WORK SESSION MEETING

November 26th, 2019

The Bessemer City Council met in work session on Tuesday, November 26th, 2019 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: Dan Boling, Donnie Griffin, Sonny Boyd, Joe Will, Kay McCathen and Alfred Carpenter were all present. Also present were City Manager, James Inman, Department Heads, and City Interns.

Department Head Reports
Bessemer City department heads gave reports on their department's status:

Josh Ross, Economic Development Officer- Mr. Ross addressed Council regarding the Osage Mill, Dhollandia N.V., and the downtown decorating contest. Mr. Ross informed Council that the Osage Mill redevelopment team came to visit and stated that they are expected to begin the first half of 2020. Dhollandia N.V. administration have moved from City Hall in to their own facility. All downtown businesses have been invited to participate in a downtown Christmas decorating contest.

JoD Franklin, Parks and Recreation Director- Mr. Franklin addressed Council regarding several upcoming Christmas events. The Tree Lighting is scheduled for this Saturday, November 30th at 6:30PM. The Christmas in the City festival and Christmas Parade will be at 5:00PM on Friday, December 6th. Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday, December 14th.

Mikel Graham, Planning Technician Intern- Mr. Graham addressed Council regarding the Land Use Plan update, sign permits, and a recycling grant.

Tom Ellis, Police Chief- Chief Ellis addressed Council regarding a body camera study.

Street Closure
City Staff addressed Council regarding a right-of-way street closure request from a citizen located at 202 E. Maine Avenue.

Light discussion between Council and City staff was held.

By general consensus, Council approved City staff to move forward with the right-of-way street closure on 202 E. Maine Avenue.

City Manager Report
City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding property at E. Lee Avenue and property out by the City's water plant reservoir. Light discussion amongst Council and City staff ensued.

By general Consensus, City Manager Inman was directed to pursue the property by the water plants reservoir instead of the property located on E Lee Avenue.

City Manager, Inman addressed Council regarding the appointment of a Planning & Zoning Board Chairman. The former Chairman has resigned, as he and his family have relocated. City Manager, Inman recommended Mr. Allen Hook, a member currently serving on the board.

By general Consensus, the appointment of a Planning & Zoning Board Chairman will be placed on the December 2019 Regular City Council agenda.

Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council member Dan Boling informed City Manager Inman of several complaints he received, one at a place of business along Virginia Avenue and another at the ABC store parking lot. Mr. Inman assured Mr. Boling that he would look in to these items. Council member Kay McCathen inquired about a complaint regarding potential railing along the curve of Mickley Avenue.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 PM by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote.

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