## REGULAR MEETING July 8th, 2019

The Bessemer City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 8th, 2019 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

**Members Present**

Mayor Becky S. Smith, Council Members: Alfred Carpenter, Sonny Boyd, Kay McCathen, Joe Will, Dan Boling, and Donnie Griffin were all present. City Manager, James Inman and City Attorney, David Smith were present.

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

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Sevilla Byers, Associate Pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church led the audience in prayer. Mayor Smith led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the July Agenda**

By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote, the July agenda was approved with no revisions.

**Request to Speak/Opportunity for Public Comment**

Mayor Smith opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

**Consent Agenda**

The following items on the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Kay McCathen:

- Approval of Minutes- Regular Meeting Minutes of June 10th, 2019 and Work Session Meeting Minutes of June 25th, 2019.

**Proclamation-National Night Out (NNO)**

Mayor, Becky S. Smith read the National Night Out (NNO) Proclamation a loud and declared Tuesday, August 6th, 2019 as National Night Out (NNO) in Bessemer City.

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, the proclamation was adopted. A copy is available at City Hall.

**Establish Public Hearing: Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Ordinance**

City staff requested that a public hearing regarding the unmanned aircraft system ordinance be established for Council's next regular meeting. City Manager Inman, informed Council that the State has recently permitted municipalities to establish regulations regarding unmanned aircraft systems.

By motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote, a public hearing regarding unmanned aircraft system will be held at 7:00PM in Council Chambers on Monday, August 12th, 2019.

**City Manager's Report**

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding a resolution approving financing terms for the new firetruck. Three banks were solicited for the loan, Home trust, BB & T, and South State. City Staff is recommending the BB & T loan for 5 years at 2.5% interest. This option will save the City about $60,000.

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, the resolution approving financing terms with BB & T was approved.

**City Council General Discussion**

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council member Dan Boling inquired about a code enforcement issue on Bess Town Road. Mr. Inman informed him he would have the Code Enforcement Officer look into the issue. Council member Kay McCathen inquired about standing water and the possibility of widening S. Pinchback Avenue. Ms. McCathen also inquired about the possibility of saluting the NC flag during Council meetings. Mr. Inman assured Ms. McCathen that he would look into each item she addressed. Council member Alfred Carpenter inquired about an update on the "must turn right" sign on the Bessemer City Highway Road pass Costner School Road that was requested last month. Mr. Inman informed Mr. Carpenter he had contacted DOT and did not have any updates as of yet. Mayor Pro Tem Will inquired about a code enforcement issue on Janet's Way Alley, and Council member Boyd inquired about a code enforcement issue regarding bamboo on N. Sunset. Council member Donnie Griffin commended the Fire and Police Departments on all that they do for the City.

**Adjourn**

Being no further business to come before the board, by motion of Alfred and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

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