

REGULAR MEETING

May 8th, 2017

The Bessemer City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 8th, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

Members Present

Mayor Becky Smith, Council Members: Dan Boling, Joe Will, Kay McCathen, Howard Jones, Alfred Carpenter, and Donnie Griffin were all present. City Attorney, David Smith, was also present.

Call to Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Pastor Cindy Spicer of Concord United Methodist Church led in prayer. Mayor Smith led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the May Agenda

By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote, the May 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 School were recognized by their principals and City Council as part of the Student Appreciation Program.

Dr. Judy Moore, Principal of Bessemer City High School, and Mayor Smith presented certificates to all High School representatives: Savannah Friday, Cheyannah Gutner, Oriesa String, and James Hunt.

Mrs. Fran Decanal, Principal of Bessemer City Middle School, and Mayor Smith presented certificates to all Middle School representatives: John Herman and Sandra Hayes.

Mrs. Caroline Black, Principal of Bessemer City Central Elementary, and Mayor Smith presented certificates to all Central School representatives: Kayla Felton, Jahiem Horton, and Jonah Kaylon.

Mrs. Kristi Gornto, Principal of Bessemer City Primary School, and Mayor Smith, presented certificates to all Primary School representatives: Zoe Smith, Addison Carpenter, Kaylon Barber, and Tessah Holcomb.

Request to Speak/Opportunity for Public Comment

Mayor Smith opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals came forth:

- Goldie Byers of 604 Skyland Drive expressed his concern for the local children walking to and from Bessemer City Middle School. Mr. Byers stated that the walking conditions are becoming more and more dangerous for local children.

- Tweety Stewart of 212 S. 14th Street expressed her concern about the amount of children who have become injured as a result of the poor walking arrangements near the Bessemer City Middle School.

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 April 10th, 2017, Work Session Meeting Minutes April 25th, 2017, and Special Session Meeting Minutes of April 18th, 2017.
- b. Bessemer City Downtown Development Bylaws – City administration is requesting that Council approve the Downtown Development Board bylaws.
- c. Ratify National Day of Prayer Proclamation- To ratify the Proclamation for the National Day of Prayer Ceremony that took place in front of City Hall On Thursday, May 4th, 2017, where the Mayor read the proclamation aloud.
- d. Ordinance: Temporary Street Closure- City administration is requesting the temporary closure of the 100 Block of West Pennsylvania Avenue for the Bessemer City Primary School Booster Club’s Color Run on Saturday, June 3rd, 2017 from the hours of 9:00AM-12:00PM

Proclamation-National Police Week

Mayor Smith presented City Council with a Proclamation to declare May 14th- May 20th, 2017 as “National Police Week”. By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, the National Police Week 2017 proclamation was adopted.

A copy of this proclamation is on file at City Hall.

Establish Public Hearing for 2017-2018 Proposed Budget

By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote, Council moved to hold a public hearing regarding the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget on Monday, June 12th at 7:00PM in Bessemer City Council Chambers. This public hearing will be advertised in accordance to N.C.G.S. §159-12 (b).

City Manager’s Report

Mayor Smith addressed Council on behalf of City Manager, James Inman:

WastePro Contract

City Manager, James Inman, is seeking Council approval for a (7) seven year renewal term with \$175,385.28 in savings of contracted trash services with WastePro. By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, the contract was approved. City Councilman, Joe Will commended Mr. Inman for a job well done with the negotiating.

City Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council member Donnie Griffin commended City Manager, James Inman, for a great job on obtaining grants on the City's behalf.

Closed Session

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, Council went in Closed Session at 7:27PM pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (3) to discuss a legal matter.

By motion of Howard Jones and unanimous vote, Council came out of Closed Session at 7:47PM. No action was taken in closed session.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, by motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Hayes, Deputy City Clerk