

The Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama met in regular session in the Council's Chamber at the City Hall in said City on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:10 p.m. Central Time. The meeting was called to order by Council President Cleophus King who was Chairman of the meeting. Upon roll call, the following Council members were found to be present: Councilors Cynthia Donald, Ron Marshall, Chester Porter, Donna Thigpen, David Vance, Jesse Matthews and Cleophus King. Absent: None. City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor stated that a quorum was present and the meeting was opened for the transaction of business.

Councilor Thigpen opened the meeting with prayer and everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Gulley invited everyone out to the City of Bessemer Holiday Open House on Thursday, December 7th, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Gulley invited everyone out to the City of Bessemer Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 9th, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Gulley stated that the Access Road at the Bessemer Recreational and Wellness Center is complete. Mayor Gulley stated that the access road has approximately 80 parking spaces.

Councilor Matthews invited Mr. Anthony Buchannan to the podium to address the council. Councilor Matthews stated that Mr. Buchannan has 14 years of service as a software developer. Councilor Matthews stated that Mr. Buchannan has decided to give back to the community. Councilor Matthews stated that Mr. Buchannan is a native of Bessemer/McCalla area and a graduate of McAdory High School. Councilor Matthews stated that Mr. Buchannan has a strong desire to empower children and teenagers in the area of technology. Councilor Matthews stated that Mr. Buchannan has a tech hub in the Pipe Shop Community and he is planning on opening more in the city of Bessemer.

Mr. Anthony Buchannan stated that he has been in the technology industries for 14 years. Mr. Buchannan stated that technology is a growing industry. Mr. Buchannan

stated that technology is lacking in certain areas because it is not expressed in certain demographics. Mr. Buchanan stated that the purpose of the tech hubs is to teach computer programming and coding to low income areas. Mr. Buchanan stated that the targeted age group is 11 to 18. Mr. Buchanan stated that the skills that are being taught to students is something that they can use now. Mr. Buchanan stated that they are informing the kids that technology will continue to evolve and a lot of jobs will be lost because of the growing field. Mr. Buchanan stated that they are placing hubs in the communities and their first hub is in the Pipe Shop Community. Mr. Buchanan stated that they expect to have 20 students per session. Mr. Buchanan stated that they are working on a deal with T-Mobile so that the students can have hotspots to take home with them. Mr. Buchanan stated that their program is to teach the kids the value of technology.

Councilor Porter invited everyone out to a Pink Christmas at Bessemer Civic Center on Thursday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. Councilor Porter stated that Jefferson County Commissioner Sandra Faye Brown and he has partnered together to host this event.

Councilor Porter stated that on Saturday, December 16th, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. on the corner of 12th Avenue and 24th Street, District 2 will have their annual bon fire and everyone is welcome. Councilor Porter stated that Unity CME Church will be there singing Christmas carols. Councilor Porter stated that nice prizes will be given away at both events.

Councilor Vance stated that on January 15th, 2018 on Martin Luther King Holiday there is going to be a Youth Symposium Explosion at the Bessemer City Hall Auditorium. Councilor Vance stated that they will be discussing the roll out of the new Youth Council.

Councilor Porter made a motion to place agenda items number 5, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 on the consent agenda. Councilor Thigpen seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Donald, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Matthews and King. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The following agenda items were approved by the council:

The council approved the minutes from November 21, 2017 city council meeting.

Abatement of Properties

	Address	Parcel	Owner
1.	3117 Avenue B	38-2-3-18-3	Hines Maerene
2.	2113 Short 14th Street	38-5-3-11-12	Forward Motions Realty Inc. Suite SE

Report of Costs

	Address	Owner	Report of Cost
1.	2505 Carolina Avenue	Williams Velma	\$450.00
2.	3230 Avenue C	Gaddis Helen B & William Jr &	\$400.00
3.	3205 Avenue B 3011 Carolina Avenue	McCall George & Phyllis	\$349.00
4.	2503 Carolina Avenue	Gadie Rosie Est of	\$299.00
5.	2507 Carolina Avenue	Olds Ronnie	\$249.00
6.	2507 Carolina Avenue	Humphrey Zechariah Lewis	\$349.00
7.	2113 Fairfax Avenue	Greene Julia &	\$299.00
8.	1320 Berryhill Road	Alliance Realty Capital LLC	\$299.00
9.	3127 Avenue C 2100 Arlington Avenue	Edmonds Lela Bell	\$425.00
10.	2515 6th Avenue	Chiarella Paul F & Frances A	\$425.00
11.	613 24th Street	Dawson Deardres D	\$400.00
12.	3115 7th Avenue	Miller Elfreda	\$249.00
13.	3115 7th Avenue	Hutton Matthews	\$279.00
14.	3212 Avenue C	Willis George Heirs of C/O Heir Lovell Willis	\$299.00
15.	3007 8th Avenue	Haynes Mary Heirs C/O Walter Tate	\$500.00
16.	2929 7th Avenue	Fallin Wilson Jr & Barbara	\$450.00
17.	3000 7th Avenue	Bowe James Edward	\$350.00
18.	2500 Fairfax Avenue	Marcus Tina Est Of	\$350.00
19.	2826 11th Avenue	Player Ceola M	\$375.00
20.	1108 19th Street	Monte William L & Teresa M	\$550.00
21.	1812 11th Avenue	Miller Ruby & Obannan Lester Clarence Heirs	\$450.00
22.	2308 11th Avenue	Edwards Sirarthur & Charity	\$325.00

	Address	Owner	Report of Cost
23.	2819 11th Avenue North	Dun Robert L	\$400.00
24.	1404 26th Street N	King Pearleen M	\$275.00
25.	423 27th Street S 512 26th Street North	Nelson Linda F Heirs of C/O Sarah Longmire	\$300.00
26.	1831 Holbrook Avenue	Simpson Morristene	\$450.00
27.	505 8th Street South	Calhoun Samuel L Jr	\$350.00
28.	514 Ridge Avenue	Farley Elizabeth Ann	\$450.00
29.	401 Wesley Street	Holmes Angela Dunnican James B Heirs of C/O Gertrude Williamson	\$450.00 <u>\$400.00</u>
		Grand Total:	\$11,196.00

RESOLUTION NO. 1545-17

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO
EEFS COMPANY, P.C. CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS**

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer retained the engineering services of EEFS Company, P.C., Civil and Structural Engineers, including the services of Ron Gilbert as City Engineer; and

WHEREAS, EEFS Company, P.C., has submitted invoices for services rendered in the month of October, 2017 totaling the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Nine and 12/100 Dollars (\$34,689.12) herein attached as Exhibit "A", and the City Council of Bessemer, Alabama having reviewed the invoices have determined that payment is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, EEFS Company, P.C., has submitted invoice No. 24534 in the amount of Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Six and 96/100 Dollars (\$3,386.96) for work performed on Bessemer City-Concord Landfill Phase II Closure Project herein attached as Exhibit "B" and the City Council having reviewed the invoices has determined that payment is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, EEFS Company, P.C., has submitted Invoice No. 24579 in the amount of Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven and 19/100 Dollars (\$7,811.19) for work performed on Recreation Center Road and Parking Area herein attached as Exhibit "C" and the City Council having reviewed the invoices has determined that payment is in the public interest; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama at a regularly scheduled meeting duly assembled with a quorum being present that the City Council hereby authorizes payment of the following listed invoices to EEFS Company, P.C., Civil and Structural Engineers:

- a. October 2017 Invoices
- b. Invoice No. 24534
- c. Invoice No. 24579

This resolution shall become effective upon its due adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of December, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 1546-17

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MUNICIPAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING CANDY FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE IN THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2017

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer, Alabama is holding its annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer desires to authorize the purchase of candy for the annual Christmas Parade in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,500.00); and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Bessemer finds and determines that the expenditure of municipal funds for the purchase of candy for the annual Christmas Parade has as its objective the promotion of the public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment and the general welfare of the community and, as such, serves a public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, duly assembled with a quorum being present:

1. That the City of Bessemer, Alabama is holding its annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 9, 2017 and the City Council hereby authorizes the expenditure of municipal funds for the purchase of candy for the annual Christmas Parade in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,500.00).
2. That the governing body of the City of Bessemer hereby finds and declares that the expenditure of municipal funds for the purchase of candy for the annual Christmas Parade has as its objective the promotion of the public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment and the general welfare of the community and, as such, serves a public purpose.
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of December, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO.: 1547-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE BESSEMER AUDITORIUM BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE TO HOST A MONTHLY MEETING AND TOWN HALL

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Democratic Committee which is composed of representatives from the City of Bessemer, Alabama and surrounding cities and towns in Jefferson County, Alabama, desires use of the Bessemer Auditorium, without charge, to host and conduct its monthly meeting and town hall on December 7, 2017;

WHEREAS, the monthly meeting and town hall allows citizens an opportunity to share their concerns with members of the Committee and, likewise, for members of the Committee to share information with and answer questions from residents within Jefferson County;

WHEREAS, the governing body finds and determines that permitting the use of the Bessemer Civic Center by members of the Jefferson County Democratic Committee to

allow citizens an opportunity to share their concerns with members of the Committee and, likewise, for Committee members to share information with and answer questions from residents within the territory of the Committee has as its objective the promotion of the public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment and the general welfare of the community and, as such, serves a public purpose.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Bessemer, Alabama desires to permit use of the Bessemer Auditorium for the purposes herein, without charge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BESEMER, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama hereby authorizes the Jefferson County Democratic Committee the use of the Bessemer Auditorium, without charge, to conduct its monthly meeting and Town Hall on December 7, 2017 to allow citizens an opportunity to share their concerns with members of said Committee and, likewise, for members of the Committee to share information with and answer questions from residents within the area of the Jefferson County, Alabama.

2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of December, 2017.

A hearing was held to rescind the demolition order of property located at 2913 Arlington Avenue and the following citizens appeared before the council.

Attorney Reginald Brown 501 19th Street North stated that he is here on behalf of his client Ms. Debra Davis. Attorney Brown stated that his client is petitioning the council to rescind the demolition order on her property. Attorney Brown stated that his client is asking for 45 to 60 days to restore the property. Attorney Brown stated that Ms. Davis has spoken with a contractor who is willing to do the construction on the property. Attorney Brown stated that Ms. Davis has obtained the finances to restore the property. Attorney Brown stated that Ms. Davis is willing to pay the city back all funds that the city incurred. Attorney Brown stated that Ms. Davis will have the finances on Friday, December 8th, 2017. Attorney Shan Paden stated that Ms. Brown is to provide the city with a paid receipt to the contractors by Friday, December 8th, 2017.

Councilor Marshall made a motion to remove the demolition order and allow a 45 day extension. Councilors Matthew and Vance seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Matthews and King. Nays: Councilor Donald. The motion carried.

The council took no action for Item #16.

Item 16: Approval of Daniels signs for the council offices in the amount of \$ 3,660.00.

Councilor Porter made a motion to delete Item #17. Councilor Donald seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Donald, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Matthews and King. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Item #17: Resolution authorizing the payment of invoices for Jackson Harris, P.C., for the month of November 2017 in the amount of \$ _____.

Councilor Matthews thanks Mr. Buchanan for the Tech Hub that he has in the Pipeshop Community.

Councilor Matthews congratulates Councilor Thigpen for receiving her Advance Certified Municipal Official Award at the Renaissance Ross Bridge on Monday, December 4, 2017.

Councilor Matthews stated that the turning lane at 19th street and 18th avenue is very problematic. Councilor Matthews stated that motorists are using the only lane to travel forward to reach the interstate. Councilor Matthews stated that this practice makes it difficult for the motorists in the inside lane to merge over to access the interstate. Councilor Matthews stated that this is an issue that needs to be addressed.

Councilor Thigpen stated that Councilor Matthews is Vice President for the Alabama League of Municipalities. Councilor Thigpen stated that Councilor Donald is getting her basics classes completed and then she is going to start working on her advance. Councilor Thigpen thanks Councilor King for coming out to the graduation ceremony.

Councilor King announced citizen's participation and the following citizens appeared before the council:

Mr. Joe Oppenshaw 4018 Lakewood Dr. stated that he is the neighborhood president for Lakewood Estates community. Mr. Oppenshaw stated that they are having a holiday home tour and it's sponsored by the Lakewood Neighborhood Association and the Bessemer Historic Society. Mr. Oppenshaw stated that the tours are December 16th, and 17th, 2017. Mr. Oppenshaw stated that the cost is ten dollars and can be purchase through the Bessemer Historic Society website. Mr. Oppenshaw stated that on Saturday, December 16,

2017 the tour is 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm., and Sunday, December 17, 2017 the tour is 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Evelyn Washington 2120 Short 14th Street in the PIPESHOP community stated that they are having problems with their homes being burglarized. Ms. Washington stated that a couple of weeks ago her son's tires were slashed. Ms. Washington stated that there is a house in her community where criminal activity is taking place.

Ms. Lozell Bennett Long 14th Street in the PIPESHOP community stated that her home was burglarized a year ago and she's fed up with the crime that occurs in her neighborhood.

Ms. Gerri Hunter 804 19th Street North stated that this is her fourth year with "Bikes for Bessemer". Ms. Hunter stated that her goal this year is to collect 100 bikes for the kids in Bessemer. Ms. Hunter stated that she challenges all to donate a bike. Ms. Hunter stated that December 20, 2017 is the last day to drop the bikes off. Ms. Hunter stated that you can drop the bikes off at Kaylyn's Restaurant, 306 18th Street North or at Pink Ice.

Mr. Stanley Bibb 3139 Crestover Mountain Road stated that he received a letter from Bessemer Utilities about obtaining water. Mr. Bibb stated that they were instructed to come and pay your deposit and then you will start receiving water. Mr. Bibb stated that his brother and he went and paid their deposit last Monday, November 27, 2017. Mr. Bibb stated that a meter was put in, however his brother and he still do not have water service.

Councilor Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Donald seconded the motion and it carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Wanda D. Taylor
City Clerk
City of Bessemer

Presiding Officer