

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, July 11, 2017 at 7:07p.m. Central Time. The meeting was called to order by Council President Jesse Matthews who was Chairman of the meeting. Upon roll call, the following Council members were found to be present: Councilors Cleophus King, Ron Marshall, Chester Porter, Donna Thigpen, David Vance, Cynthia Donald and Jesse Matthews. Absent: None. City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor stated that a quorum was present and the meeting was opened for the transaction of business.

Reverend Simmons opened the meeting with prayer and everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Gulley stated that Police Chief Nathaniel Rutledge is retiring from the city of Bessemer Police Department effective September 1, 2017. Mayor Gulley thanked Chief Rutledge for his service to the city and he wishing him well on his future endeavors.

Chief Rutledge stated that this is a time of excitement for him. Chief Rutledge stated that he has been carrying a badge and weapon for 29 years and it has been a joy to serve the citizens. Chief Rutledge stated that for the past 14 years he has worked in the city of Bessemer and it has been a supreme joy to be able to lead a wonderful band of people. Chief Rutledge stated that it gives his heart joy to realize where the city has come from to where it is now. Chief Rutledge stated that it gives his heart hope as to where the community will continue to go. Chief Rutledge stated that he is thankful for the leadership and the sad part is to walk away but he is looking forward to the future.

Mayor Gulley stated that the city opened up bids for paving on Dartmouth Avenue and 4th Avenue from 18th Street and McAdory School Road and Dartmouth on 14th Street to the Lipscomb city limits. Mayor Gulley invited Daniel Mayfield of Ron Gilbert's Office (EEFS City Engineer) to address the council and public concerning the details of this project.

Mr. Mayfield stated that they had two bidders for this project: Dunn Construction whose bid was \$2,940,370.77 and Mid South Paving bid was \$2,147,718.22 plus 15% CNI

which is \$314, 155.62. Mr. Mayfield stated that this is ATRIP money and it is an 80/20 split the city of Bessemer portion is \$481,705.28, and Jefferson County portion is an estimate of \$55,000.00, which is the area along 4th Avenue. Mr. Mayfield stated that the city's part should be \$426,705.28 after subtracting Jefferson County portion. Mr. Mayfield stated that the pavement process should start around September, 2017.

Mayor Gulley stated that this is one of the ATRIP programs with 80/20 matching funds. Mayor Gulley stated that he thanks Governor Kaye Ivey who was Lt. Governor at the time for working with them. Mayor Gulley stated that this project was denied in ATRIP II so they went to Montgomery and sat in Governor Ivey's office and on the 3rd round it was rewarded.

Councilor Porter stated that he was blown away to hear of Police Chief Nathaniel Rutledge retirement. Councilor Porter stated that he's always admired and thought of Chief Rutledge as a professional.

Councilor Porter congratulated Attorney Rod Evans on his marriage. Councilor Porter stated that he had the opportunity to attend Attorney Evans wedding ceremony in Montgomery and wishing him much success in his marriage.

Councilor Porter asked everyone to keep Ms. Ethel Borden in your prayers.

Councilor Porter stated that Ms. Borden was admitted to the hospital.

Councilor Matthews stated that he would like to commend Police Chief Rutledge on a job well done. Councilor Matthews congratulated Police Chief Rutledge on his future endeavors.

Councilor Marshall stated that Chief Rutledge has always been a man of integrity and he's always admired the way he carried himself. Councilor Marshall stated that he appreciated the leadership that he has given to the Bessemer Police Department. Councilor Marshall stated that wherever Police Chief Rutledge goes he knows he will be an asset and thank you for your service.

Councilor Matthews stated that Ms. Eleanor Walton of the Pipeshop area passed away and she will have a graveside service at Highland Cemetery on Saturday, July 15th, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Councilor Matthews stated that he received a call from Pastor Faush of Allen Temple AME Church. Councilor Matthews stated that Pastor Faush invited him to speak at Men's Day on Sunday, July 16th, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

Councilor Porter stated that on Sunday, July 6th, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate their 108th Church Anniversary Homecoming. Councilor Porter stated that he will be the Master of Ceremony.

Councilor Porter stated that the Civic Center Committee met on Friday July 7th, to amend their cancellation policy.

