

REGULAR MEETING

June 13th, 2016

The Bessemer City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 13th, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

Members Present

Mayor Becky Smith, Council Members: Dan Boling, Kay McCathen, Joe Will, Howard Jones, Alfred Carpenter, and Donnie Griffin. 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. First Baptist Church Reverend Tom Ravan led in prayer. Mayor Smith followed by leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the May Agenda

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, the June Agenda was approved with item #11 pulled for later discussion.

Special Presentations

Oath of Office - Mayor Smith administered the Oath of Office for Bessemer City's new Deputy City Clerk, Ms. Hydeia Hayes. Hydeia's family and friends were present to witness the oath. Mayor Smith invited all present to congratulate Deputy City Clerk Hayes.

Best of Gaston Winners- Mayor Smith recognized businesses from Bessemer City that won categories in the Gaston Gazette's Best of Gaston Competition. Mayor Smith presented Certificates of Recognition to 1) Whiskey's Bar & Grill for hamburger, bar, and brewery, 2) Susie's Daycare for childcare and daycare provider, and 3) Twisted Ink for best tattoo shop. Other Best of Gaston Winners will be invited to the July 2016 Regular City Council Meeting for recognition.

Request to Speak/Opportunity for Public Comment

Mayor Smith opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

Consent Agenda

The following items for the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Howard Jones:

- a. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of May 9th, 2016 and Work Session Meeting Minutes of May 31st, 2016.
- b. Main Street Agreement- This is an annual agreement between the city and the North Carolina Department of Commerce to continue the NC Main Street Program. This agreement was discussed at the May 31st Work Session.

- c. Community Center Building Policy- This is the new building rental policy for the Community Center. The policy was reviewed at the May 31st Work Session.

2016-2017 Proposed Budget-Public Hearing

As required by NCGS 159-12, the City is required to hold a public hearing prior to adopting the fiscal budget. By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote, the public hearing was opened at 7:13PM.

Mayor Smith asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of the 2016-2017 proposed budget. There was none. Mayor Smith asked if there was anyone to speak in opposition to the 2016-2017 proposed budget. There was none.

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, the public hearing was closed at 7:15PM

2016-2017 Budget Ordinance

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, the 2016-2017 Budget Ordinance was adopted as follows:

2016-2017 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 Year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,383,000
Prior Year Taxes	25,000
Auto Tag Fees	125,000
Gross Rental Vehicle Tax	500
Penalties & Interest	16,500
Sales Tax	660,000
State Board Assessed	38,000
Cable Franchise Tax	30,000
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	2,500
Beer & Wine Tax	25,000
Franchise Tax	425,000
PD Fees for Services	500
PD - Grants	70,000
Fire Department Grant	11,000
Rent- Land	1,100
Landfill Fees	280,000

Recycling Fees	80,000
Grave Opening/Closing	20,000
Cemetery Lot Sales	6,000
Grant - Kiser Center	3,800
Senior Events	500
Investment Earnings	3,000
Down Home Festival	38,000
Parks & Recreation Fees	15,000
Swimming Pool Fees	84,000
Zoning Permits & Fees	3,000
Code Enforcement & Civil Citations	1,000
Insurance Proceeds	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	5,000
Fund Balance Apportionation	0
Administrative Charges - Enterprise Funds	605,000
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	\$ 3,957,400

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

Governing Body & Legal	\$ 46,721
Administration & Finance	783,602
Police Department	887,029
Fire Department	115,390
Garage Operations	98,427
Public Works Department	232,500
Sanitation Department	368,500
Planning & Zoning	234,773
Economic Development	147,962
Debt Service	404,251
Recreation Department	443,463
Parks & Gym	38,000
Pool	118,085
Cemetery	38,697
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	\$ 3,957,400

Section 3. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Water & Sewer Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Water Sales	2,023,862
Sewer Sales	1,723,060

Tap Fees	1,000
Reconnect Fees	9,500
Pulled Water Meter Fee	0
Penalties	25,000
Investment	0
Miscellaneous	63,000
Fund Balance	16,395
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	\$ 3,861,817

Section 4. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water & Sewer Fund for the 2016-2017 in accordance with the established chart of accounts.

Debt Service	\$ 158,614
Administration	302,500
Water/Wastewater Treatment	2,362,338
Public Works	859,365
New Line Construction	179,000
Capital Project	0
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	\$ 3,861,817

Section 5. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Natural Gas Fund for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Sales of Gas	\$ 1,272,000
Cut-ons & Reconnects & Extension	1,500
Penalties	25,000
Miscellaneous	1,500
Interest	0
Fund Balance	45,122
	\$ 1,345,122

Section 6. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Natural Gas Fund for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 in accordance with the established chart of accounts.

Debt Service	\$ 18,697
Administration	302,500
Gas Operations	1,023,925
	\$ 1,345,122

Section 7. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the StormWater Fund for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Storm Water	\$ 65,000
Charges	0
Appropriated Fund Balance	0
	\$ 65,000

Section 8. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the StormWater Fund for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 in accordance with the established chart of accounts.

