REGULAR MEETING November 12th, 2019

The Bessemer City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 12th, 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, Dan Boling, Joe Will, 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. Concord United Methodist Pastor, Vance Spencer led the audience in prayer. Mayor Smith asked all present Veterans to join in and lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Smith also encouraged all present to thank these local heroes for their service and sacrifice.

Approval of the November Agenda

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

Special Presentations & Recognition

Student Appreciation- Students from Bessemer City High School, Bessemer City Middle School, Bessemer City Central Elementary School, and Bessemer City Primary School were recognized by their principals and City Council as part of the Student Appreciation Program:

Dr. Sheila Wyont, Principal of Bessemer City High School, and Mayor Smith, recognized the following students of the month: Taylor Pilkington, 9th grade representative; Ebanee Brown, 10th grade representative; Brian Diaz, 11th grade representative, and Jarkevious Love, 12th grade representative.

Dr. Mellon, Principal of Bessemer City Middle School, and Mayor Smith, recognized the following students of the month: Emmanuel Berry, 6th grade representative; Jalen Starr, 7th grade representative; and Cole Carpenter 8th grade representative.

Mr. Patrick Watson, Assistant Principal of Bessemer City Central Elementary, and Mayor Smith, recognized the following students of the month: Kimberly Cruz, 3rd grade representative; Addison Carpenter, 4th grade representative; and Emelia Seely, 5th grade representative.

Dr. Conley, Principal of Bessemer City Primary School, and Mayor Smith, recognized the following students of the month: Annabelle Collins, Kindergarten representative; Liam Strange, 1st grade representative; and Dominic Ward, 2nd grade representative.

Request to Speak/Opportunity for Public Comment

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

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Consent Agenda
The following items on the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Donnie Griffin:

- Approval of Minutes- Regular Meeting Minutes of October 14th, 2019 and Work Session Meeting Minutes of October 29th, 2019.
- New Year's Ridge Shooters Authorization Request- City Staff is requesting a temporary authorization for ridge runner shooters on New Year's Eve and New Year 's Day.

Public Hearing- Annexation 8th Street Church of God
By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, the public hearing was opened.

Mayor Smith asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the annexation. There was none.

Mayor Smith asked if there was anyone present to speak in opposition of the annexation. There was none.

By motion of Sonny Boyd and unanimous vote, the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance- Annexation 8th Street Church of God
Planning Technician Intern, Mikel Graham informed Council that the 8th Street Church of God had expressed their desire to be annexed into the corporate limits of Bessemer City.

Upon motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote, the 8th Street Church of God located at 906 8th Street was annexed into City limits.

Resolution – Declare Property Surplus
Assistant City Manager, Jamie Ramsey informed Council that a number of vehicles in various departments were recommended to be replaced by City staff.

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, the resolution was adopted. A copy is on file at City Hall.

Assistant City Manager's Report
Assistant City Manager, Jamie Ramsey addressed Council regarding the following:

Capital Project Ordinance-AIA Grant
This a grant for water and sewer asset study including digital and GIS mapping. This project will span over two budget years, so a capital project ordinance is needed.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, the capital project ordinance regarding the AIA grant was approved. A copy of the

Planning & Zoning Board Member Appointment
Mayor Smith informed Council that Planning & Zoning Board Chair, Danny Garrett has resigned as he will be relocating.

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By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, Danny Garrett's resignation was accepted by the board.

City staff informed Council that David Absher, of ward 5 had applied to be on the Board. As Mr. Danny Garrett was serving from ward 5 from Mr. Alfred Carpenter's ward.

By motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote, David Absher was appointed to complete Mr. Garrett's term.

City Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Mayor Smith led the discussion by congratulating Joe Will, Dan Boling, and Sonny Boyd on winning the recent elections. Council member, Dan Boling commended City staff on a great job decorating. Council member, Donnie Griffin congratulated the Fire Department on receiving its new fire truck and inquired about more lights during the Christmas Parade for visibility.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, by motion of Alfred and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk

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