

WORK SESSION MEETING

AUGUST 29th, 2017

The Bessemer City Council met in work session on Tuesday, August 29th, 2017 at 3:00PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Proper notice was given.

Call to Order

Mayor Becky S. Smith called the meeting to order.

Members Present

Mayor Becky Smith, Council Members: Donnie Griffin, Alfred Carpenter, Kay McCathen, Dan Boling and Howard Jones were all present. Also present were City Manager, James Inman, and department heads. Council member Joe Will was absent.

Department Head Reports

Department Heads gave reports on their department status. The Finance Department reported that the new auditors, Potter & Company, would be in City Hall next week. City Manager Inman recognized and congratulated Finance Director Jenkins for becoming a Certified Public Finance Officer. Public Works Director Ramsey informed Council that the Fire Department had received a grant. Water Department Director Beard addressed Council about water flow and statistics. Parks & Recreation Director Franklin informed Council that this Saturday the Recreation Department would host another Concert & Cruise-In and close the pool for the Summer 2017 season. Economic Development Officer Ross provided Council with an update on the following items: new businesses moving into downtown district, Southridge Parkway, Osage Mill and the Costner Building. Light discussion was held.

City Manager's Report

Department Heads gave reports on their department status. City Manager Inman sought Council approval of the Federal Clean Water Act Resolution. Said resolution would authorize Mr. Inman to develop asset inventories, condition assessment of critical assets, and other components of comprehensive asset management programs for water and sewer.

By motion of Howard Jones and unanimous vote, the Federal Clean Water Act Resolution was approved.

City Manager Inman also provided Council with an update about general City affairs: Edgewood Motel located at 1207 Edgewood Road is scheduled to be demolished soon, Ashley Place housing developments are being made and deed restrictions will be followed. City Manager Inman addressed Council regarding the continuation of the annual flu shot clinic. During the annual flu shot clinic employees are given an opportunity to receive a flu shot and receive 8 hours of compensatory time.

By general consensus, Council approved the continuation of the annual flu shot clinic.

Request for Additional Grant Funding for Building Rehabilitation Incentive Grant (BRIG) Discussion

Economic Development Officer, Joshua Ross addressed Council regarding additional funding for the BRIG grant program.

By general consensus, Council approved \$20,000 in additional funding for the BRIG grant program.

Personnel Policy Discussion

Economic Development Officer, Joshua Ross addressed Council regarding changes to the Personnel Policy.

By general consensus, the Personnel Policy Discussion was tabled to the December 2017 Work Session agenda.

Infill Housing Grant Discussion

Economic Development Officer, Joshua Ross addressed Council regarding the Infill Housing Grant program. Light discussion was held.

By general consensus, Council set a public hearing for the Regular September council meeting of September 11th regarding the Infill Housing Grant.

City Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Councilmember Dan Boling asked City Manager Inman to have Public Works staff trim the trees by Grandma Hoyt's. Mr. Boling stated that the trees were obstructing driver's line of sight.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Y. Hayes, Deputy City Clerk