## REGULAR MEETING September 14th, 2020

The Bessemer City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 14th, 2020 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

**Members Present**

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

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

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Council member, Donnie Griffin led the audience in prayer. Mayor Smith led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the September Agenda**

By motion of Kay McCathen 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 2020 as dyslexia 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.

Domestic Violence Month Proclamation

Mayor, Becky S. Smith read the Domestic Violence Month Proclamation aloud and declared October 2020 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 Dan Boling 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 individual came forward:

- Scott Neisler of Kings Mountain Mr. Neisler addressed Council regarding his late son. Mr. Neisler thanked the City for donating to his son's memorial fund.

**Consent Agenda**

The following items on the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Alfred Carpenter:

- Approval of Minutes- Regular Meeting Minutes of August 10th, 2020, and Work Session Meeting Minutes of August 25th, 2020.

**Establish Public Hearing- Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) & Zoning Map**

City Staff is requesting that City Council establish a public hearing regarding the adoption of a form based Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and new Zoning Map at the next Council meeting.

By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote, there will be a public hearing regarding the UDO and new Zoning map at the Monday, October 12th, 2020 meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

**Public Hearing- System Development Study Fee**

Dale Schepers, McGill Associates Consultant addressed Council regarding the System Development Fee Study. Mr. Dale informed Council that House Bill #436, was recently adopted to provide guidelines for City's wishing to charge impact fees. Mr. Dale explained the methodology and engineering standards that were used to compute the system development fee.

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, the public hearing regarding the system development fee was opened at 7:24 PM.

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

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

By motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote, the public hearing regarding a system development fee study was closed at 7:28 PM.

**System Development Fee Adoption**

Light discussion ensued between City Staff and Council.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, the system development regarding future development in the City was approved. The fees are as follows:

Development Type Total System Development Fee
Residential Dwelling Unit – 2 bedrooms $ 3,861.00
Residential Dwelling Unit – 3 bedrooms $ 4,211.00
Residential Dwelling Unit – 4 bedrooms $ 5,573.00
Church without Kitchen, Day Care or Camp $ 4,869.00
General Business and Office – 20 employees $ 5,410.00

Restaurant, Full Service – 60 seats $25,968.00
Convenience Store, with food preparation – 2,500 SF $16,230.00
Stores and Shopping Center without food service – 25,000 SF $27,050.00

These fees will be reflected in the 2020-2021 FY Budget Fee Schedule.

**Resolution- Approving Financing Terms**

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding a resolution approving financing terms for a storage building at the Public Works facility. Said storage facility was approved in last year's budget, however, due to the new fiscal year additional approval was needed.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, the resolution regarding financing terms with BB& T with a 1.69% interest rate in a 5-year period at $300,000.00 was approved.

**Budget Amendments**

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding the September 2020 Budget amendments. The first amendment was for the new leaf collection machine to assist with leaf pickup. The second one is to appropriate and spend the money for the storage facility.

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, the September 2020 budget amendments were approved.

**City Manager's Report**

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding the following:

Resolution to Proceed – A resolution authorizing City Staff to solicit bank bids for the Stinger Park project is needed.

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, the resolution authorizing City Staff to solicit bank bids for the Stinger Park project was approved. A copy of the resolution is available for public inspection in City Hall.

General- City Manager Inman addressed Council regarding the Kiss the Pig 2020 fundraiser, where $19,300 was raised for the local Backpack program.

**City Council General Discussion**

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council member, Alfred Carpenter request that the POW flags be flown of Friday, September 18th in remembrance of POWs. Council member, Donnie Griffin thanked the Police & Fire Department for their dedicated service. Mr. Griffin also led a discussion on speeding on Sunset Lane.

**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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Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk