

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The Bessemer City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

#### **Members Present**

Mayor Becky Smith, Council Members: Dan Boiling, Joe Will, Kay McCathen, Howard Jones, Alfred Carpenter, and Donnie Griffin were present. Attorney, David Smith, and City Manager, James Inman were also present.

#### **Call to Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Council member Donnie Griffin led in prayer. Mayor Smith led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Approval of the January Agenda**

By motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote, the January agenda was approved.

#### **Request to Speak/Opportunity for Public Comment**

Mayor Smith opened the floor for public comment.

Theresa Williams Bessemer City (Gaston County) Boys N Girls Club Director commented on the success and purpose of the program. Williams thanked the City Council for their hard work and continued support. Williams further discussed the program's vision and how the program seeks to help the community.

#### **Consent Agenda**

The following items for the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Kay McCathen:

- a. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- b. Declare Property Surplus- This resolution declared a 1995 FL80 Fire Truck as surplus

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Proclamation** Mayor, Becky S. Smith read the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Proclamation a loud and declared Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day. A copy is available at City Hall.

**Establishing a Planning Retreat** City Manager, James Inman proposed Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 8am-5pm and Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 8am-12pm as the 2017-2018 Planning

Retreat dates. By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote the Planning Retreat was set for the purposed dates.

**Capital Project Ordinance-North Park Property** City Manager, James Inman provided Council with an overview of the North Park Property Ordinance. Light discussion was held. By motion of Howard Jones and unanimous vote the North Park Property Capital Project Ordinance was approved.

**Public Hearing for Street Closure-Ashley Park Lane** By motion of Donnie Griffin the Public Hearing was opened at 7:10 PM. City Planner, Jeffrey Kirchner opened the Public Hearing with his Staff Memo and Findings. Mayor Smith opened the floor for public comment in favor of the ordinance. There was none. Mayor Smith opened the floor for public comment in opposition. There was none. By motion of Joe will the Public Hearing was closed at 7:19 PM.

**Ordinance for Street Closure-Ashley Park Lane:** By motion of Joe Will and a 5:1 vote, with Donnie Griffin in opposition, the Ordinance passed. A copy of the Ordinance is available at City Hall.

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

City Manager, James Inman reported that some budget amendments were needed. By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote the budget amendments were approved. City Manager Inman further discussed the potential purchase of property at 127 W. Pennsylvania Avenue for \$42,793.00. By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote the purchase of 127 W. Pennsylvania Avenue was approved.

#### **City Council General Discussion**

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council congratulated Councilman Dan Boling on a recent birthday. Council member Dan Boling commended the Bessemer City Police Department on their dedication and hard work. Council member Kay McCathen mentioned some citizens had complaints about the Vantine Cemetery gate. City Manager Inman took the initiative to seek the matter further. Councilmember Howard Jones mentioned that he would be interested in Council creating a Purple Heart Lane, similar to the one in the Bessemer City Memorial, for the Vantine Cemetery. City Attorney, David Smith and City Planner, Jeffrey Kirchner provided an update on the Hotel property progress.

#### **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.

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Hydeia Hayes, City Clerk

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Becky S. Smith, Mayor