

REGULAR MEETING

August 8th, 2016

The Bessemer City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 8th, 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 Wesleyan Church Pastor Wes Brown in prayer. Mayor Smith followed by leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the August Agenda

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

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 Work Session Meeting Minutes of May 31st, 2016.
- b. Ratify Proclamation-Telephone Poll: To ratify the naming of the community center-voting in favor including Joe Will, Kay McCathen, Donnie Griffin, and Alfred Carpenter. Mr. Boiling and Mr. Jones could not be reached during the time of the polling.
- c. Request for Overnight Travel- Economic Development Officer, Joshua Ross, is requesting overnight travel to Sylva, NC to attend the Annual NC Main Street Managers Conference (August 10-12, 2016).

Request to Speak/Opportunity for Public Comment

Mayor Smith opened the floor for public comment.

Shannon Splawn-Hinton of 928 Ramseur Rd. spoke in opposition of the formerly proposed Police Department training facility of Bessemer City.

Steve Splawn- of 928 Ramseur Rd. spoke in opposition of the formerly proposed Police Department training facility of Bessemer City.

Lail Carpenter of 928 Ramseur Rd. spoke in opposition of the formerly proposed Police Department training facility of Bessemer City.

Establish Osage Mill Public Hearing-Rezoning Request

By motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote the public hearing regarding the Osage Mill Rezoning Request was approved.

Planning/ZBA Board Reappointments

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote the following members were reappointed: Ellen Bullard, Jean Floyd, and Michael Flanigan.

Public Hearing-Community Center: CDBG Closeout Public Hearing

By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote the Public Hearing was opened at 7:15. The City Manager, James Inman, provided details about the Community Center CDBG Closeout procedures.

Howard Jones made a motion to approve the close out and close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous.

Tobacco Free Public Hearing

By motion of Kay McCathen the public hearing was opened at 7:18. The floor was made open for others to speak.

Stephen Eaton of Gaston County Health Department. spoke in favor of the new Smoke Free, Tobacco Free Bessemer City.

Dr. Cynthia Witt of Gaston Public Health spoke in favor of the new Smoke Free, Tobacco Free Bessemer City

Pamela Gladney of 502 E. Ohio spoke in favor of the new Smoke Free, Tobacco Free Bessemer City

Emma Smith of 2003 Kiser Street spoke in favor of the new Smoke Free, Tobacco Free Bessemer City

JoD Franklin of 503 Dover Driver spoke in favor of the new Smoke Free, Tobacco Free Bessemer City

JoD Franklin on behalf of the Bessemer City Optimate Club President spoke in favor of the new Smoke Free, Tobacco Free Bessemer City

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote the public hearing was closed.

Tobacco Free Ordinance

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote the ordinance was adopted. A copy of the ordinance is available at City Hall.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, James Inman, presented a report on the bids received for renovations to the Public Works building. City Manager gave his staff opinion on which company should be solicited for work between McGill & Associates and the Stewart-Cooper firm. By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote the firm McGill & Associates will be chosen to complete the Bessemer City project.

City Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council member Kay McCathen expressed concerns about speeding along the Highway 161 corridor. Council member Joe Will expressed concerns about stop signs in the Cleveland/Crowder's mountain area. Council member Alfred Carpenter concluded the conversation by thanking the audience for attending, and making sure their voice was heard.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Hydeia Hayes, Deputy Clerk

Becky S. Smith, Mayor