

# **WORK SESSION MEETING**

**April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The Bessemer City Council met in work session on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 3:00PM in the Council Chambers of 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, Joe Will, Donnie Griffin, Alfred Carpenter, Kay McCathen, and Howard Jones were all present. Councilmember Donnie Griffin joined the meeting at 3:52PM. Also present were City Manager, James Inman, and department heads.

## **Permit Backyard Chickens**

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council about possibly passing an ordinance allowing citizens to have backyard chickens. Mr. Inman shared information regarding the details of such ordinances in neighboring communities and counties. Light discussion was held. City Council tasked Mr. Inman with contacting the neighboring counties and asking what issues they dealt with in administering the ordinance and report back at the next workshop.

## **Department Head Reports**

Department Heads gave reports on their department status. Light discussion was held.

## **2017-2018 Budget Reports**

City Manager, James Inman presented an updated proposed 2017-2018 Budget to City Council. Items being requested included an IT server, financial software, salt spreader, public safety building, water pump, and general improvements to City Hall.

Light discussion was held during the presentation.

## **City Manager's Report**

City Manager, James Inman informed Council that Gaston County Boys and Girls Club officials will join the May 2017 Work Session to discuss how to strengthen their partnership with the City. Mr. Inman also reminded Council that Dole had extended an invitation to their 10 year celebration on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. City Manager concluded his report with informing Council of all downtown business developments.

## **Council General Discussion**

Mayor Smith and City Council commended City staff for a job well done at the first Sounds of Summer Concert & Cruise-In Series.

## **Adjourn**

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05PM by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote.

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Becky S. Smith, Mayor

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Hydeia Y. Hayes, Deputy City Clerk