

SPECIAL MEETING

May 24, 2017

The Bessemer City Council met in Special Session on Wednesday, May 24th, 2017 at 4:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Proper notice was given.

Members Present

Mayor Becky S. Smith, Council Members: Dan Boling, Howard Jones, Alfred Carpenter, Kay McCathen, Joe Will, and Donnie Griffin. Also present were City Manager, James Inman; Assistant City Manager, Public Works Department Director, Jamie Ramsey; Assistant Public Works Director, Melinda Beard; Economic Development Officer, City Clerk/Human Capital Officer, Joshua Ross, Deputy Clerk, Hydeia Hayes; and the City Interns: Nolan Groce, Mattison Miller, and Vince Roberts.

Call to Order

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00PM and stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear a budget presentation about the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget from the City Manager, James Inman.

Request to Temporarily Close Street -100 Block West Virginia Avenue

Mayor Smith informed Council that the Parks & Recreation Department would like to temporarily close the 100 block of West Virginia Avenue for the 2017 Annual Movie in the Park. By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote the Street Closure was approved.

General Comments

City Manager, James Inman, addressed Council regarding a local Church bus donation to the City in exchange for the Church's use a limited number of times per year, Tosaf Ribbon Cutting, and Congressman Patrick McHenry's visit.

Mayor Smith asked City Clerk, Joshua Ross, to formally introduce the Summer 2017 Interns. Mr. Ross introduced each of the following interns: Nolan Groce, of Appalachian State University, Mattison Miller and Vince Roberts of UNC Charlotte. He further stated that all of the interns were currently seeking their Masters in Public Administration.

2017-2018 Budget Presentation

City Manager, James Inman presented an updated proposed 2017-2018 Budget to City Council. Items being requested included an IT server, financial software, and general public safety building general improvements. All City funds were reviewed with City Council and Staff.

Light discussion was held during the presentation.

Adjourn

Being no further business, by motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 PM.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Y. Hayes, Deputy City Clerk