



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

City Council Chambers

Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM

AGENDA

Bessemer City will conduct this meeting in accordance with the Governor's current Executive Order issued in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Fully vaccinated people are not required to wear a mask. All others are.

Call to Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustment and Approval of the Agenda — *Items will only be added or removed with the approval of the Mayor and City Council.*

Special Presentation—

1. **Livent:** Mayor & City Council will recognize Livent for their contributions with the City's COVID 19 Vaccine Clinic.

Request to Speak/Opportunity for Public Comment — *Citizens will be provided an opportunity for Public Comment. You must sign up for Public Comment with the City Clerk at (704) 729-6509 by 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting in order to speak. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.*

Consent Agenda — *The items of the Consent Agenda are adopted on a single motion and vote, unless the Mayor and City Council wish to withdraw an item for separate vote and/or discussion.*

2. **Approval of Minutes** - Council will consider adopting minutes from the May 10th.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Council will consider adopting minutes from of May 25th.

Business Items

4. **Public Hearing- Proposed FY 2021- 2022 Budget:** City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the 2021-2022 budget.
5. **Ordinance- Proposed FY 2021- 2022 Budget:** City Council will consider adopting the ordinance regarding the 2021-2022 budget.
6. **Board Appointment Application:** Mayor and City Council will review applications received by citizens and make appointments at the Monday, July 12th meeting.

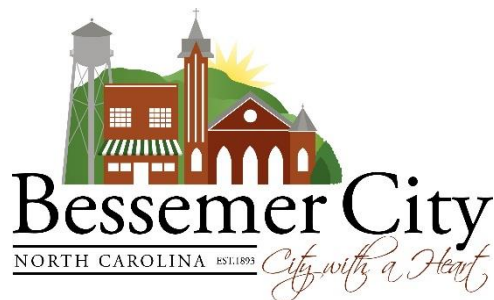
City Manager's Report

7. Stinger Park Update

Council General Discussion — *This is an opportunity for the Mayor and City Council to ask questions for clarification, provide information to staff, request staff to report back, or place a matter on a future agenda.*

Adjourn

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

City Council Chambers

Monday, May 10, 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. Assistant City Manager, Jamie Ramsey and City Attorney, David Smith was present as well.

Call to Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. First Wesleyan Church Pastor, Matt Mitchell led the audience in prayer. Mayor Smith led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustment and Approval of the Agenda

By motion of Brenda Boyd and unanimous vote, the May agenda was approved.

Request to Speak/Opportunity for Public Comment

Mayor Smith opened the floor for public comment. There was no one present to speak.

Special Presentations

Central Drug - Mayor and City Council recognized Robby and Melissa Putnam for their service to the City. Central Drug has been dedicated to the Bessemer City citizenry for over 94 years.

Consent Agenda — The following items on the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Alfred Carpenter:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12th, 2021
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Work Session Meeting Minutes of April 27th, 2021
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Special Meeting Minutes of April 30th, 2021
4. **Capital Project Budget Amendment:** City Staff is seeking the approval of the reformatted capital project budget amendment regarding Stinger Park. Said reformatting is needed to meet LGC requirements.
5. **National Day of Prayer:** The National Day of Prayer was Thursday, May 6th. A proclamation that Mayor Smith read aloud recognizing the day needs to be ratified.

Asset Management Plan

Kenneth Orié and Devin Owen, of Withers Ravenel addressed Council regarding the asset management plan. Mr. Orié thanked Mayor and City Council for allowing them to work with City Staff and contribute to the betterment of the City. Mr. Orié discussed the AIA program and the results. The AIA program is a risk management tool started in 2015, to aid City administrations to develop an asset management plan for their water and sewer utilities. The program assesses the following: current status, what's the level of service, and what paving improvements are needed. Overall, the program determined that the Bessemer City systems are in good condition. Withers Ravenel mapped the entire water and sewer systems of Bessemer City with GEO referencing. This mapping can now be accessed by internal GIS systems. Assessments of man holes, pipe materials, age, and proximity to wetlands were done to collect data for the program. Next steps are to understand the finances and review recommended projects and determine how they can be completed simultaneously. The program will start this year, and going forward we have scheduled projects according to our capital outlay budget. Additionally, City Staff will be trained on how to add items to the system and keep it current.

Summer Feed Program Presentation

Event & Recreation Supervisor, Andrea Nixon addressed Council regarding the creation of a Summer Feed Program in Bessemer City. The program is administered by Gaston County Schools and is federally funded. The program will start June 7th, 2021 and is served during a pool break. Discussion was held regarding possible programming at the pool to engage youth who participate. This would be an open site for all youth 18 and under to receive a free lunch. This program is intended to positively impact families in the area and help them stretch their dollars. It is free for the City to be a host site. This will give City Staff an opportunity to connect and do programming with local Bessemer City children. This program will be heavily advertised through the City's website and social media pages.

Establish Public Hearing for 2021-2022 Proposed Budget

City staff requested that a public hearing regarding the 2021-2022 proposed budget ordinance be established for Council's next regular meeting.

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, a public hearing regarding the 2021-2022 proposed budget ordinance will be held at 7:00PM in Council Chambers on Monday, June 14th, 2021.

Public Hearing - Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Update

According to NC General Statute City Council held a public hearing to consider the adoption of the revised and updated Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). This public hearing was advertised in accordance with NCGS.

Code Enforcement Officer, Nathan Hester addressed Council regarding the public hearing. To meet new statutory requirements, a new Land Development Code and changes to the Zoning map are required. This new Land Development Code addresses changes to accessory structure requirements, single family homes, new business placement and parking requirements. After this public comment period, Staff will report to the planning board for a formal recommendation to City Council.

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, the public hearing regarding the UDO update was opened at 7:49 PM.

Mayor Smith asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of the UDO update. There was none.

Mayor Smith asked if there was anyone to speak in opposition of the UDO update. There was none.

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, the public hearing regarding the UDO update was closed at 7:50 PM.

National Police Week Proclamation

Mayor Smith read the proclamation aloud and proclaimed Sunday, May 9th-Saturday, May 15th as National Police Week here in Bessemer City, NC. Mayor Smith thanked the Police Chief Ellis and the police department for their dedication.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, the proclamation regarding National Police Week in Bessemer City was adopted.

Juneteenth Week Proclamation

Mayor Smith read the proclamation aloud and proclaimed Sunday, June 13th until Saturday, June 19th as Juneteenth week in Bessemer City. Mayor Smith encouraged all present to attend the 3rd Annual Juneteenth Festival on Friday, June 18th in downtown Bessemer City.

By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote, the proclamation regarding Juneteenth Week in Bessemer City was adopted.

Resolution- Opposition to HB 401/SB 349

Code Enforcement Officer, Nathan Hester addressed Council regarding the adopting of a resolution opposing two bills regarding single family homes regulations. The bill is currently being proposed to become State Law along with 160 D by the general assembly to expanding housing types within residential districts, however; multiple cities are in opposition of it. The passing of this bill will permit duplexes and triplexes in a single residential family district. City Staff would like to recommend that Council oppose this bill. Furthermore, it exposes low income residents and creates density on infrastructure produces more stress on Police and Fire services.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, the resolution regarding HB 401 and SB 349 was adopted.

Resolution - Authorizing A Policy for Mutual Aid Assistance with Other Law Enforcement Agencies

Assistant City Manager, Jamie Ramsey addressed City Council regarding the adopting of a resolution in support of a mutual aid assistance policy. This is an existing agreement that we currently operate under. At this time, it must be renewed.

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, the resolution authorizing a policy for mutual aid assistance with other law enforcement agencies was adopted.

Approval of Building Rehab Incentive Grant (BRIG)

Director of Administration, Josh Ross addressed Council regarding the consideration of approving grant funds for building improvements at 128 & 130 West Virginia Avenue. An application from the property owner has been submitted to bring the buildings up to code. Said owner has plans to renovate both buildings at the same time. Renovations will highlight the historic features of the building and offer outdoor dining and seating. Discussion regarding budgetary funds were discussed. Money is in the budget to be allocated to the following project. BRIG funds are given as a reimbursement up to \$10,000 in matching funds per project. Funds will be dispersed once the property owner has all occupancy certificates and work has been completed.

By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote, \$20,000 of BRIG matching funds will be reimbursed to the property owner of 128 and 130 West Virginia Avenue.

Ordinance- Vacate & Close 205 East Maryland Avenue:

Code Enforcement Officer, Don Mauldin address Council regarding a vacate and close order for property at 205 East Maryland Avenue. In an effort to continue with the revitalization throughout the, City Staff try to maintain nuisances. City Staff has addressed residents at this location about high grass, sewer leaks, and other minimum housing issues since of May 2020. Thus, City Staff is requesting a close and vacate order until the minimum housing issues have been addressed.

Light discussion between Council, City Attorney, and City Staff ensued.

City Attorney Smith instructed Code Enforcement Officer, Don Mauldin to inform new owners about the close and vacate order.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, the ordinance to close and vacate property located at 205 East Maryland Avenue was approved.

Pedestrian Plan Update:

Director of Administration, Josh Ross addressed Council regarding the pedestrian plan update. In 2019 the City received a grant to revise our existing pedestrian plan which outlines existing walking conditions, identifies needed improvements, and recommends the location and type of pedestrian paths that should be installed. NC DOT had a lapse in funding causing a delay in the plan. In an effort to determine the greatest need and areas of impact, the City conducted a community survey to explore and identify existing conditions. City Staff is currently working to complete this plan, and submit it to Council for adoption.

Assistant City Manager's Report

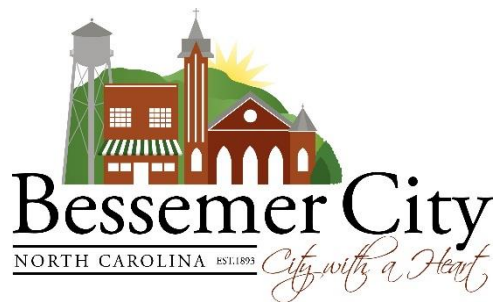
Assistant City Manager, Jamie Ramsey addressed Council regarding FY 2021-2022 Budget books. By general consensus, Council decided to complete the budget review at the May 2021 Work Session. Mr. Ramsey addressed Council about general updates and progress of Stinger Park.

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, by motion of Alfred and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 3:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Becky S. Smith called the meeting to order.

Resolution Supporting CATS LYNX Silver Line Extending in to Gaston County

City Staff addressed Council regarding the adoption of a resolution in support of the CATS LYNX Silver Line Extending in to Gaston County.

The Silver Line will positively impact Gaston County.

By motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote, the resolution supporting the CATS LYNX Silver Line Extension in to Gaston County was approved.

UDO Discussion

City Staff addressed Council regarding the updates being made to the UDO. The new UDO will be called the Land Development Code. The new Code will encompass Council goals and encourage quality development in the community.

Additional changes are being made to the Land Development Code to comply with State law 160D. City Council will have to repeal the old UDO, and adopt the new Land Development Code. The expected adoption for the new Land Development Code is Monday, July 12, 2021 at Council's Regular Meeting.

FY 2021-2022 Budget Discussion

Light discussion was held regarding budget priorities, and how they align with the City's goals and vision.

By general consensus, Council directed City Staff to research Mayor and Council pay in the County, to ensure that current Board salaries are consistent with other neighboring cities.

Discussion regarding new equipment purchases for all departments was held. The Fire Department needs a new roof, the Police Department needs new vest for Officers. A Storm Water study will be conducted during the 2021-2022 budget year. The 2021-2022 Proposed Budget calls for a 5% increase for sewer in the fee schedule. This is due to the City of Gastonia's 5% increase in services to the City.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding the following:

- Sale of Property- By general consensus, Council decided to accept an offer to purchase City property located on N. 14th Street, with the following parcel IDs 214726, 214728, and 119975. The offer made was \$330,000 for 12 acres. By statute, the offer must be advertise and subject to upset bidding.

City Staff was directed to advertise the sale of property in accordance to NC General Statute 160A-269.

- Resolution Approving Financing Terms

City Staff addressed Council regarding a resolution approving financing terms for needed equipment. A new playground for Indian Springs Park, generators, a back hoe, mower, and air unit will be purchased with said funds.

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, the resolution approving financing terms of \$470,000.00 for 3 years with a 1.13% interest rate was approved.

Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council Member, Donnie Griffin commended the Parks & Recreation and Fire Department.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 PM by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote.



2021-2022 Budget Ordinance

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Bessemer City, North Carolina:

Section 1. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$	2,100,000
Ad Valorem Taxes State Board Assessed		40,000
Prior Year Taxes		42,000
Motor Vehicle License		240,000
Gross Rental Vehicle Tax		600
Penalties & Interest		20,000
Gaston County Local Sales Tax		10,000
North Carolina Local Sales Tax		700,000
Solid Waste Disposal Tax		2,000
Beer & Wine Tax		22,000
Franchise Tax		440,000
PD Fees for Services		8,000
Confiscated Drug Money		1,000
Fire Department Grants		14,000
PD – Grants		80,000
Landfill Fees		340,000
Grave Opening/Closing		20,000
Cemetery Lot Sales		1,000
Zoning Permits & Fees		5,000
Grant - Kiser Center		5,000
Code Enforcement Billing		500
Recreation Department Fees		17,000
Down Home Festival		50,000
Special Events Sponsors		30,000
Senior Events		4,000
Pool Fees		70,000
Investment Earnings		35,000
Rent- Land		1,100
Sale of General Fund Property		25,000
ABC Revenue		20,000
Miscellaneous Revenues		20,000
Insurance Proceeds		20,000
BB&T Loan Proceeds		155,022
Administrative Charges - Enterprise Funds		800,000
Fund Balance Appropriated		63,309
		\$ 5,401,531

Section 2. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in accordance with the established chart of accounts:

Governing Body & Legal	\$	83,042
Administration & Finance		1,021,944
Police Department		1,576,532
Fire Department		291,937
Garage Operations		111,343
Public Works Department		329,187
Sanitation Department		304,400
Planning & Zoning		133,588
Economic Development		213,888
Debt Service		522,993
Recreation Department		611,013
Parks & Gym		59,666
Pool		93,498
Cemetery		48,500
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	\$	5,401,531

Section 3. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Water & Sewer Fund for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

Water Sales	\$	2,600,000
Sewer Sales		2,800,000
Water Tap Fees		50,000
Reconnect Fees		19,000
Penalties		35,000
Miscellaneous		55,000
Administrative Fee		10,000
Admin Activation Fee		10,000
Sewer Tap Fees		10,000
Loan Proceeds		147,489
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	\$	5,736,489

Section 4. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water & Sewer Fund for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in accordance with the established chart of accounts:

Debt Service	\$	422,041
Administration Share		500,000
Water/Wastewater Treatment		2,791,578
Public Works		1,073,544
New Line Construction		949,326
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	\$	5,736,489

Section 5. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Natural Gas Fund for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

Sales of Gas	\$	1,355,000
Penalties		50,000
Loan Proceeds		167,489
Fund Balance Appropriated		35,391
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	\$	1,607,880

Section 6. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Natural Gas Fund for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in accordance with the established chart of accounts:

Debt Service	\$	184,180
Administration Share		300,000
Gas Operations		1,123,700
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	\$	1,607,880

Section 7. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Storm Water Fund for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

Storm Water Charges	\$	100,000
Fund Balance		76,830
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	\$	176,830

Section 8. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Storm Water Fund for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in accordance with the established chart of accounts:

Debt Service	\$	71,430
Operations		105,400
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	\$	176,830

Section 9. The following revenues are expected to be available in the Powell Bill Fund for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

State Powell Bill Allocation	\$	155,000
Fund Balance		42,314
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	\$	197,314

Section 10. The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Powell Bill Fund for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in accordance with the established chart of accounts:

Debt Service	\$	100,814
Street Operations		96,500
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	\$	197,314

Section 11. There is hereby levied a tax rate of forty-five (\$.45) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property taxes as of January 1, 2021 for the purpose of raising the revenue listed 'Ad Valorem Taxes' in the General Fund. This rate is on a total valuation of property for the purposes of taxation of \$476,898,855 and an estimated rate of collection of 97.88%. The estimated rate of collection is based off of the fiscal 2019-2020 collection rate of 97.88%.

Section 12: Fees shall be charged as follows starting July 1, 2021:

Item 5.

SERVICE	2020-2021	2021-2022
WATER		
Treated Water- Inside City	\$11.30 min. per month for 2,000 gal.	\$11.30 min. per month for 2,000 gal.
	\$6.95 per 1,000 gal. over 2,000	\$6.95 per 1,000 gal. over 2,000
Treated Water- Outside City	Double Rates Above	Double Rates Above
Water Deposit	\$100/\$150/\$300	\$100/\$150/\$300
Water Reconnect Fee	\$35-70	\$35-70
Broken Lock Fee	\$300	\$300
Meter Tampering	\$500	\$500
Administrative Fee	\$40	\$40
Illegal Turn-on Fee	\$150	\$150
Meter Reset	\$150	\$150
Water Tap Fees*		
<i>¾ Inch Line</i>	\$450	\$450
<i>1 Inch Line</i>	\$500	\$500
<i>1 ½ Inch Line</i>	\$550	\$550
<i>2 Inch Line</i>	\$600	\$600
<i>*plus cost of meter at market rate</i>		
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES**		
<i>** System development fees are calculated once projects have been submit and compared with the City's System Development Fee Calculator. Examples are provided below:</i>		
<i>Residential Dwelling Unit- 2 bedrooms</i>	\$3,861.00	\$3,861.00
<i>Residential Dwelling Unit- 3 bedrooms</i>	\$4,211.00	\$4,211.00
<i>Residential Dwelling Unit – 4 bedrooms</i>	\$5,573.00	\$5,573.00
<i>Church w/o Kitchen, Day Care or Camp</i>	\$4,869.00	\$4, 869.00
<i>Restaurant, Full Service (20 emp.)</i>	\$5,410.00	\$5,410.00
<i>Convenience Store w/ food Preparation (2,500 sq. ft.)</i>	\$16,230.00	\$16,230.00
<i>Stores & Shopping Center w/o Food Service (25,000 sq. ft.)</i>	\$27,050.00	\$27,050.00
SEWER		
Sewer- Inside City	\$15.35 per month for 2,000 gal. of water metered	\$16.15 min. per month for 2,000 gal. of water metered
	\$11.75 per 1,000 gal. over 2,000 gal. of water metered	\$12.35 per 1,000 gal. over 2,000 gal. of water metered
	\$6.95 per 1,000 gal. over 1 million	\$7.30 per 1,000 gal. over 1 Million

Sewer- Outside City	Double Rates Above	Double Rates Above
Sewer Tap Fees		
4 Inch	\$500	\$500
6 Inch	\$600	\$600
SEWER USER SURCHARGES		
High Strength BOD	\$0.02400 per lb. (for high strength >250 mg/L)	
High Strength TSS	\$0.0450 per lb. (for high strength >250 mg/L)	
High Strength O & G	\$0.10 per lb. (for high strength >100 mg/L)	
High Strength TKN	\$0.4830 per lb. (for high strength >25 mg/L)	
High Strength TP	\$0.8470 per lb. (for high strength > 8 mg/L)	
Permit Fees		
Initial Issuance	SIU Fee- \$1,000	Local Permit Fee- \$500
Annual Maintenance	SIU Fee- \$250	Local Permit Fee- \$100
Reopening Fee	SIU Fee- \$500	Local Permit Fee- \$250
Monitoring Fees (per event)		
Composite Sample Event	\$300	
Acute Toxicity Screening	\$600	
Chronic Toxicity Screening	\$1,200	
TTO with Pesticide Analysis	\$550	
TTO without Pesticide Analysis	\$500	
AVAILABILITY FEES		
Water and Sewer Availability Fees	Inside Customers Connected to Water but not to Sewer- \$11.30	Inside Customers Connected to Water but not to Sewer- \$11.30
	Inside Customers Connected to Sewer but not to Water- \$15.35	Inside Residential Customers Connected to Sewer but not to Water- \$16.15
		Inside Business Customers Connected to Sewer but not to Water- \$16.15
	Inside Customers not Connected to Water or Sewer Service: \$26.65 (\$11.30 Water + \$15.35 Sewer)	Inside Customers not Connected to Water or Sewer Service: \$27.45 (\$11.30 Water + \$16.15 Sewer)
METER CHECKS		
	One Free Check Per Year	One Free Check Per Year
	Defective Meter replaced free of charge	Defective Meter replaced free of charge
	Non-Defective Meter will result in a charge of \$25 + cost of testing	Non-Defective Meter will result in a charge of \$25 + cost of testing
STORM WATER		
Residential	\$3.07/Month	\$3.07/Month
Commercial	\$6.00/Month	\$6.00/Month
Industrial	\$12.00/Month	\$12.00/Month

SOLID WASTE		
Waste Collection (Weekly)	Residential and Commercial: \$11.00/month per container	Residential and Commercial: \$11.00/month per container
Waste Collection (Twice- Weekly)	Commercial Only: \$11.00/month per container	Commercial Only: \$11.00/month per container
Solid Waste Fee (Bulk, Bush, and Debris)*	\$11.00 per residential/apartment unit	\$11.00 per residential/apartment unit
<i>*This fee is only applied to units that are not charged a solid waste collection fee.</i>		
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT		
Board of Adjustment		
<i>Variance Request</i>	\$150	\$150
<i>Appeals</i>	\$150	\$150
<i>Conditional Use Permit</i>	\$150	\$150
<i>Special Exception</i>	\$150	\$150
Planning Board		
<i>Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning)</i>	\$300	\$300
<i>Zoning Text Change</i>	\$300	\$300
Other Fees		
<i>Zoning Verification Letter</i>	\$25	\$100
<i>New Single Family</i>	\$100	\$100
<i>New Multi Family</i>	\$150 + \$5 per unit	\$150 + \$5 per unit
<i>Additions</i>	\$20-\$50	\$20-\$50
<i>Accessory</i>	\$40	\$40
<i>Non- Residential up to 5,000 Square Feet</i>	\$100	\$100
<i>Non-Residential 5,001-10,000 Square Feet</i>	\$200 + \$1 per 1,000 Sq. Ft.	\$200 + \$1 per 1,000 Sq. Ft.
<i>Non-Residential Greater Than 10,001 Square Feet</i>	\$300 + \$1 per 1,000 Sq. Ft.	\$300 + \$1 per 1,000 Sq. Ft.
<i>Minor Subdivision Plat</i>	\$50	\$50
<i>Major Sub Division Plat</i>	\$50 + \$5 per lot	\$100 + \$5 per lot
<i>Recombination Plat</i>	\$50	\$50
Zoning Permits		
<i>Sign Permit</i>	\$50	\$50
<i>Accessory Building Verification (No Building Permit Required)</i>	\$25	\$25
<i>Accessory Building Verification (Building Permit Required)</i>	\$50	\$50
<i>Zoning Certificate of Compliance</i>	\$50	\$50
<i>Demolition Permit</i>	\$25	\$25
<i>Home Occupation Permit</i>	\$50	\$50
<i>Temporary Use Permit</i>	\$25	\$25
<i>Telecommunication Tower Permit</i>	\$300	\$300
<i>Telecommunication Tower Permit (Co-Location)</i>	\$250	\$250

CITY COUNCIL		
Code Enforcement Appeal	\$150	\$150
CODE ENFORCEMENT		
Grass Cutting		
<i>Grass Cutting Maintenance Show Up Fee</i>	\$10	\$10
<i>Grass Cutting Maintenance Administrative Fee*</i>	\$50	\$200
<i>*Plus Cost of Mowing Contractor</i>		
NATURAL GAS		
Gas Per MCF*		
<i>Residential (All Usage)/Month</i>	Operating Expense + \$9.40 per MCF	Operating Expense + \$9.40 per MCF
<i>Business Level 1 (1-24,000 MCF)/Month</i>	Cost at Gate + \$5.00 per MCF	Cost at Gate + \$5.00 per MCF
<i>Business Level 2 (24,001-30,000 MCF)/Month</i>	Cost at Gate + \$3.00 per MCF	Cost at Gate + \$3.00 per MCF
<i>Business Level 3 (30,001 MCF or More) /Month</i>	Cost at Gate + \$1.50 per MCF	Cost at Gate + \$1.50 per MCF
<i>*Rates above are based off of monthly usage.</i>		
Other Gas Fees		
<i>Gas Taps</i>	See Gas Tap and Rebate Policy	See Gas Tap and Rebate Policy
<i>Gas Deposits</i>	\$150/\$225/\$300	\$150/\$225/\$300
<i>Gas Minimum Availability Fees</i>	\$8.70/\$9.10/\$200/\$400	\$8.70/\$9.10/\$200/\$400
<i>Cut-Off List Admin. Fee</i>	\$15	\$15
<i>Reconnect Fee</i>	\$40-80	\$40-80
<i>After Hours Cutoff</i>	\$125	\$125
<i>Admin Fee</i>	\$40	\$40
<i>Seasonal Reconnect</i>	\$100	\$100
OTHER FEES		
Return Check Fee	\$35	\$35
Copies		
<i>B & W up to 8 ½ X 14</i>	\$0.45/page	\$0.45/page
<i>Color up to 8 ½ X 14</i>	\$0.50/page	\$0.50/page
City Truck Rental*	\$50	\$50
<i>* Additional Fees may apply if waste exceeds 1 ton.</i>		
CEMETERY		
Cemetery Lot	\$600	\$600
Grave Marking Fee	\$100	\$100
Grave Opening	\$425-\$715*	\$435-\$725*
<i>*Per City Ordinance</i>		
MOTOR VEHICLE		
Motor Vehicle Tag Fee	\$20	\$20

Section 13: All other fees for service, surcharges, etc. previously established by Council shall remain the same unless adjusted at some future date. All billing not paid on the due date is subject to a 10% late penalty.

Section 14: The Budget Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund as contained herein as follows:

- a. The Budget Officer may transfer amounts between object of expenditure within a department as defined by Ordinance without limitations.
- b. The Budget Officer may transfer amounts up to \$7,500 between departments as designed by Ordinance of the same fund with report on such transfers at the next regular Council meeting.

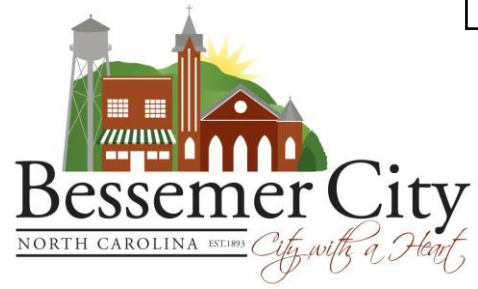
Section 15: Copies of the Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to all Department Heads for guidance in the disbursement of funds. A copy shall always be available for public inspections in the City Clerk's office.

