

REGULAR MEETING

December 12th, 2016

The Bessemer City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 12th, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

Members Present

Mayor Becky Smith, Council Members: Joe Will, Kay McCathen, Howard Jones, Alfred Carpenter, and Donnie Griffin were present. Attorney, David Smith City Manager James Inman, and Police Chief Tom Ellis, were also present. Council member Dan Boling was absent.

Call to Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Youth Pastor Foust of First Wesleyan led in prayer. Mayor Smith led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the December Agenda

By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote, the December agenda was approved.

Special Presentations

Student Appreciation- Students from Bessemer City High School, Bessemer City Middle School, Bessemer City Central Elementary School, and Bessemer City Primary Schools were recognized by their principals/counselors and City Council as part of the Student Appreciation Program.

Dr. Judy Moore, Principal of Bessemer City High School, and Mayor Smith, recognized all of the High School representatives.

Mrs. Fran Decanal, Principal of Bessemer City Middle School, and Mayor Smith, presented certificates to all Middle School representatives.

Mrs. Caroline Black, Principal of Bessemer City Central Elementary, and Mayor Smith, presented certificates to all Central Elementary School representatives.

Mrs. Kristi Gornto, Principal of Bessemer City Primary School, and Mayor Smith, presented certificates to all Primary School representatives.

Request to Speak/Opportunity for Public Comment

Mayor Smith opened the floor for public comment.

Caroline Black and Kristi Gornto Principals of Bessemer City Central Elementary and Primary spoke in favor of the proposed North Park. Both stated that the newly proposed Park would be a great asset to both Bessemer City Schools recreational activities.

Tony Hammond at 605 N. 14th Street of Bessemer City spoke in favor of the North Park. As the President of the Bessemer City Booster Club, Hammond stated that the new North Park was a great idea and necessity for the Bessemer City community.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of November 14th, 2016 and Work Session Meeting Minutes of December 1st, 2016.
- b. Council Annual Schedule- This is the schedule that provides dates for the 2017 Council Regular & Work Sessions and Planning/Zoning Board of Adjustments meetings.
- c. Resolution for New Year's Shooters- Authorization Request This Authorization allows for the Ridge Runners to perform their New Year's Ceremonies.

Resolution for Gaston County Emergency 911 City Manager, James Inman explained the need and purpose for the Resolution in the December Work Session. By motion of Howard Jones and unanimous vote the Resolution was approved. A copy is available at City Hall.

Resolution for ABC & Bessemer City Downtown Development Board Appointments and Terms Human Resources & Economic Development Officer, Joshua Ross provided Council with an overview of these Resolutions in the December Work Session. By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote the Resolution for ABC & Bessemer City Downtown Development Board Appointments were approved.

Revised City Council Rules & Procedures Human Resources & Economic Development Officer, Joshua Ross provided Council with an overview of the changes to City Council Rules & Procedure in the December Work Session. By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote the Revised City Council Rules & Procedures were approved.

Allan Farris Community Center- Alcohol Policy City Manager, James Inman provided Council with an overview of the Alcohol Policy in the December Work Session. By motion of Joe Will and 3:2 vote, with Councilmen Howard Jones & Donnie Griffin in opposition the Allan Farris Community Center Alcohol was approved.

Establish Public Hearing for Street Closure-Ashley Park Lane: By motion of Alfred Carpenter the public hearing regarding the Street Closure of Ashley Park Lane was set for the January 2017 Regular City Council Session.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, James Inman reported that an Open House for the Community to come and view the new Fire Truck was underway in the weeks to come. City Manager Inman also mentioned that after the holiday season Bessemer City Staff & Council will begin to get ready for the Planning process for the 2017-2018 year in late January. City Manager Inman further mentioned that he would like to invite City Council to the Bessemer City Weigh Station Ribbon Cutting Wednesday, December 14th. By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote the Resolution to Purchase the North Park Property was approved. This Resolution allows the City Manager and Attorney to purchase the Park Property (39.2 acres) for \$5, 300.00 per acre.

City Council General Discussion

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

Closed Session

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote Council went in Closed Session at 7:24PM.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote Council came out of Closed Session at 7:55PM. No action was taken at that time.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, by motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Hydeia Hayes, Deputy Clerk

Becky S. Smith, Mayor