WORK SESSION MEETING

October 27th, 2020

The Bessemer City Council met in work session on Tuesday, October 27th, 2020 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: Donnie Griffin, Kay McCathen, Brenda Boyd, Dan Boling, Joe Will and Alfred Carpenter were all present. Also present was City Manager, James Inman.

Department Head Reports

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

Josh Ross, Director of Administration- Mr. Ross addressed Council regarding the CDBG project and the Osage Mill Redevelopment project.

JoD Franklin, Parks and Recreation Director- Mr. Franklin addressed Council regarding the City Soccer program. City Staff decided to conduct Soccer registration and have several participants in the program.

Charlie Harbin, Fire Chief- Mr. Harbin addressed Council regarding the annual BBQ plate sale. This year the sale will be on Friday, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th.

Jamie Ramsey, Assistant City Manager- Mr. Ramsey addressed Council regarding leaf and limb pickup. Due to COVID-19, the Public Works department is down 6 employees. Thus creating a delay in debris removal.

Eynde Frazier, Event & Senior Coordinator- Ms. Frazier addressed Council regarding a holiday decorating contest. Citizens will be encouraged to participate in the contest for bragging rights and a gift card.

Tom Ellis, Chief of Police- Mr. Ellis addressed Council regarding an ongoing investigation.

Diane Jenkins, Finance Director- Ms. Jenkins addressed Council regarding the upcoming audit and two new Customer Service personnel, Summer Wesson and Trina Henderson.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Inman addressed Council regarding an additional Code Enforcement position and general City business.

City Manager Inman also informed Council that a reorganizing of the City's Code Enforcement department. A full time employee will be needed to meet the community demand. Light discussion was held regarding the cancellation of this year's holiday events.

Intent to Close a Right-of-Way
City Staff addressed Council regarding a right-of-way closure on East Virginia Avenue to aid a business in their expansion.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, the resolution regarding the intent to close a right-of-way closure on East Virginia Avenue was approved. A public hearing regarding the closure of right-of-way of East Virginia Avenue for Monday, December 14th, 2020 at 7:00PM in Council Chambers.

Council General Discussion
Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. There was none.

Adjourn
Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 PM by motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote.

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