Adopted this the 14th day of June, 2021.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk

Memorandum



To: Mayor Smith and City Council
From: Josh Ross, Director of Administration *JMR*
Date: 6/9/2021
Subject: Council-Appointed Board Applications

Staff has been working in accordance with the *Council Rules and Procedures Policy* to advertise board vacancies. Currently, there are vacancies on the ABC Board, Downtown Development Board, and Planning/Zoning Board/BOA. The information below outlines who is currently on each board, their terms, and who has applied for the board’s vacancy (ies):

ABC Board

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>
John Matsik		August 2018-June 2021
Michael Brooks		June 2019-June 2022
David Bess		August 2018-June 2021
Robert Crouch	2020-2021 Chair	June 2019-June 2022
Michael Meeks		July 2020-June 2023

ABC Board Applications Received:
 John Matsik June 2021-2024



Downtown Development Board

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>
Nellie Floyd		June 2019-June 2022
Tracie Anderson		June 2019-June 2022
Vacancy (Donna Schroder)		June 2020-June 2023
Vacancy (Mike Croft)		June 2018-June 2021
Vacancy (Brooke Randolph)		June 2018-June 2021

Downtown Development Board Applications Received:

JC Vargas June 2021-2024
 Jonathan Fioritto June 2021-2023
 Lauren Hogan June 2021-2024
 Shilo Canipe
 Jonathan Jones

Planning/Zoning/BOA Board

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>
Allen Hook (IN)	2020-2021 Chair	June 2019-June 2022
Wendy Burgess (IN)		June 2020-June 2023
Mark Wright (IN)		June 2020-June 2023
David Absher (IN)		December 2019-June 2021
Charlene Hill (OUT)		June 2019-June 2022

Planning/Zoning/BOA Board Applications Received:

David Absher June 2021-2024
 Lauren Hogan
 Shilo Canipe
 John Matsik



CITY OF BESSEMER CITY- BOARD APPOINTMENT APPLICATION



Board Appointment Application

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: ABC Board Ward 6 BC Downtown Development Board
BC Planning Board Adjustments

NAME: John Thomas Matsik

ADDRESS: 120 HELEN AVE

TELEPHONE: HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL 704-214-2566

EMAIL ADDRESS: JMATSIK@CAROLINA.RR.COM

CURRENT OCCUPATION: RETIRED

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: TEACHER FOR 45 YEARS

VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

ABC Board, BC Chamber of Commerce

Weblo Scouts LEADER 24R

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:

I enjoyed my term on The ABC Board and feel that I learned a lot about the store. I feel that I have contributed a lot during my term

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?

Education, Experience, Task Management (teacher), Good Mathematician
Works well in a group and individually if needed

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HOW CAN YOU POSITIVELY IMPACT THE COMMUNITY BY SERVING ON THIS BOARD?

Residents of BC and I have love and respect for
our Community.

SIGNATURE: John T. Matant

DATE: 5-21-2021

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: Downtown Development Board

NAME: JC Vargas

ADDRESS: 6640 Wilkinson Blvd., Belmont NC 28012

TELEPHONE: HOME 704-825-8456 WORK 704-825-0661 CELL 704-309-0192

EMAIL ADDRESS: JC@belmontoffices.com

CURRENT: OCCUPATION: Commercial Real Estate

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Undgraduate Business Degree - Marketing and Management - Appalachian State University

VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Metrolina Jaycees - Charlotte Chapter past President

Homeless Shelter Volunteer - Charlotte

Montcross Chamber of Commerce - Member

Queen of Apostles Church - Member

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:

See Attached

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?

Vision, Compassion and Preservation

32 Business Experience - Bussiness CEO

17 Years Construction and Development Experience

CITY OF BESSEMER CITY- BOARD APPOINTMENT APPLICATION
HOW CAN YOU POSITIVELY IMPACT THE COMMUNITY BY SERVING ON THIS BOARD?

Vision, Compassion and Preservation

SIGNATURE: J. L. Varigan
DATE: 02-15-21

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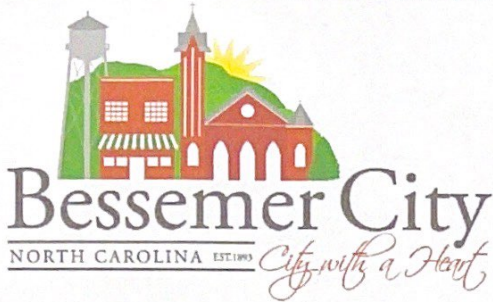
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Vision, Compassion and Preservation is what has driven me for the past 10 years. My goal has been to find buildings that we can help revive/repurpose and give a new life. Bessemer City has many buildings that need this type of love...

Small town architecture is what connects us to our diverse past. I challenge the notion that new is better. I realize that the look and feel of a small town is what drew residents here in the first place. This is the cause that transforms communities from places we live to into places we want to be, places we want to visit, places we want to move to and places people love.

My vision is that in the future this type of redevelopment will attract shops, galleries, boutiques, cafes and salons, all with old-fashion storefronts... Due to the proximity of the Osage Mill redevelopment, the new Kings Mountain Casino and Lithium Corp. expansion the future of Main Street Bessemer City is very hopeful. We want to make Bessemer City a destination that everyone talks about and that everyone wants to visit.

