WORK SESSION MEETING

November 27th, 2018

The Bessemer City Council met in work session on Tuesday, November 27th, 2018 at 3:00PM in City Hall. Proper notice was given.

Call to Order
Mayor Becky S. Smith called the meeting to order.

Members Present
Mayor Becky Smith, Council Members: Dan Boling, Sonny Boyd, Donnie Griffin, Joe Will, Kay McCathen and Alfred Carpenter were all present. Also present were City Manager, James Inman, department heads, and City intern Mikel Graham.

Department Head Reports
Bessemer City Department heads gave reports on their department status:

Parks & Recreation Director, JoD Franklin addressed Council regarding the 1st annual Halloween Block Party and Community Cruise-Ins & Concert shows. The Halloween Block party was a success with over 400 armbands purchased and 7 local businesses partnering with the City. Franklin thanked the Finance Department for their hard work at the event. The synchronized fireworks display at the last Cruise-In in October was a success. Plans are being made to secure bands for next year's Cruise-In series.

City Intern Mikel Graham informed Council of the various projects he is working on. Currently, he is working with City Clerk Hayes to complete the ordinance report requested by North Carolina General Assembly. In May 2018, North Carolina General Assembly passed House Bill 379 requiring all municipalities to submit an ordinance report that contains all ordinances with misdemeanor penalties. Mr. Graham is also working to complete a report that identifies vacant homes that have not had utility service in over a year for City Manager Inman. According to City ordinance, it is against code to have a house vacant for over a year.

City Manager's Report
City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding the following:

City Hall Signage
City Hall signage for City Hall annex is needed. Light discussion was held regarding potential signage images.

General
Additional work was needed to prepare the Sun Trust building to become City Hall annex. Some ADA and handicap accessibility issues were addressed and ceiling tiles were replaced.

Council General Discussion
Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Assistant City Manage Jamie Ramsey was tasked with checking on a pothole by East Iowa Avenue.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 PM by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote.

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Becky S. Smith, Mayor Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk