

March 6, 2018

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, March 6, 2018 at 7:03 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, Donna Thigpen, David Vance, Jesse Matthews and Cleophus King. Absent: Councilor Chester Porter. City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor stated that a quorum was present and the meeting was opened for the transaction of business.

Ms. Wanda Thomas opened the meeting with prayer and everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Gulley stated that Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce will have Business After Hours Saint Patrick's Day Celebration on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Gulley stated that the Bessemer Public Library will host a Foundation Extravaganza featuring actor Andre Holland on April 28<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Councilor Vance stated that they celebrated Unity Day on February 28, 2018 at Bessemer Alternative School. Councilor Vance stated that balloons were released in honor of the 17 students that were killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland Florida; also they released balloons for the students to promote peace and harmony. Councilor Vance presented Ms. Elaine Holyfield with the Unity Day Recipient Award.

Ms. Holyfield thanks Mayor Gulley and the city council. Ms. Holyfield stated that it is an honor and a pleasure to be a citizen and an advocate for the city of Bessemer.

Councilor King recognized Ms. Mildred Williams (Momma Chic) celebrating her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Councilor King invited Jonesboro Elementary School Principal Dr. Sylvia Haslam to the podium to address the council.

Dr. Haslam stated that Jonesboro Elementary is a star maker school. Dr. Haslam thanks Councilor King and the city of Bessemer for the \$15,000.00 donation towards their

Stem Program. Dr. Haslam stated that the Stem program is preparing students for careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Dr. Haslam stated that the Stem Academy will open in the 2018/2019 school year. Dr. Haslam stated that next month they will be traveling to Phoenix City Alabama to tour their Stem facility.

Councilor King invited Assistant Principal Ms. Jameka Thomas of Bessemer City Middle School to the podium to address the council.

Ms. Thomas stated that fellow teacher Ms. Christie Martin and she are teacher consultants for UAB Red Mountain Writer Project. Ms. Thomas stated that some of the students participated in an art contest for Voices in the Middle. Ms. Thomas stated that Voices in the Middle has a circulation of twenty thousand recipients across the globe. Ms. Thomas stated that Bessemer City Middle School student John Silva's painting will be on display at UAB School of Education; also Mr. Silva's painting will be in the home of twenty thousand English teachers around the globe.

Councilor Matthews Recognize 8 citizens in District 6 for outstanding community services and presented them with a token of appreciation. Councilor Matthews presented plaques to Ms. Shirley Garrett, Ms. Sandra Jones, Ms. Yvonne Storey, Ms. Teresa Thomas, Mr. E.W. Phillips, Mr. Earley Watson Jr., Mr. Robert Williams and Mr. Robert Canada.

Councilor Porter arrived at the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Councilor Donald made a motion to place agenda item numbers 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15A and 15B 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 council consented to approve the minutes for February 20, 2018.

Abatement of Properties

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|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 1. 807 Parker Road                   | 38-17-3-5-4    | Parker, Lillian          |
| 2. 180 11 <sup>th</sup> Street North | 38-8-1-36-9    | Keff, Ralph Edwin        |
| 3. 1831 11h Street North             | 38-8-2-5-9     | Worth Enterprises LLC    |
| 4. 496 Brewer Drive                  | 30-34-1-9-1    | Studivant, Gilbert L (D) |
| 5. 496 Brewer Drive                  | 30-35-2-17-102 | Studivant, Gilbert L (D) |

**Report of Costs**

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| 1. 808 Dock Street                   | Johnson, Laura E                | \$450.00 |
| 2. 910 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue North  | Wright J J & Associates Inc.    | \$450.00 |
| 3. 2426 Fairfax Avenue               | Long, Mary A Heirs of           | \$450.00 |
| 4. 210 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue East   | Jackson, Juanita                | \$450.00 |
| 5. 214 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue East   | Byron, Linda L                  | \$450.00 |
| 6. 105 McClain Street E              | Johnson, Julia E                | \$450.00 |
| 7. 3118 Fairfax Avenue               | Knox, James C                   | \$450.00 |
| 8. 3124 Fairfax Avenue               | Carr, William Jr.               | \$450.00 |
| 9. 514 18 <sup>th</sup> Street South | Fuller, Jay                     | \$450.00 |
| 10. 1807 Fairfax Avenue              | Nebraska Alliance Realty Co,    | \$450.00 |
| 11. 1815 Granville Avenue            | Webb, Latrisa V                 | \$450.00 |
| 12. 1817 Granville Avenue            | Odell Roy Inc.                  | \$450.00 |
| 13. 1508 Avenue I                    | Seales Horace D & Rebecca       | \$450.00 |
| 14. 1507 Avenue I                    | Folker, Bonnie J                | \$450.00 |
| 15. 1121 Avenue I                    | Home Partners LLC               | \$450.00 |
| 16. 904 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North | White Mancell                   | \$450.00 |
| 17. 824 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North | Salter, Alberta                 | \$450.00 |
| 18. 2492 Morgan Road                 | Downtown Jimmie Hale Mission    | \$450.00 |
| 19. 509 West Lake Drive              | Strategic Realty Fund LLC       | \$450.00 |
| 20. 2211 Dartmouth Ave.              | Sachs, Aaron & Dena S. Heirs of | \$450.00 |

**RESOLUTION NO. 049-18**  
**A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING GROVER DUNN TO THE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA**

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WHEREAS, the term of office of Grover Dunn as a member of the Board of Directors of the Industrial Development Board of the City of Bessemer, Alabama (the "IDB") expired on February 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Grover Dunn has requested to be re-appointed to the Board of Directors of the IDB; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama hereby determines that it is in the public interest to re-appoint Grover Dunn to the Board of Directors of the IDB.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, at a regular meeting duly assembled, with a quorum being present, that the City Council of the City of Bessemer hereby re-appoints Mr. Grover Dunn to the Board of Directors of the Industrial Development Board of the City of Bessemer, Alabama for the period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on February 22, 2018 and ending at 12:01 a.m. on February 22, 2024, or until his successor is duly appointed.

ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO.050-18  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO  
EEFS COMPANY, P.C. CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

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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 December, 2017 totaling the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Nineteen and 83/100 Dollars (\$33,619.83) 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

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 to EEFS Company, P.C., Civil and Structural Engineers for services rendered in the month of December, 2017 totaling the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Nineteen and 83/100 Dollars (\$33,619.83).

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

ADOPTED this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO.: 051-18  
A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE USE OF THE BESSEMER  
CITY HALL BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE  
TO HOST ITS MONTHLY MEETING

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Democratic Conference which is composed of representatives from the City of Bessemer, Alabama and surrounding cities and towns in Jefferson County, Alabama, desired the use of the Multi-Purpose Room in the Bessemer City Hall, without charge, to host and conduct its monthly meeting and town hall on March 1, 2018;

WHEREAS, the request for use of the Multi-Purpose Room in the Bessemer City Hall came too late to be considered at a regular meeting of the governing body;

WHEREAS, the monthly meeting was held on March 1, 2018 to allow citizens an opportunity to share their civic concerns with members of the Jefferson County Democratic Conference and, likewise, for members of the same to share information with and answer questions from residents within the territory of the Jefferson County Democratic Conference;

WHEREAS, the governing body finds and determines that permitting the use of the Multi-Purpose Room in the Bessemer City Hall by members of the Jefferson County Democratic Conference to allow citizens an opportunity to share their civic concerns with the Jefferson County Democratic Conference and, likewise, for members of the same to

share information with and answer questions from residents within the territory of the Jefferson County Democratic Conference 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; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Bessemer, Alabama desires to ratify the use of the Multi-Purpose Room in the Bessemer City Hall to conduct the Town Hall Meeting, without charge.

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

1. That the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama hereby ratifies the use of the Multi-Purpose Room in the Bessemer City Hall by the Jefferson County Democratic Conference, without charge, to conduct its monthly meeting on March 1, 2018 to allow citizens an opportunity to share their concerns with members of the Jefferson County Democratic Conference and, likewise, for members of the same to share information with and answer questions from residents within the territory of the Jefferson County Democratic Conference.
2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO. 052-18**  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF**  
**FRANK HOUSE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE DEPOSIT**  
**TO SABRINA LOGAN**

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WHEREAS, Sabrina Logan paid a deposit in the amount of One Hundred Ninety and No/100 (\$190.00) Dollars towards the rental of the Frank House Municipal Golf Course for a banquet to be held on July 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Sabrina Logan requested a refund of the deposit due to event being cancelled; and

WHEREAS, Ed Davis, Director of the Frank House Municipal Golf Course, has reviewed the request for refund and recommends that the a full refund of One Hundred Ninety and No/100 (\$190.00) Dollars be refunded to Sabrina Logan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, having considered the request for a refund and the recommendation of Ed Davis 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 a full refund of One Hundred Ninety and No/100 (\$190.00) Dollars to Sabrina Logan.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its due Adoption.

ADOPTED this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

The Council approved a 020 Restaurant Retail Liquor License for Smokey's located at 5

Academy Lane, Bessemer Al. 35020.

The Council consented to reschedule Planning Session scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to 9:00 a.m. on March 20, 2018.

Councilor Marshall made a motion to consider the ordinance authoring the relocation of certain voting precinct locations for the City of Bessemer municipal elections. Councilor Matthews 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.

Councilor Marshall made a motion to move the ordinance. Councilor Matthews 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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3576**

**AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE LOCATION OF THE POLLING PLACE FOR DISTRICT 2 BOX 1 AND DISTRICT 4 BOX 1; CLOSING THE CURRENT POLLING LOCATION FOR DISTRICT 6 BOX 2; AND LISTING POLLING PLACES FOR THE 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA**

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WHEREAS, the 2018 municipal election for Mayor and Council in the City of Bessemer (the "City") is by law set for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in August, 2018, with the runoff election, should one be necessary, on the 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday next thereafter following; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Bessemer, Alabama (the "City") to relocate certain district polling locations for the City's municipal election to better serve its citizens; and

WHEREAS, District 2, Box 1 will be changed from Abrams School to Dunbar Abrams Community Center located at 2715 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Bessemer, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, District 4, Box 1 will be changed from Fire Station No. 3 to Morgan United Methodist Church located at 2701 Morgan Road, Bessemer, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, District 6, Box 2 will be closing its current location at the Bessemer Civic Center and voters will be relocated to Bessemer Fire Station No. 5 located at 1709 Long 12<sup>th</sup> Street North, Bessemer, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City desires to publish the list of polling places for the 2018 municipal election;

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 as follows:

1. District 2, Box 1 Polling Change. That the District 2, Box 1 polling place is hereby changed from Abrams School located at 1200 23<sup>rd</sup> Street North, Bessemer, Alabama 35020 to Dunbar Abrams Community Center located at 2715 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Bessemer, Alabama 35020.
2. District 4, Box 1 Polling Change. That the District 4, Box 1 polling place is hereby changed from Fire Station No. 3 located at 2316 Morgan Road, Bessemer, Alabama 35022 to Morgan United Methodist Church located at 2701 Morgan Road, Bessemer, Alabama 35022.
3. District 6, Box 2 Poll Closing. That the District 6, Box 2 polling place located at the Bessemer Civic Center, 1130 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Bessemer, Alabama 35022 is hereby closed and voters will be relocated to Bessemer Fire Station No. 5 located at 1709 Long 12<sup>th</sup> Street North, Bessemer, Alabama 35020.

4. List of Polling Places. That the polling places for the 2018 municipal election, including the change of polling places contain in Section 1-3 hereof, are as follows:

| <u>Council District and Box</u> | <u>Polling Place</u>   |
|---------------------------------|--|
| (a) District 1, Box 1           | Fire Administration Building<br>(Formerly National Guard Building)<br>1101 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue North<br>Bessemer, Alabama 35020 |
| (b) District 2, Box 1           | Dunbar Abrams Community Center<br>2715 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North<br>Bessemer, Alabama 35020                                     |
| (c) District 3, Box 1           | Community Center<br>South Bessemer Housing Project<br>2501 Clarendon Avenue<br>Bessemer, Alabama 35020                             |
| (d) District 4, Box 1           | Morgan United Methodist Church<br>2701 Morgan Road<br>Bessemer, Alabama 35022  |

(e) District 4, Box 2  
Parkwood Church of God  
1975 Highway 150  
Bessemer, Alabama 35022

(f) District 5, Box 1  
West Hills Primary School  
710 Glenn Road  
Bessemer, Alabama 35022

(g) District 6, Box 1  
Fire Station No. 4  
495 Flint Hill Road  
Bessemer, Alabama 35022

(h) District 6, Box 2  
Fire Station No. 5  
1709 Long 12<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Bessemer, Alabama 35020

(i) District 7, Box 1  
Thompson Manor  
1500 Exeter Avenue  
Bessemer, Alabama 35020

(j) District 7, Box 2  
Jonesboro Elementary School  
125 Owen Avenue  
Bessemer, Alabama 35020

5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its due adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

Councilor Porter thanks everyone for coming out to the Black History Program at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Councilor Porter stated that Miles College Choir was in concert. Councilor Porter stated that next year Alabama A&M College will be in attendance.

Councilor Porter invited everyone out at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to District 2 Annual Community 360. Councilor Porter stated that it's called Community 360 because of the various vendors that will be in attendance. Councilor Porter stated that



several vendors will give away products dealing with healthcare, cemetery, funeral home and your banking needs. Councilor Porter stated that everything is free of charge. Councilor Porter stated that this is the 6<sup>th</sup> year for this event and it will be held at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North.

Councilor Matthews stated that the polling place for District 6 residents that live near Alabama Adventure has been moved to Pipeshop. Councilor Matthews stated less than 30 people voted at the old location. Councilor Matthews stated that this move is only for the Municipal election in August of this year.

Councilor Matthews stated the District 6 Carriage Hills community meeting is tentative for the last week in March.

Council Donald invited Bessemer Police Chief Roper to address the council to give an update on Norfolk Southern train stalling at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and Carolina Avenue.

Police Chief Roper stated that they have tried contacting Norfolk Southern for several weeks concerning this problem. Chief Roper stated that someone from Norfolk Southern finally called them back and stated that they were having problems with their tracks. Chief Roper stated that Norfolk is repairing some of the tracks and they did not give him a time limit when this will be completed. Chief Roper stated that the train crew can only work a certain amount of hours and this particular crew ran out of hours, at which time they had to abandon the train and wait for another crew to take over. Chief Roper stated that unfortunately the crew hours ran out in Bessemer. Chief Roper stated that the train sat on the tracks for approximately 12 to 14 hours. Chief Roper stated that they are still working on the problem and Norfolk Southern promised him that someone in upper management will contact him on today.

Fire Chief McFarland stated that as far as the train stalling on the tracks; the problem is the air system in the train. Chief McFarland stated that if they break the trains to allow the traffic to pass by it will take 3 to 4 hours for the train to air up. Chief McFarland stated that on tomorrow they will be meeting with a representative from Norfolk Southern concerning

how the trains operates and the information that is giving to them, however they will come back and relay it to the public.

Councilor Porter stated that District 2 had a Crape Myrtle Trimming. Councilor Porter stated that they started Saturday morning around 10:00 a.m. and finished Sunday evening around 4:00 p.m. Councilor Porter stated that he wanted to thank everyone who came out to help. Councilor Porter stated that it is a collective effort for everyone to take pride and keeping the city of Bessemer clean and the responsibility does not rest on the shoulders of the city.

Councilor King asked the Mayor what's the deadline on the list of items that needs to be completed in the city hall.

Mayor Gulley stated that some items have been submitted to the construction Manager. Mayor Gulley stated that the construction manager is working on the outside lights now. Mayor Gulley stated that all items that were submitted before the February 16, 2018 deadline will be addressed.

Councilor King asked Mayor Gulley for an update on Mr. Blake Smith who was having problems with a tree that is on city property being cut down.

Mayor Gulley asked Mr. Bill McLaughlin (Public Works Director) if the tree is actually on the city right of way. Mr. McLaughlin stated that he did have a crew go out, however he doesn't have any information to pass on at this time.

Councilor King stated that District 7 clean-up day will be on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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

Mr. SenDarius Whittset 1731 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North stated that he is the youth pastor in the Pipeshop area. Mr. Whittset stated that he has been doing outreach in the Pipeshop area for 4 to 5 years. Mr. Whittset stated that they want to use McNeil Park for an Easter egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

Ms. Lenora Ballard 5750 Little Coach Circle stated that she has been in her home for 16 years and when they first moved in construction was being done in the area. Ms. Ballard stated that one of the construction company left potholes in the street. Ms. Ballard stated that in her opinion these potholes are bringing their property value down. Ms. Ballard stated that nothing has been addressed in 16 years. Ms. Ballard stated that on behalf of the Carriage Hills neighborhood she wants to make sure they don't get omitted from the next paving list.

Ms. Sharon Gray 517 18<sup>th</sup> Street South stated that a resident on Dartmouth Avenue has a refrigerator and a weight lifting machine sitting in the front of his house. Ms. Gray stated that Dartmouth looks like a city dump. Ms. Gray stated that the council needs to do something about livestock being in the area. Ms. Gray stated that as citizens it's on everyone shoulder to keep their city clean.

Mr. Thomas Thrash 1913 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North stated that he is a candidate for District Court Judge Place 11. Mr. Thrash stated that he is a product of the city of Bessemer. Mr. Thrash stated that its a few things he wants the citizens to take into consideration is his past proven experience as a public servant. Mr. Thrash stated that he has 27 years serving the citizens of Jefferson County: 1<sup>st</sup> as a firefighter for the city of Hueytown, 2<sup>nd</sup> a Jefferson County Deputy Sheriff and now he is currently a Sergeant with the Birmingham Police Department. Mr. Thrash stated that he is an 11<sup>th</sup> year practicing attorney and his office is here in the city of Bessemer. Mr. Thrash stated that his patience with people combine with his experiences, his competence, dedication, commitment to people and his fairness is the thing he feels is most important. Mr. Thrash stated that District Court Place 11 is the seat that Judge Fancher has just retired from. Mr. Thrash stated that he wants to be your Judge at place 11 and he asks you for your support and most importantly for your vote.

Ms. Gail Carrington 3025 Exeter Avenue stated that she has a couple of concerns. Ms. Carrington stated that she has placed calls about a street light being overtaken by the weeds, however no one has come out to cut the weeds away from the pole. Ms. Carrington stated

that the Dollar General that is being built on Dartmouth is in a congested area. Ms.

Carrington stated that they welcome the Dollar General because it brings jobs to that area.

Mr. Anderson Brooks III 5270 Flinthill Trace stated that the road on Flinthill Trace needs to be resurface. Mr. Brooks stated that they have had a lot of issues with this road. Mr. Brooks stated that there are holes in the road, which affects their property value. Mr. Brooks stated that one of the problems they are having because of the road not being surface is whenever there is a rain storm the water washes down to the apartment complex. Mr. Brooks stated that the road is too low and the water does not reach the drains because the drains are higher up.

Ms. Linda Mean 2105 Long 14<sup>th</sup> Street stated that a tree on city property needs to be cut down because when it rains hard the limbs swerve back and forth and she is afraid that the limbs are going to fall on her car.

Mayor Gulley stated that he will have someone come out and take a look at the tree and if the tree is on the city right of way they will have the tree removed.

Ms. Wanda Thomas 2112 Dartmouth Avenue stated that livestock and junk yards are on Dartmouth Avenue. Ms. Thomas stated that there is also an abandon refrigerator in the yard, which is a hazard to kids because the door is not blotted out.

Mr. Chester Porter 2401 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North stated that he is running for House of Representative District 56 on June 5, 2018. Mr. Porter stated that he gets things done and he does not get wrapped up in titles. Mr. Porter stated that his main concern is representing the Marvel City of Bessemer and addressing the city needs. Mr. Porter stated that on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 please give him a chance to represent you in Montgomery and to work with our great Mayor . . . Mr. Kenneth Gulley.

Ms. Nancy Wright 2826 Berkley Avenue stated that on by half of the Library Board Mr. Andre Hollis was still filming and he could not get her for the March 16<sup>th</sup> date, therefore the event was reschedule to April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Ms. Wright stated that she has an issue with the city ordinance on smoking. Ms. Wright stated that she feels like the ordinance is not being

enforced. Ms. Wright stated that she visited a local supermarket and one of the employees was standing outside the door smoking. Ms. Wright stated that she spoke to the supervisor and he was nonchalant about it. Ms. Wright stated that she spoke to the Bessemer City Clerk and suggested that maybe a letter can be sent to the company reminding them about the city ordinance on smoking. Ms. Wright stated that she visited a local restaurant and a patron was sitting in the rocking chair smoking. Ms. Wright stated that this is a pet peeve of hers because she is allergic to cigarette smoke and it affects her health. Ms. Wright stated to please enforce the city's smoking ordinance.

Ms. Jessie Marie Holyfield 2921 Clarendon Avenue stated that she has a concern about the train stopping on the tracks. Ms. Holyfield stated that when kids are on their way to school they have to climb over the train or under the train to get to school and this practice not safe.

Attorney Reginald Brown 501 19<sup>th</sup> Street North stated that he is here on behalf of his client Ms. Deborah Davis. Attorney Brown stated that he is here to give an update concerning the repairs to the property located at 2913 Arlington Avenue. Attorney Brown stated that a lot of repairs have been made and the roof is completed, porch has been taken down and will be reframed. Mr. Brown stated that the sub floor has been replaced and his client has hired a plumber. Mr. stated that next week siding will be installed on the right side of the house and two windows will be installed. Attorney Brown stated that he thanks Mayor Gulley and this council for allowing time for this project to be rehabilitated.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Wanda D. Taylor  
City Clerk  
City of Bessemer

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Presiding Officer