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: B.C. Downtown Development

NAME: Jonathan Fioritto Jr

ADDRESS: 101 E Virginia Ave, Bessemer City

TELEPHONE: HOME _____ WORK 704 629 4586 CELL 704 813 6041

EMAIL ADDRESS: blossom.jonathanf@gmail.com

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BA in business administration.

VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Volunteer @ church soup kitchen & blessing bag making.
Walking dogs @ animal shelter w/old work piers.

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:

I would like to help make a positive impact on the community that I have decided to invest in. I believe being on this board will allow me to help spearhead ideas & push B.C. forward!

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?

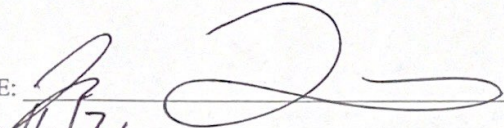
I served in the Marines for 5 years and I know how important it is to be involved in the community. By owning property here I am invested in the best possible future for B.C.

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HOW CAN YOU POSITIVELY IMPACT THE COMMUNITY BY SERVING ON THIS BOARD?

By serving on this board I can help coordinate relations between the city & the citizens. Being a business owner here, I get ~~at~~ a lot of feedback on ways the citizens would like to see changes here.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:


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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: Bessemer City Planning Board/Board of Adjustment

NAME: Lauren Hogan

ADDRESS: 206 E Virginia Ave Bessemer City, NC 28016

TELEPHONE: HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL 704-685-1816

EMAIL ADDRESS: LAURENWHOGAN@GMAIL.COM

CURRENT: OCCUPATION: Independent Contractor

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Associate of Arts with a concentration in Business Fundamentals

VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Actively participate in the electoral process by voting, and encouraging others to vote. Volunteered with the Gaston County Chamber of Commerce in 2018 to help spread information about the "Our Children Our Future" initiative to help build new schools, and repair current schools in Gaston County. Volunteered with Pleasant Ridge Elementary School PTO to help raise money and expand the playground with a \$15K walking track. Volunteered with Habitat for Humanity & WWP

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:

I would like to be considered to serve on the planning board/board of adjustment because I am a great listener and I am willing to study the information required for making thoughtful decisions. I have enjoyed watching the city grow, since I moved here in 2015, and would like to help facilitate further growth, in the best interest of the town and its citizens.

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?

I have the ability to listen well, and understand different perspectives. I have a light understanding of the planning process, through past and current projects and am willing to attend workshops or seminars to understand more. I have the ability to communicate clearly in a meeting environment, and listen to all sides to make a fair decision. Capable of understanding the long-term impact of new development decisions to help avoid unintended consequences for the city.

CITY OF BESSEMER CITY- BOARD APPOINTMENT APPLICATION
HOW CAN YOU POSITIVELY IMPACT THE COMMUNITY BY SERVING ON THIS BOARD?

Item 6.

I can positively impact the community by serving on the planning board/board of adjustment by helping the current team make good decisions to keep Bessemer City growing positively, adding new amenities in a way that makes sense with the current and future zoning plans.

SIGNATURE: Y. D. Hagan

DATE: 5/27/2021

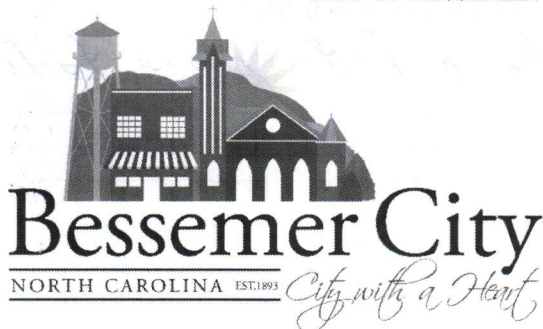
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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: Planning Boards

NAME: David Absher

ADDRESS: 410 Costner School Rd.

TELEPHONE: HOME 704-629-4757 WORK _____ CELL 704-201-1402

EMAIL ADDRESS: dabshe@robertsoxygen.com

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Sales Mgr.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: H.S. diploma

VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Trustee First Wesleyan Church
Green Team First Wesleyan Church

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:

Help in the direction of where Bessemer City is going

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?

Ability to make common sense decisions

CITY OF BESSEMER CITY- BOARD APPOINTMENT APPLICATION
HOW CAN YOU POSITIVELY AFFECT THE COMMUNITY BY SERVING ON THIS BOARD?

Help Bessemer City grow to be a better place to live.

SIGNATURE: David Alsker

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SIGNATURE: *David Alsker*

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