



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Council Chambers

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 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: Joe Will, Kay McCathen, Brenda Boyd, Dan Boling, and Donnie Griffin were all present. Council Member: Brent Guffey was absent. City Manager, James Inman 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:

Josh Ross, Director of Administration- Mr. Ross addressed Council regarding private investments, Osage Mill Redevelopment, Edgewood85, and Kintegra. The City continues to grow and spur private investment. We will see a lot of growth in the City and downtown businesses in the coming months.

JoD Franklin, Parks and Recreation Director- Mr. Franklin addressed Council regarding the City Pool, the Down Home Festival, and the April 2022 Concert & Cruise-In. We are currently looking to hire lifeguards for the 2022 Season. The April Concert & Cruise – In was well attended.

Diane Jenkins, Finance Director – Ms. Jenkins addressed Council regarding the ARPA funds report, upcoming audit, and general Finance and Customer Service department progress.

Planning & Zoning Board Member Vacancy

Nathan Hester, City Planner & Code Enforcement addressed Council regarding a vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Board. Mark Wright contacted City administration and gave his resignation. Mr. Hester asked Council to be thinking about a possible replacement for him.

2022 Appointed Board Term Expirations

City Clerk, Hydeia Hayes addressed regarding the upcoming board term expirations. Current board members on the ABC, Downtown Development, and Planning & Zoning Board will be notified that their term is expiring. Per the adopted City Council Rules of Procedure, said members will be allowed to reapply to serve and City staff will actively recruit new applicants via social media and the website.

FY 22-23 Budget Review

City administrative staff review the proposed fiscal year 2022-2023 budget and fee schedule for Council. Discussion was held regarding the water and sewer rates, storm water rates, and potential changes to bulk pick up and the motor vehicle tag fee.

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 5:13 PM by motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk