



## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Council Chambers

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 4:30 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: Joe Will, Kay McCathen, Brenda Boyd, Brent Guffey, Dan Boling, and Donnie Griffin were all present. City Manager, Josh Ross 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:

JoD Franklin, Parks and Recreation Director- Mr. Franklin addressed Council regarding Stinger Park and the upcoming Baseball Tournament. Stinger Park is almost complete. We will host the June 2023 Dixie Youth Softball league the weekend of June 30, 2023 thru July 5, 2023. After the Tournament, City Staff will begin planning a ribbon cutting.

Diane Jenkins, Finance Director- Ms. Jenkins addressed Council regarding the audit and end of the year reporting.

Jamie Ramsey, Director of Operations- Mr. Ramsey addressed Council regarding the vantine pump station project, a recent violation mail out, and the progress of the Foundry Commercial project.

Hydeia Hayes, Human Capital Officer & City Clerk – Ms. Hayes addressed Council regarding the Juneteenth Festival and City Manager's evaluation. The City Manager's evaluation was due at the last Regular meeting. The remaining evaluations are due soon, so that they can be reviewed at the next Regular meeting in July. Ms. Hayes thanked Mayor and City Council for allowing City Staff to host the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteenth Festival.

#### **Advisory Board Appointments Discussion**

Mayor and City Council reviewed all applications received by citizens to serve on a volunteer board. City Council made the following appointments:

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, Wendy Burgess and Pamela Gladney were reappointed to serve on the Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments. They will serve until 2026.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, Katie Love was appointed to serve on the ABC Board. She will serve until 2026.

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, Dana Ijames and William Whitmire were appointed to serve on the Downtown Development Board. They will serve until 2026.

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, Erika Nixon was appointed to serve on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. She will serve until 2026.

By general consensus, Mayor and Council will continue to solicit applications from citizens to fill two vacancies on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

### **Budget Amendments**

Year-end budget amendments to close out the fiscal year 2022-2023. The first budget amendment regarding fund balance appropriation for contracted services was adopted by motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote. The second budget amendment regarding appropriations in the water and sewer fund was adopted by motion of Kay McCathen an unanimous vote. The third budget amendment pertaining to the Natural Gas fund was approved by Brent Guffey.

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

Josh Ross, City Manager- Mr. Ross commended staff for working well together to aid emergency services at the Livent fire. Mr. Ross also informed Council that a developer was looking to possible build a multi-family housing building along Besstown Road. More details will be formally presented to Council at the July 2023 Regular Meeting.

### **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 6:08 PM by motion of Brenda Boyd and unanimous vote.

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Becky S. Smith, Mayor

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Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk