

CITY OF BOAZ

WORK SESSION MINUTES

April 12, 2021

The Mayor and Council met April 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for a work session at the Boaz Senior Center.

Members Present: Council Members David Ellis, Josh Greer, Johnny Willis, Jeff Sims, Mike Matthews, and Mayor David Dyar.

Member Absent: None.

The following topics were discussed:

1. Christie Braswell thanked the Mayor and Council for letting her come talk to them. She stated that she had already talked with Code Enforcement Officer Justin Dunn, City Attorney Christie Knowles, and Police Chief Josh Gaskin. She feels as if her 13 year old son is being singled out for riding bikes at the Cowboy Church because her son was the only one told not to ride on the property and to have the police called on them. The children ride their dirt bikes over there one to two times a week for an hour or two. She stated the sound ordinance is over 30 years old and needs to be amended. Everyone then needs to be told that dirt bikes are illegal.

City Attorney Knowles gave the background of the situation. She stated that there are multiple videos of the motorcycles and you can hear how loud they are. Due to them being so loud they are in violation of the noise ordinance. The property owner was given a notice of the noise ordinance violation.

Council Member Ellis asked if there was any way to make the bike quieter.

Ms. Braswell said she had been looking into making it quieter.

Mayor Dyar advised her to meet with the neighbors and ask if the dirt bike was made quieter if it would be okay to ride at certain times during the week.

2. Boaz Fire Chief stated he was given a state-wide mutual aid agreement at the last North Alabama Fire Chief's Association meeting he attended. The State is wanted all the cities to look at it and give them some feedback. The brush truck is still at NAFECO and they are waiting on some parts to come in. The Weather Warn system is up and the City will be doing testing the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10 am.
3. Street Superintendent Kenny Smith said he had called Whitaker Contracting about coming and doing some paving but he received the same answer as last time about them being on an ALDOT project on Hwy 72. The Country Club area will be the next streets to be paved. There have been some flooding issues in the city but the Street Department has been pecking away at them.
4. Senior Center Director Susan Duvall said they were still waiting on word from the State on whether they can let the seniors come back to the center. Elizabeth Summers with the Sand Mountain Reporter stated that they had received something today saying they should be able to go back April 19, 2021.
5. Parks and Recreation Director Sonja Hard stated that the expected opening date for the new recreation center is May 6, 2021.

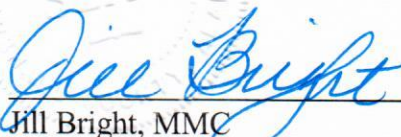
6. Librarian Lynn Burgess stated that she had two potential hires on the council meeting agenda. The Library is getting ready to open at night and weekends starting May 1, 2021. The gate in our courtyard was taken out because of damage to it and the column it was attached to done by some teenagers.
7. Police Chief Josh Gaskin stated he would have three new officers to hire in the next couple of weeks. Kevin Burns has been moved to Animal Control Officer full-time. Chief Gaskin bragged on the Street Department for being a big help with the flooding road we had last week.
8. City Attorney Knowles stated that she had gotten in touch with the railroad company about the railroad crossing being so rough and was able to find out who was over their governmental affairs division. That person is supposed to be getting with Street Superintendent Smith to discuss the issue.
9. City Attorney Knowles gave an update about the Acme Brick Company warranty. She stated the company was very motivated to get this right. The warranty does cover wear and tear due to weather and cleaning the brick. They did specify what the city can use to clean the brick. They want to make the staining option work.
10. City Attorney Knowles reported on the Parallel 33 noise study that was done. She stated that a sound study was done by the University of Alabama. Representatives from the University of Alabama, Parallel 33 officers, the Mayor, City Building Inspector, and her all meet to go over the study. The meeting went well.
11. City Attorney Knowles gave her recommendation to pass Resolution No. 2021-1659. She had spoken with the property owner's attorney about the situation. The property owner's attorney told her that they were close to getting an insurance settlement on the property. She explained to the property owner's attorney that even if the Mayor and Council passed the resolution the City still had 180 days to demolish the property. Her recommendation was to go ahead and pass the resolution and then see if they get the insurance money and they can demolish themselves and the City will not be out any money.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.



David Dyar
Mayor

ATTEST:



Jill Bright, MMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Boaz Senior Center – 5 p.m.

1. Christie Braswell – Dirt Bike Issue
2. Department Head Reports
3. Discuss Agenda