Councilor Porter made a motion to place agenda items number 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 15A the consent agenda. Councilor King seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors King, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Donald and Matthews. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The following agenda items were approved by the council:

Report of Costs

	Address	Owner	Report of Cost
1.	908 Borah Avenue	English Bertha	\$299.99
2.	401 Wesley Street	Dunnican James B Heirs of C/O Gertrude Williamson	\$280.00
3.	235 McCalla Road 1510 Granville Avenue	Gents Homes LLC (R/S)	\$449.00
4.		Raine N Joy	\$315.00
5.	1509 Fairfax Aly	Hubbard Clarence E & Addie C	\$305.00
6.	1017 Exeter Avenue	Allen Steve & Lorria	\$345.00
7.	325 Black Avenue 2030 Dartmouth Avenue	Davidson Jacquelin & Pate Amanda M	\$310.00 \$325.00
9.	910 1st Avenue North	Wright J J & Associates Inc	\$275.00
10.	556 Selma Road	Luster Windfred	\$275.00
11.	542 Selma Road	Schiffman Eleanor R	\$470.00
12.	512 Selma Road	Odell Roy LLC	\$279.99
13.	423 27th Street S	Nelson Linda F Heirs of C/O Sarah Longmire	\$270.00

14.	512 26th Street North	Simpson Morristene	\$499.00
15.	2113 Fairfax Avenue	Greene Julia &	\$349.00
16.	2130 Exeter Avenue	Eatman Louise (A)	\$340.00
17.	332 3rd Avenue East	Mooring Tax Asset Group LLC	\$295.00
18.	310 3rd Avenue East	New Creation Ministries Jonesboro Heights	\$299.00
19.	608 McAdory Avenue	3E LLC	<u>\$299.00</u>

**Weed Nuisances Report
Set Hearing Date**

	Address	Parcel	Owner
1.	1001 9th Avenue N	38-9-3-15-2.001	Green Wave of Alabama LLC
2.	1007 1st Avenue North	38-16-1-3-1.002	Hill Patricia & Lewis Calvin
3.	1205 2nd Avenue North	38-9-4-26-7	Hardin Edwina
4.	1213 2nd Avenue North	38-9-4-26-5	Cowan-Dixon Mahalia
5.	1220 2nd Avenue North	38-9-4-27-12	Shelys Investment LLC
6.	1216 2nd Avenue North	38-9-4-27-11	Irby Andrew & Shelia
7.	1206 Alabama Avenue	38-9-4-25-13	Cunningham James
8.	1225 1st Avenue North	38-9-4-25-3	Hardy Clara Mae
9.	1227 1st Avenue North	38-9-4-25-2	Grice Helen Heirs of
10.	1312 3rd Avenue North	38-9-4-18-8	Lloyd Derrico
11.	704 Rose Avenue	38-16-2-14-6	Alabama Investors Group Inc
12.	724 1st Avenue North	38-16-2-12-21	Wolfe Randall F
13.	726 1st Avenue North	38-16-2-12-22	Cooper Herman Heirs of
14.	604 7th Avenue North	38-16-2-23-16	MJM Realty II Inc
15.	519 7th Avenue North	38-16-2-26-5	Hill Johnnie Marie
16.	496 Brewer Drive	30-34-1-9-1	Studivant Gilbert L (D)
17.	496 Brewer Drive	30-35-2-17-102	Studivant Gilbert L (D)
18.	500 Brewer Drive	30-35-2-17-100	Luster Willie Earl
19.	536 Brewer Drive	30-35-2-17-96	Warford Michael
20.	916 24th Street North	38-4-4-15-1	Long Jackie
21.	1019 24th Street North	38-4-4-5-2	Oncal Lucille
22.	1028 11th Street North	38-8-4-10-2	Miller Meosha

23.	1310 14th Avenue North	38-8-1-12-4	Farley Elizabeth Ann
24.	911 West Lake Drive 1115 West Lake Boulevard	38-8-4-2-14 38-8-1-28-8.001	Marks Kemberli I Medley Jerryin Antonio (R/S)
26.	1001 11th Street North	38-9-3-12-1	Thrasher Bulinda Ann
27.	1019 11th Street North	38-9-3-12-5	Robertson Gladys S
28.	3301 Short Avenue D	38-2-3-1-6	Steele Jacqueline
29.	3315 Short Avenue D	38-2-1-14-3	Smith Vanassa Bryant
30.	3318 Short Avenue D	38-2-2-2-9	Guy Henry L & Cal L
31.	3334 Short Avenue D	38-2-1-4-16	Amerson L Z & Catherine
32.	3308 Avenue C	38-2-3-3-11	Howe Byron Dwayne & Rosaline
33.	3227 Avenue B	38-2-3-13-2	Long Tequila & Edward Jerome
34.	3216 Avenue B	38-2-3-12-14	Dickens Bernice Estate of
35.	3012 Granville Avenue	38-2-3-26-15	Coates Roosevelt Jerald Jr
36.	3007 Dartmouth Avenue	38-3-4-10-1	Hall Lorenzo
37.	2921 Fairfax Avenue	38-2-3-34-3	Anderson Louella
38.	2808 Fairfax Avenue	38-2-3-37-11	Harris Brenda (D)
39.	6282 Park South Drive	38-36-3-1-2.003	Gilliam Paul W Jr &
40.	425 Woodland Road	38-17-4-6-12.006	Tracey Frankie L & Ocoola T Conley Joe H & Glinda C/O Conley Aleadria R
41.	111 2nd Avenue North	38-16-3-13-4	
42.	103 1st Avenue North	38-16-3-14-6	Rhone Viola McAlpine Heirs of
43.	16 Center Street	38-16-3-31-9	DSRE Centex Partners LLC
44.	25 Alabama Street 1701 Short 14th Street North	38-16-3-31-20	Tarrant Marie & Louis Heirs of
45.	1711 Short 14th Street North	38-5-4-45-15	McDonald Eunnie Heirs of
46.		38-5-4-45-14	Notes2CashOnline LLC
47.	2232 15th Street North	38-5-3-7-8	Mora Diana Secretary of Housing & Urban Development C/O Vickers Michael P.
48.	131 Griffin Avenue	38-16-3-50-1	
49.	190 Deadrick Street	38-21-2-1-5	Glover Sherry L (A)
50.	1421 Dartmouth Avenue	38-10-3-32-3.003	Parsons Patricia & Sims Cherry
51.	1417 Dartmouth Avenue	38-10-3-32-3	Parsons Patricia G
52.	1413 Dartmouth Avenue	38-10-3-32-3.004	Parsons Patricia & Sims Cherry

- 53. 1604 Clarendon Avenue 38-10-3-16-10 Johnson Timmy
- 54. 1722 Clarendon Avenue 38-10-3-11-12 Bice Brandon
- 55. 1825 Berkley Avenue 38-10-3-3-3 Reach James P
- 56. 2031 Clarendon Avenue 38-10-2-25-1 Nelson Swanstika & Gertrude
- 57. 224 11th Street South 38-16-1-16-23 Aliant Bank
- 58. 926 Hall Avenue 38-16-1-14-14.002 Ward Althea
Jimmerson KeQuan & Bernadette
C/O Deutsche Bank National Trust
Co TR
- 59. 729 Center Street 38-16-4-14-9
- 60. 240 Alabama Street 38-16-4-28-2 Hamilton Cheryl (R/S With Deed)

RESOLUTION NO. 687-17

**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 May, 2017 totaling the sum of Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five and 14/100 (\$50,725.14) Dollars 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, PC has submitted Invoice No. 24075 in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty and 00/100 (\$1,230.00) Dollars for work performed in connection with Jefferson County Environmental Services 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. 24105 in the amount of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven and 03/100 (\$3,711.03) Dollars for work performed on Recreation Center Road and Parking Project herein attached as Exhibit "C" 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. 24049 in the amount of One Thousand Three Hundred Fifteen and 00/100 (\$1,315.00) Dollars for work performed on Concord Landfill Phase II Closure Project herein attached as Exhibit "D" 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. 24052 in the amount of Six Hundred Seventy-Five and 59/100 (\$659.59) for work performed project management regarding building lettering which includes but not limited to obtaining estimates and proposals and on-site meetings herein attached as Exhibit "E" and the City Council having reviewed the invoices has determined that payment is in the public interest.

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. May 2017 Invoices
- b. Invoice No. 24075
- c. Invoice No. 24105
- d. Invoice No. 24049
- e. Invoice No. 24052

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

ADOPTED this the 11th day of July, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 688-17

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPOSIT TO BRENDA WILLIAMS**

WHEREAS, Brenda Williams paid a deposit in the amount of Fifty and No/100 (\$50.00) Dollars to the Bessemer Parks and Recreation Department for Youth After School Basketball Camp for her child; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams has requested a refunds of her deposit due to her child not wanting to participate in camp activities; and

WHEREAS, Alton Woodard, Director of the City of Bessemer Recreation Center, having reviewed the request for refund recommends that the deposit be refunded in the amount of Fifty and No/100 (\$50.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, having considered the request for a refund and the recommendation of Director Woodard, hereby determines that the refund of said deposit is in the public interest.

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, hereby authorizes the refund of Fifty and No/100 (\$50.00) Dollars to Brenda Williams.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its due adoption.

ADOPTED this the 11th day of July, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 689-17

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT TO
COLE ENGINEERING, INC. FOR BESSEMER INTERIM
AND INITIAL BRIDGE INSPECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the City Engineer, Ron Gilbert of EEFS Company, P.C., has reviewed and approved an invoice from Cole Engineering, Inc. for one (1) interim bridge inspection and initial inspections on two (2) bridges performed in March 2017 in the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 (\$2,250.00) Dollars attached as Exhibit "A" and the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama,

having reviewed the invoice, has determined that payment to Cole Engineering, Inc. is in the public interest.

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 and appropriates the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 (\$2,250.00) Dollars to Cole Engineering, Inc.

