: Kay McCathen, Brenda Boyd, Dan Boling, Joe Will, and Donnie Griffin were all present. City Manager, James Inman was present as well. Council Member, Alfred Carpenter was absent.

Winn Development Presentation

Amy Mikel, Vice President and Laura Mayfield, Senior Project Director of Winn Development addressed Council regarding the Osage Mill Redevelopment Project. Winn has recently acquired the Osage Mill property. Mikel, Mayfield, and Don Tice, Lead Developer updated Council on the project and details about construction.

Resolution Authorizing the City of Bessemer City to Request Termination/Withdrawal of a North Carolina Parks & Recreation Trust Fund Grant

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council about the NC Parks & Recreation Trust Fund Grant. The City received these grant funds several years ago. Thus, the NC Parks & Recreation Trust Fund needed to close out the project. Said resolution is needed to allow the City to close out the project, and secure the grant funds.

By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote, the resolution authorizing the City to request termination and withdrawal of a North Carolina Parks & Recreation Trust Fund Grant.

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 Tree Lighting and the Business Accelerate program. The Tree Lighting service on Saturday, November 20th went really well. Several years ago, staff developed a business accelerator program to assist with Economic Development in downtown Bessemer City. Funds to establish the program was included in the State's budget this year.

JoD Franklin, Parks and Recreation Director- Mr. Franklin addressed Council regarding the Christmas Parade, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and Employment in the Parks & Recreation Department. Franklin shared the Parade detail and line up for Council. The Grand Marshal is Bruce W. Dixon, a Bessemer City native and 1893 Alumni. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday,

December 14th at 6:00 PM. There are currently two openings in the Department. City Staff is interviewing next week for the two positions, Parks & Recreation Specialist and Grounds & Facilities.

Charlie Harbin, Fire Chief- Mr. Harbin addressed Council regarding the annual BBQ sale and general Fire Department business. The BBQ went well, the department sold more plates than expected. The floors inside the Fire Department are being re-done.

Jamie Ramsey, Assistant City Manager- Mr. Ramsey addressed Council regarding the paving project. The Paving project is 90% done. Once all of the paving is done, striping of the streets will begin.

Tom Ellis, Police Chief- Mr. Ellis addressed Council regarding department position transitions and Captain Harps retirement party. Captain Brent Harp will be retiring at the end of December 2021. His retirement party will be on Wednesday, December 15th. Detective James will be moving to Patrol, Officer Henderson will be moving to Detective, and Captain Long to Operations.

Diane Jenkins, Finance Director – Ms. Jenkins addressed Council regarding the annual audit and general Finance and Customer Service department progress. The audit was submitted and the auditors will be presenting to City Council at a Council meeting.

Nathan Hester, City Planner & Code Enforcement – Mr. Hester addressed Council regarding an upcoming public hearing and upcoming Planning & Zoning business.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Inman informed Council on the progress of Stinger Park, the Christmas Party, annual Planning Retreat, Economic Development Breakfast Meeting and the general City affairs.

Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. There was none.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 PM by motion of Brenda Boyd and unanimous vote.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk