REGULAR MEETING September 9th, 2019

The Bessemer City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 9th, 2019 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Members Present

Mayor ProTem Joe Will, Council Members: Alfred Carpenter, Sonny Boyd, Kay McCathen, Dan Boling, and Donnie Griffin were all present. Assistant City Manager, Jamie Ramsey and City Attorney, David Smith were present. Mayor Becky S. Smith was absent.

Call to Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor ProTem Will called the meeting to order. First Baptist Pastor, Olin Byrum III led the audience in prayer. City Council members Alfred Carpenter and Sonny Boyd led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the September Agenda

By motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote, the September agenda was approved with no revisions.

Special Presentations & Recognition

Dyslexia Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor, Becky S. Smith read the Dyslexia Awareness Proclamation aloud and declared October 2019 as dyslexia awareness month in Bessemer City. All present were encouraged to engage in acts that promote awareness during this month.

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

Domestic Violence Month Proclamation

Mayor, Becky S. Smith read the Domestic Violence Month Proclamation aloud and declared October 2019 as domestic violence awareness month in Bessemer City. All present were encouraged to engage in acts that promote awareness during this month.

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

September 11th Proclamation

Mayor, Becky S. Smith read the September 11th Proclamation aloud and declared Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 as a day of remembrance in Bessemer City. All present were encouraged to attend the City's "We Will Remember" event on this day. .

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

Hunter Douglas 100th Year Proclamation

Mayor, Becky S. Smith read the Hunter Douglas 100th Year Proclamation aloud and recognized Hunter Douglas as a Centennial business in Bessemer City. All present were encouraged to congratulate Hunter Douglas on this accomplishment.

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

Request to Speak/Opportunity for Public Comment

Mayor Smith opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals came forward:

- Eddie Lowe of 424 N. 9th Street Mr. Lowe addressed Council regarding his concerns with the Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Taylor. Mr. Lowe stated that he felt the fines he has received were unfair.
- Harold Hance of401 E. Ohio Street Mr. Hance addressed Council regarding his concerns with the Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Taylor.
- Melissa Marlowe of 415 E. Virginia Avenue Mrs. Marlowe addressed Council regarding her residence at 415 E. Virginia Avenue. Mrs. Marlowe stated her concern regarding the request to demo her house on this month's Council agenda. Marlowe states that significant improvements were made to her residence.

Consent Agenda

The following items on the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Dan Boling:

- Approval of Minutes- Regular Meeting Minutes of August 12th, 2019 and Work Session Meeting Minutes of August 27th, 2019.
- Temporary Street Closure- Halloween Block Party- City Staff is requesting a temporary street closure of the 100 block of West Pennsylvania Avenue for Parks & Recreation 2nd Halloween Block Party on Saturday, October 26thfrom 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM.
- Temporary Street Closure-Run Around Downtown 5K- The Bessemer City Area Chamber of Commerce is requesting a temporary street closure for their annual "Run Around Downtown" event on Saturday, October 12th from 6:30 AM – 10:00 AM.

Demolition Ordinance- 415 E. Virginia Avenue

Code Enforcement Officer, Dave Taylor addressed Council regarding the ordinance to demolish property located at 415 East Virginia Avenue. Tenants dwelling at said property were given notice of minimum housing code violations in June 2017. An order to close and vacate property was adopted by Council in July 2018. Code Enforcement Officer Taylor is requesting that Council approve an ordinance to demolish the property as the necessary improvements were not made.

By motion Alfred Carpenter a 4 (affirmative) to 1 (opposed) vote with Dan Boling in opposition, City Council adopted the ordinance demolish property located at 415 E. Virginia Avenue. A copy of this ordinance is available at City Hall.

Assistant City Manager's Report

Assistant City Manager, Jamie Ramsey stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

City Council General Discussion

Mayor ProTem Will opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council members Sonny Boyd, Joe Will, Alfred Carpenter, and Dan Boling commended Assistant City Manager Jamie Ramsey for addressing their public works concerns. Council member, Alfred Carpenter also informed Council that he would be expecting a great grandbaby sometime soon.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, by motion of Alfred and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

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Josiah J. Will, Mayor ProTem Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk