

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, May 1, 2018 at 7:00 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.

Mr. David Russell opened the meeting with prayer and everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Gulley invited everyone out to attend Alabama Fourth Fair benefitting the Bessemer Hall of History and Museum at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on May 4, and 5, 2018 at Pleasant Hill Family Life Center in McCalla.

Mayor Gulley stated that a question was asked to this administration during the April 17th, 2018 meeting concerning the city's reserved account. Mayor Gulley invited the Finance Director Kela Pryor to address the council and public to give an update on the reserve account. Ms. Pryor stated that at this time the city has about 2.5 million dollars in unrestricted contingency fund. Ms. Pryor stated that she admonishes the council to keep a good working capital in the city's fund balance. Mayor Gulley stated that in 2014 the city used 1 million dollars from this fund for the tornado that struck the city of Bessemer. Mayor Gulley stated that President Obama made a declaration and the city was reimbursed and that money went back into this account. Mayor Gulley stated that the grant funding for paving and the replacing of the bridges on 3rd, 8th and 23rd; the state requires the city to pay for these services up front and the money is pulled from the contingency fund account and then the state will reimburse the money back to the city at a later date. Mayor Gulley stated that the money is used more as a contingency fund than a reserve fund.

Councilor Donald made a motion to place agenda item numbers 5, 9, 10, 11, 12A, 12B, and 12C on the consent agenda. 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.

The Council approved the minutes for April 17, 2018.

A weed nuisance hearing is scheduled for June 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. for the following weed nuisance properties:

	Address	Owner
1.	727 2nd Avenue North	Hunter Willie Lee
2.	714 2nd Avenue North	Andrews Vanessa M
3.	714 6th Avenue North	Hunter Willie Lee
4.	2904 7th Avenue North	Johnson Howard Heirs of
5.	2914 7th Avenue North	Horn Herman
6.	2929 7th Avenue North	Fallin Wilson Jr & Barbara
7.	3000 7th Avenue North	Bowe James Edward
8.	3006 7th Avenue North	Wright James E (R/S)
9.	3020 7th Avenue North	Wright James
10.	3115 7th Avenue North	Hutton Matthews
11.	3109 7th Avenue North	Brown Johnny L Heirs of
12.	3126 7th Avenue North	Bowe James Edward
13.	723 7th Street North	Brown Webster Jr Heirs of C/O Kenneth Brown (Son) (D)
14.	725 7th Street N	Smith John (John Smith In House POA)
15.	642 8th Avenue North	Hester Faye F
16.	625 8th Avenue North	Stanley Thelma &
17.	534 8th Avenue North	Spencer Sherman
18.	530 8th Avenue North	Minor Willie B Heirs of
19.	2501 9th Avenue North	Oneal Sarah E
20.	1712 8th Avenue North	Watson Odessa
21.	1716 8th Avenue North	Webster Gregory

22. 1720 8th Avenue North Jones Napoleon
23. 1724 8th Avenue North Murry Sarah Miller
24. 3007 Carolina Avenue Williams Robert Earl
25. 3009 Carolina Avenue King Ray Anthony
26. 3127 Arlington Avenue Bodley Ernestine
27. 3119 Arlington Avenue Thomas Geneva
28. 3128 Patton Court Walker Edna Hill
29. 3207 Berkley Avenue D & R Group LLC (R/S With Deed) C/O
Morgan Richard Lee
30. 2220 Fairfax Avenue Shearer Enola C/O Earnest Inc
31. 2427 Fairfax Avenue Barham Herman L III
32. 2316 Dartmouth Avenue Magnolia Rentals LLC
33. 2230 Dartmouth Avenue Mixon Gurlean W (D)
34. 2030 Dartmouth Avenue Pate Amanda M
35. 2022 Dartmouth Avenue Peeples Thomas N (D)
36. 2018 Dartmouth Avenue Roman Evelyn
37. 2503 Carolina Avenue Jemison Annie
38. 2503 Carolina Avenue Olds Ronnie
39. 2505 Carolina Avenue Williams Velma
40. 2507 Carolina Avenue Humphrey Zechariah Lewis
41. 6017 Pleasant Hill Road Graham Lee E & Megan Diane
42. 2137 Morgan Road Shiver Donald L & Linda Ray
43. 2129 Morgan Road Shiver Donald Lee & Linda Ray
44. 912 Borah Avenue Woodward George Herman
45. 925 Borah Avenue Chapman Gwendolyn
46. 812 Borah Avenue Lawrence Lettie Mae (A)
47. 339 3rd Avenue East Hester Glenn
48. 305 3rd Avenue East Sanders Lilliantene Heirs of
49. 332 3rd Avenue East Mooring Tax Asset Group LLC
Jackson Mary Ann Heirs of C/O Kelli
McCain Administrator
50. 326 3rd Avenue East
51. 324 3rd Avenue East Keith Cherjani (R/S)
52. 210 2nd Avenue East Jackson Juanita

53.	214 2nd Avenue East	Byron Linda L
54.	105 McClain Street E	Johnson Julia E
55.	401 Wesley Street	Dunnican James B Heirs of C/O Gertrude Williamson
56.	2202 Regency Drive	Franklin Larry Joe & Sandra Evyette Franklin (A)
57.	1223 Brentwood Road	Hollis Warren G & Terry H
58.	1808 15th Street North	Robinson Bester
59.	1812 15th Street North	Robinson James J Jr Estate of
60.	1812 15th Street North	Harris Beverly & Naylan
61.	1816 15th Street North	Harper Carrie Mae &
62.	1826 15th Street North	Cooper Yvonne
63.	1829 15th Street North	Page Larry
64.	2216 15th Street North	Green Ruby Lee, Delaney Ora L & Powell Louis Clark
65.	2218 15th Street North	Green Ruby Lee & Delaney Ora L
66.	2024 14th Street North	R & B Capital Ventures LLC
67.	1808 14th Street North	Prestige Properties & Investments LLC
68.	1812 14th Street North	Martinez Arturo Yanez
69.	1729 14th Street North	Robinson Eddie Heirs of & Lula
70.	1708 14th Street North	Equity Builder LLC
71.	1721 Short 14th Street North	RNH Properties (R/S)
72.	1712 Short 14th Street North	Herring David & Diane
73.	2028 Short 14th Street	Terrell Geneva
74.	1321 21st Avenue North	Gunderson Brian Lee
75.	2204 Short 14th Street	NYIT LLC
76.	327 Center Street	Loper John A III
77.	500 Center Street	Tennessee Regional Holding LLC
78.	729 Center Street	Fortaney Angel
79.	730 Center Street	Joslyn Jack Adam Drew
80.	724 Center Street	McMillin Larry & Ronald &
81.	721 Bell Street	Smith Charles M &
82.	716 Bell Street	Brasher C J &
83.	500 Hyde Avenue	Vaughn Gloria (A)

84. 516 Hyde Avenue Teele A Companies LLC
 85. 520 Hyde Avenue Johnson Charles E & Janice
 86. 526 Hyde Avenue Hunter Bessie & Adkins Albert

RESOLUTION NO. 307-18

**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 February, 2018 totaling the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Nine and 72/100 Dollars (\$33,579.72) 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. 24940 in the amount of Six Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$6,000.00) for work performed on Bessemer 3rd Avenue Streetscape Improvements 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. 24944 in the amount of Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$15,000.00) for work performed on construction engineering and inspection as it relates to the Bessemer Paving 2017 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. 24947 in the amount of Three Thousand Three Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,300.00) for work performed regarding the Multi-Use Trail Phase II Extension (Berkley to Arlington) 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. 24951 in the amount of Seven Thousand Four Hundred Ten and 00/100 Dollars (\$7,410.00) for work performed on the Bessemer Storm Water job herein attached as Exhibit "E" 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. February 2018 Invoices
- b. Invoice No. 24940
- c. Invoice No. 24944

- d. Invoice No. 24947
- e. Invoice No. 24951

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

ADOPTED this the 1st day of May, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 308-18

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF
PARKS AND RECREATION PAYMENT TO ERICA BEVELLE**

WHEREAS, Erica Bevelle made a payment in the amount of Eighty-Five and No/100 Dollars (\$85.00) to the Bessemer Parks and Recreation Department for youth baseball registration for her child; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bevelle has requested a refund of her payment due to her child not being able to be in the league she desired; and

WHEREAS, Alton Woodard, Director of the City of Bessemer Recreation Center, having reviewed the request for refund recommends a full refund payment in the amount of Eighty-Five and No/100 Dollars (\$85.00) to Ms. Bevelle; 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 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, hereby authorizes the refund of Eighty-Five and No/100 Dollars (\$85.00) to Erica Bevelle.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its due adoption.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of May, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO.: 309-18

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BESSEMER BOARD
OF EDUCATION USE OF CARVER PARK TO HOST ITS
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM'S SPECIAL OLYMPICS;
AND DECLARING A PUBLIC PURPOSE**

WHEREAS, the Bessemer Board of Education is a board of education having, maintaining and operating public schools in the City of Bessemer, Alabama;

WHEREAS, the Bessemer Board of Education desires to use Carver Park on May 10, 2018 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to host and conduct a Special Olympics program to honor students for their academic achievements during the 2017-2018;

WHEREAS, local governing bodies in the State of Alabama are authorized to appropriate resources it may deem proper and expedient out of the general funds of the governing body's treasury to local boards of education for the construction, repair operation, maintenance and support of new or existing public schools in municipalities in Alabama;

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Bessemer desires to allow the Bessemer Board of Education use of municipal property, to-wit: Carver Park, without charge, for the purpose of supporting the educational programs of the Bessemer Board of Education;

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Bessemer, Alabama finds and determines that allowing the Bessemer Board of Education use of Carver Park, without charge, for the purpose of hosting a Special Olympics program is a civic matter which has as its objective the promotion of the public schools, 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, as follows:

1. That the Bessemer Board of Education is hereby authorized use of Carver Park, without charge, to hold its Special Olympics on May 10, 2018 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.; and, should there be inclement weather which forces postponement of all or a portion of the event, the Bessemer Board of Education is further authorized use of said facilities on May 11, 2018 under the same terms and conditions.
2. That the governing body of the City of Bessemer, Alabama finds and determines that allowing the Bessemer Board of Education use of Carver Park, without charge, for the purpose of hosting a Special Olympics program is a civic matter which has as its objective the promotion of the public schools, 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 1st, day of May, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 310-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BESSEMER AND THE NAVIGATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARTNERS, INC. TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE CAMP BESSEMER SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Navigate Affordable Housing Partners, Inc., an Alabama non-profit corporation, offers support for projects programs and services that employ youth during the summer months (“Grant”); and

WHEREAS, the Grant provides for reimbursement for eligible program expenses up to Fifty Thousand and 00/100 (\$50,000.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer qualifies for the Grant and has expenses that would be eligible for reimbursement under the Grant, in which the City of Bessemer expects to employ teens 14-18 years old as part of its Summer Youth Employment Program also historically known as Camp Bessemer, where students will work for six (6) weeks and are placed in a number of small businesses, non-profits and city departments based on their career aspirations; and

WHEREAS, after review of the Grant Agreement (the “Agreement”), attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama has determined

that entering into the Agreement with the Navigate Affordable Housing Partners, Inc. is in the best interest of the City.

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. That the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute the Grant Agreement in substantial form as the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
2. That the Mayor shall be and hereby is authorized to execute such other documents or to take such additional actions as are necessary and appropriate to the accomplishment of the purposes of this resolution.
3. This resolution shall become effective upon its due adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of May, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO.: 311-18

A DECLARING SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2018 AS PIPE SHOP
COMMUNITY DAY IN THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA

Sponsored by: Councilor Jesse Matthews

WHEREAS, the Pipe Shop Community Day Committee is an unincorporated association comprised of Laurese Raspberry, Grady Singleton, and Bobby Bland and formed to promote unity, civic and community pride and networking opportunities for residents of the Pipe Shop community in the City of Bessemer, Alabama;

WHEREAS, the Pipe Shop Community Day Committee desires to host a Pipe Shop Community Day celebration on Saturday, August 25, 2018, for the purpose of promoting unity, community and civic pride, and networking in the Pipe Shop Community; and the Committee is desirous of the governing body of the City of Bessemer recognizing such day as Pipe Shop Community Day in the City of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Bessemer, Alabama desires to declare Saturday, August 25, 2018 as Pipe Shop Community Day in the City of Bessemer, Alabama.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. That, for the purpose of promoting unity and community and civic pride within the Pipe Shop Community of the City of Bessemer, Saturday, August 25, 2018, is hereby declared to be *Pipe Shop Community Day* in the City of Bessemer, Alabama.
2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of May, 2018.

Councilor King announced a weed nuisance’s public hearing for the following properties and no one appeared before the council:

	Address	Owner	Status
1.	513 1st Avenue North	Fendley Dan A & Fendley Janice L	No Action
2.	731 7th Street North	Davis Luckie A Heirs of	No Action
3.	721 7th Street N	Booker Yolanda K (R/S)	No Action
4.	1616 6th Avenue North	McKinney Sherry D (R/S)	No Action
5.	109 19th Street South	Great Expectations Millennium Ministries LLC.	No Action
6.	2130 Exeter Avenue	Eatman Louise (A) Perry Michael Ann & Jimmie Ree	No Action
7.	508 29th Street	McLaughlin & Billye Perry Pope & Oscar Lee Perry & Felicia R Perry	No Action
8.	2821 Fairfax Avenue	Harbour Portfolio VIII LP	No Action
9.	3106 Granville Avenue	Smith Sylvia Morgan C/O Shiva Shinti Moxey	No Action
10.	1510 Granville Avenue	Raine N Joy	No Action
11.	913 Borah Avenue	Nedd Bishop	Cut by Owner
12.	509 West Lake Drive	Stonecrest Income And Opportunity Fund LLC	No Action
13.	1004 15th Avenue North	Hancock James M & Linda D C/O Mendez Jose Manuel	Cut by Owner
14.	2121 17th Street North	Green Antoinette M	No Action
15.	2128 17th Street North	Green Antoinette	No Action

Councilor Thigpen made a motion that all items deemed no action to be cut by the city and all items deemed cut by owner be abated. Councilors Marshall and Vance 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 Matthews made a motion to repeal resolution #189-18. Councilors Donald and Marshall 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.

RESOLUTION NO.: 189-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF

BESSEMER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
WITH ALABAMA STEM EDUCATION, INC.

WHEREAS, Section 94.01 of the Alabama Constitution gives municipalities flexibility for expenditures that serve a "public purpose," provided expenditures are in "aid of or to any individual, firm, corporation, or other business entity, public or private, for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial development of the county or the municipality"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama hereby determines that providing funds for the Alabama STEM Education, Inc. 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama hereby determines that it is in the City's best interest to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Alabama STEM Education, Inc. in order to reach all students in the City of Bessemer for the purpose of providing affordable STEM training and GED preparation classes.

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. That the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City and does declare that it is a public purpose to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Alabama STEM Education, Inc. for the sum of Fifteen Thousand and No/100 (\$15,000.00), Dollars to be paid from Line Item 00100000528089 in the General Fund account for the fiscal year 2017-2018.
2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of April, 2018.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to repeal and replace resolution #189-18.

Councilor Vance 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.

RESOLUTION NO.: 312-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
BESSEMER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALABAMA STEM
EDUCATION, INC.; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 189-18

WHEREAS, Section 94.01 of the Alabama Constitution gives municipalities flexibility for expenditures that serve a "public purpose," provided expenditures are in "aid of or to any individual, firm, corporation, or other business entity, public or private, for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial development of the county or the municipality"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama hereby determines that providing funds for the Alabama STEM Education, Inc. 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama hereby determines that it is in the City's best interest to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Alabama STEM Education, Inc. in order to reach all students in the City of Bessemer for the purpose of providing affordable STEM training and GED preparation classes.

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. That the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City and does declare that it is a public purpose to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Alabama STEM Education, Inc. for the sum of Fifteen Thousand and No/100 (\$15,000.00), Dollars to be paid from Line Item 00100000528089 in the General Fund account for the fiscal year 2017-2018, for the purpose of providing affordable STEM training and GED preparation classes to youth of the City of Bessemer during the 2018 STEM Summer Fun Camp.

2. This resolution expressly repeals Resolution No. 189-18.

3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of April, 2018.

Councilor Marshall stated that he had the opportunity to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony at the automotive center at Lawson State College. Councilor Marshall stated that Councilor Thigpen and Mr. William Herron were also there. Councilor Marshall stated that the ceremony was really great and they have a first class facility. Mr. Marshall stated that he is proud to have Lawson State in the community and in District 5.

Councilor Thigpen stated that last Friday morning they were able to attend the promotional ceremony for our illustrious fire department. Councilor Thigpen stated that this is the fire department 1st annual ceremony. Councilor Thigpen stated that she wants to commend Chief McFarland for a job well done.

Councilor Matthews stated that this morning at 7:00 a.m. Mayor Gulley, Mr. Norris, the park and recreational director, silver boomers, several employees and he were at the Walking Trail with Jeh Jeh Pruitt of Fox 6 news.

Councilor Matthews stated that on yesterday he attended a meeting in the city of Hueytown with the West Highlands community and was surprised to see the amount of people that are willing to be annexed into the city of Hueytown. Councilor Matthews stated that this annexation will clear up the confusion about what fire district the West Highland community is in.

Councilor Vance stated that he wants to thank this body for supporting him for wanting to go to Jefferson County to remove a racist mural. Councilor Vance stated that on last week the county unveiled a mural that will take the place of the racist one.

Councilor Vance stated that with this collective body they made a move to cause a positive change and for that he says thanks.

Councilor Porter thanks everyone who came out to support community 360.

Councilor Porter stated that he would also like to thank those citizens who come to all the community meetings. Councilor Porter stated that those who come out are getting first hand information and hats off to everyone of you.

Councilor Donald thanks First Baptist Carver for inviting them to their pastor's 5th anniversary. Councilor Donald stated that she apologize because she had to leave and go to Crumbley Bethel. Councilor Donald stated that she thanks Crumbley Bethel for inviting them. Councilor Donald stated that they left Crumbley Bethel and went to Ross Bridge. Councilor Donald thanks Alabama Stem and Dr. Bob for a wonderful speech.

Councilor Matthew stated that on April 19th, 2018 they had a community meeting at Flinthill Baptist church and he thanks everyone who attended.

Councilor King stated that the National Day of Prayer is scheduled for Thursday, May 30^h, 2018 from 12:00 to 12:45. Councilor King stated that Pastor Kelvin Bell will be the speaker.

Councilor King thanked everyone who attended the Dunbar Alumni Jazz Brunch and Bob Sykes Blues Festival this weekend.

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

Mr. Brian Abrams 616 Roosevelt Avenue stated that they had an art essay contest and they are here to present Ms. Khadijah Bradford of McAdory Middle School with the 1st place prize.

Ms. Elizabeth Long 2928 Berkley Avenue thanks Mayor Gullely for keeping his promise. Ms. Long stated that she thanks all who attended the Jefferson County Prayer Warriors meeting on Aril 21st, 2018. Ms. Long stated that she has a granddaughter with sickle cell and she thanks the city employees for supporting her in raising money to help find a cure.

Ms. Laketa Hall Wright 736 Mill Grey Lane stated that she is a candidate for Deputy Circuit Clerk. Ms. Wright stated that she is a lifelong resident of Bessemer. Ms. Wright stated that she is running for this position because she feels the Circuit Clerk office

lacks leadership, structure and direction. Ms. Wright stated that if she is elected she will bring the office back up to standards by focusing on customer service, employment development and open communication with judges and staff. Ms. Wright stated that she wants to bring a knowledgeable clerk to the office, because right know the office is suffering. Ms. Wright stated that she is asking everyone for their support on June 5, 2018.

Ms. Gail Carrington 3025 Exeter Avenue stated that when she attended council meeting a few weeks ago she mentioned a problem with weeds growing up a pole. Ms. Carrington stated that they cut the weeds at bottom of the pole but the growing weeds still has the light covered. Ms Carrington stated that the pole still needs servicing because there is not enough light being shared. Ms. Carrington stated that she has seen paving happening around the city, however her mother said their area has not been paved since the sixties.

Ms. Betty Little 604 23rd Street stated that Mr. Wheeler wrecker is on 22nd street and he is making that area a junk yard. Ms. Little stated that the residents in that area want to know who to speak with because they do not want a junk yard in their community.

Ms. Nancy Wright 2826 Berkley Avenue thanks everyone for attending the Black Tie Gala on Friday night. Ms. Wright stated that the event was a success and she thanks the city of Bessemer for their continue support of the Bessemer Public Library.

Councilor Matthews made a motion to adjourn. 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.

Wanda Taylor
City Clerk
City of Bessemer

Presiding Officer