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

ADOPTED this the 11th day of July, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO.: 690-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT
OF INVOICE FROM JACKSON HARRIS, P.C.,
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2017

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama retained the services of Gregory L. Harris of Jackson, Harris, P.C., as attorney for the City Council at a rate stated in accordance with Resolution No. 040-15 adopted on January 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Gregory L. Harris has submitted an invoice for services rendered for the month of June, 2017 in the amount of Six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five and NO/100 (\$6,595.00) Dollars.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, at a regular meeting duly assembled, a quorum being present, that the City Council of the City of Bessemer hereby approves and authorized the payment of the sum Six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five and NO/100 (\$6,595.00) Dollars to Jackson Harris, P.C., in accordance with the attached invoice.

ADOPTED this the 11th day of July, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 691-17

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MUNICIPAL FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROMOTIONAL
ADVERTISING ITEMS

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer, Alabama (the "City") will co-host along with the City of Birmingham the 2017 NBC-LEO Annual Summer Conference on July 19 through July 22, 2017 (the "Event"); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to purchase promotional advertising items that would be distributed during the Event to bring awareness to and promote the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama finds that appropriating municipal funds in an amount not to exceed One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000) for the purchase of promotional advertising items serves a valid and sufficient public purpose in that it has for its objective the promotion of 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, Alabama at a regularly scheduled meeting duly assembled with a quorum being present that the City Council hereby appropriates the sum not to exceed One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000) Dollars for the

purchase of promotional advertising items to be used at the 2017 NBC-LEO Annual Summer Conference.

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

ADOPTED this the 11th day of July, 2017.

Councilor Matthews announced a hearing for the following properties and no one appeared before the council.

Granted Extensions

Address	Owner	Status
1. 809 Avenue H	Nowak Joseph	No Action
2. 213 2nd Avenue East	Thomas Vallie III	No Action
3. 219 2nd Avenue East	Dial Idella T Extrx	No Action

Councilor Thigpen made a motion for the 3 items to be cut. Councilor King seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors King, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Donald and Matthews. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Marshall made a motion to table item #10. Councilor Porter seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors King, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Donald and Matthews. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Item #10: Resolution authorizing the refund of recreation membership dues to Melonie Wright.

Councilor Matthews announced a hearing for the following 3 properties to be demolished and no one appeared before the council:

1. 805 3rd Avenue North Bessemer, Alabama
2. 2032 Morgan Road Bessemer, Alabama
3. 2913 Arlington Avenue

Councilor Marshall made a motion that all 3 items to be demolished. Councilor Porter seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors King, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Donald and Matthews. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Donald stated that on Saturday, July 15th, 2017 Pastor Vanable Moody (Worship Center) and about 50 of his members are coming out to cut grass and clean up on Paul Hill. Councilor Donald stated that if anyone is interested in participating they will be at 3300 block of Fairfax Avenue at 9:00 a.m.

Councilor Marshall stated that we are responsible for being good stewards of the revenue that are placed in our hands and as long as we work together we will continue to make positive progress. Councilor Marshall stated that he wants to thank Ms. Kela Pryor (Finance Director) and her staff along with the council for moving the city into a sound financial direction.

Councilor Thigpen stated that she would like to thank Sgt. Hank Edwards (Bessemer Police Department) who has been off work for several months due to cancer, however he returned back to work last week. Councilor Thigpen stated that the reason why she would like to say thanks to Sgt. Edwards is because he headed up a group to clean up Saddler cemetery of Morgan road.

Councilor Porter stated that American Red Cross and the Bessemer Fire Department have picked District 2 to install fire alarms. Councilor Porter stated that they are going to walk District 2 and install 400 smoke alarms on September 23, 2017.

Councilor King thanked Bessemer Police Chief Rutledge for his service to the city of Bessemer and thanks to his brother for being a blessing to his mom during her time of illness.

Councilor Matthews stated that Ms. Kela Pryor did bring a great presentation about the city's finances but all department heads needs credit as well. Councilor Matthews stated that all department heads are the reasons for Ms. Pryor's positive report, because of the great work that they do.

Councilor Matthews stated that they will have Pipeshop cleanup day and Valley Creek cleanup day on August 19, 2017, also Pipeshop Day on August 26th, 2017.

Councilor Vance stated that Pastor Davis of Old Jonesboro Baptist Church will have a cleanup day on July 29, 2017 starting at 8:00 a.m.

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

Mr. Clarence Mitchell 5468 Virginia Way stated that he has a problem with the city cutting grass on personal property. Mr. Mitchell stated that his property located on the 1600 block of 10th avenue was cut without his permission. Mr. Mitchell asked does the city cut private property without notification because he didn't receive a letter.

Ms. Shirley Garret 2414 13th Place North stated that her neighbor Ms. Sandra Jones goes to McNeil Park to pickup paper. Ms. Garret stated that she told Ms. Jones that she was going to let everyone know what a wonderful job she was doing. Ms. Garret stated that Ms. Jones wanted to keep the park nice.

Councilor Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor King 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