Storm Water Operations	\$ 65,000
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Section 9. The following revenues are expected to be available to the Cemetery Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 0
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	\$ 0

Section 10. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Cemetery Trust Fund for the Year 2016-2017 in accordance with the established chart of accounts.

Transfer to General Fund	\$ 0
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	\$ 0

Section 11. The following revenues are expected to be available in the Powell Bill Fund for the Year 2016-2017

State Powell Bill Allocation	\$ 186,000
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	\$ 186,000

Section 12. The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Powell Bill Fund for the Fiscal 2016-2017 in accordance with the established chart of accounts.

Street Operations	\$ 186,000
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Section 13. There is hereby levied a tax rate of forty-five (\$.45) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property taxes as of January 1, 2015 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 \$313,442,907 and an estimated rate of collection of 97%. The estimated rate of collection is the fiscal 2015-2016 collection rate of 97%. The motor vehicle tag fee per G.S. 20.97 is set at \$10 per vehicle.

Section 14. A fee of \$10.50 per month per roll-out cart (residential, commercial or industrial) the City when the City provides garbage/trash collection service shall be charged and collected as an addition to the utility bill for the purpose of Landfill and Disposal fees.

Section 15. A fee of \$3.50 per month per roll-out cart within the City when the City provides Collection service shall be charged and collected as an addition to the utility bill for the purpose Disposal fees.

Section 16. A fee of \$10.00 per month per residential/apartment unit within the City shall be as an additional fee for bulk item, brush, and debris pickup if a solid waste and/or recycling fee is not charged.

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Section 18. Water & Sewer Rates shall be charged as follows for meter readings on or after July 1, 2016.

Water: \$9.25 Minimum per month for 2,000 gallons \$5.65 per 1,000 gallons over 2,000

The rate for customers outside the city limits of Bessemer City are double the above

Deposits: Reconnect: \$30 Broken Lock: Meter Tampering: \$500

Administrative Fee: Illegal Turn on: \$100 Meter Reset:

Cut-off List Admin After Hours Reconnect Fee:

Tap Fees: 3/4" - \$450*; 1" - \$500*; 1-1/2" - \$550*; 2" - \$600* *plus meter

Raw Water: \$.60 per 1,000 gallons

Development Fees: Residential: \$350.00 per Bedroom (100 Gallons x \$3.50/gal)

Commercial: \$350.00

Industrial: \$500.00

Sewer: \$12.60 Minimum per month for 2,000 gallons

\$9.65 per 1,000 gallons over 2,000 gallons of water metered up to 1 million gallons

\$5.45 per 1,000 gallons for >= 1 million gallons of water metered

\$15.00 Inside customers connected to sewer but not water

\$19.80 Inside customers not connected to water or sewer

Tap Fees: 4" - \$500; 6" - \$600

The rate for customers outside the city limits of Bessemer City are double the above

Development Fees: Residential: \$450.00 per Bedroom (100 Gallons x \$4.50/gal)

Commercial: \$450.00

Industrial: \$500.00

The availability charge for customers not connected to water or sewer shall be the minimum charge for that
 Meter Checks: One free per year. Defective meter replaced free of charge. Non-defective will result in a charge of \$25 + cost of testing.

Section 19. Natural Gas and Other Fees shall be charged as follows after July 1, 2016.

Gas: Tap Fees:

The home must be plumbed and inspected by County Inspector & City Gas Employees prior to City's installation of riser and City portion of gas line to

Gas Deposit: Gas Reconnect: \$35 Summer Final: \$75
 \$150/225/300

Cut-off List Admin After Hours Reconnect Fee: Administrative Fee: \$40

Minimum Availability Residential: \$8.70
 Small Commerical:

Industrial - Firm:

Industrial - Interruptible: \$400.00

Capital Project Ordinance: Sewer System Improvement Project: The City Manager, James Inman went into detail about what the project entailed. By motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote the ordinance was approved.

Interlocal Agreement: Natural Gas: This is an agreement for emergency assistance between the City and other public gas systems. The City Manager, James Inman went into detail about what the project entailed. By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote the agreement was approved.

UDO Text Change Public Hearing

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, the public hearing opened at 7:20PM. Mayor Smith asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of the text change. City Planner, Jeffrey Kirchner, explained to Mayor Smith and Council the requested change.

By motion of Joe Will the text change was approved. By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote a motion to close the public hearing was made at 7:29PM.

City Manager's Report- Mr. James Inman, City Manager, invited everyone to the Bessemer City Community Center dedication on Saturday, June 25th. City Manager also welcomed City Council to attend Chief Ellis' mother's service. Discussion was had about other updates.

Council General Discussion: Mayor Smith invited everyone to attend the Purple Heart presentation on Wednesday at 11:00 AM. The organization was started to assist with local improvements to infrastructure.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Hayes, Deputy Clerk