**WORK SESSION MEETING October 27th, 2020**

The Bessemer City Council met in work session on Tuesday, October 27th, 2020 at 3:00PM in Council Chambers. 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, Kay McCathen, Brenda Boyd, Dan Boling, Joe Will and Alfred Carpenter were all present. Also present was City Manager, James Inman.

**Department Head Reports**

Bessemer City department heads gave reports on their department’s status:

Josh Ross, Director of Administration- Mr. Ross addressed Council regarding the CDBG project and the Osage Mill Redevelopment project.

JoD Franklin, Parks and Recreation Director- Mr. Franklin addressed Council regarding the City Soccer program. City Staff decided to conduct Soccer registration and have several participants in the program.

Charlie Harbin, Fire Chief- Mr. Harbin addressed Council regarding the annual BBQ plate sale. This year the sale will be on Friday, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th.

Jamie Ramsey, Assistant City Manager- Mr. Ramsey addressed Council regarding leaf and limb pickup. Due to COVID-19, the Public Works department is down 6 employees. Thus creating a delay in debris removal.

Eynde Frazier, Event & Senior Coordinator- Ms. Frazier addressed Council regarding a holiday decorating contest. Citizens will be encouraged to participate in the contest for bragging rights and a gift card.

Tom Ellis, Chief of Police- Mr. Ellis addressed Council regarding an ongoing investigation.

Diane Jenkins, Finance Director- Ms. Jenkins addressed Council regarding the upcoming audit and two new Customer Service personnel, Summer Wesson and Trina Henderson.

**City Manager’s Report**

City Manager Inman addressed Council regarding an additional Code Enforcement position and general City business.

City Manager Inman also informed Council that a reorganizing of the City’s Code Enforcement department. A full time employee will be needed to meet the community demand. Light discussion was held regarding the cancellation of this year’s holiday events.

**Intent to Close a Right-of-Way**

City Staff addressed Council regarding a right-of-way closure on East Virginia Avenue to aid a business in their expansion.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, the resolution regarding the intent to close a right-of-way closure on East Virginia Avenue was approved. A public hearing regarding the closure of right-of-way of East Virginia Avenue for Monday, December 14th, 2020 at 7:00PM in Council Chambers.

**Council General Discussion**

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. There was none.

**Adjourn**

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 PM by motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote.

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Becky S. Smith, Mayor Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk