

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **October 10th, 2016**

The Bessemer City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 Police Chief, Tom Ellis, were also present.

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

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. First United Methodist Church Pastor Tripp Hord led in prayer. Mayor Smith followed by leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Approval of the September Agenda**

By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote, the October 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 Zachary Bonador, Cheyenne Ferrel, Natalie Peragory, and John Beale.

Ms. Melissa Williams, Assistant Principal of Bessemer City Middle School, and Mayor Smith, presented certificates to Lacey Gracey, Caleb Sumney, and Miles Lee.

Mrs. Caroline Black, Principal of Bessemer City Central Elementary, and Mayor Smith, presented certificates to Gage Croft, Jeniah Smith, and Madeline Norman.

Mrs. Kristi Gornto, Principal of Bessemer City Primary School, and Mayor Smith, presented certificates to Logan Corum and Jayden Owens.

#### **Awarding of Championship NC State Senior Games**

Mayor Smith presented Mayor ProTem, Joe Will, with a plaque in recognition of his recent championship win.

#### **Awarding of PARTF Funds for North Park**

JoD Franklin, Parks & Recreation Director presented Bessemer City Council with \$1,000,000.00 in grants for North Park Phase I. The funds were granted by the Gaston County Commissioners and North Carolina Governors' office.

### **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 Donnie Griffin:

- a. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of September 12th, 2016 Work Session Meeting Minutes of September 27th, 2016.
- b. Request for Overnight Travel: Human Capital Officer, Joshua Ross, and City Manager, James Inman are requesting overnight travel to attend the NC League Municipalities Conference in Raleigh, NC October 23rd-October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Temporary Street Closure: City Council will consider the street closure request for Christmas in the City, Holiday Parade, and the Tree Lighting.

### **Proclamation October Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote October 2016 was proclaimed Breast Cancer Awareness month in Bessemer City. A copy of the proclamation is available in City Hall for public review.

### **Ordinance Ratifying N. 11<sup>th</sup> 1996 Street Closure**

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote the street closure of N. 11th street from July 8th, 1996 was ratified. A copy of the ordinance is available in City Hall for public review.

### **Establish Public Hearing for North Park Land**

By motion of Howard Jones and unanimous vote a public hearing has been set for the North Park Land on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

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

Police Chief, Tom Ellis reported that he had nothing further to discuss.

### **City Council General Discussion**

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council member Dan Boling stated that the City looks nice and he thanked the Fire Department for assisting Hope 4 Gaston. Council member Alfred Carpenter expressed congratulatory remarks to Joe Will on his recent win at the State Senior Games. Council member Kay McCathen concluded the conversation by expressing some concerns with water issues in her ward of town.

**Adjourn**

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

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Becky S. Smith, Mayor

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Hydeia Hayes, Deputy Clerk