

WORK SESSION MEETING

NOVEMBER 28th, 2017

The Bessemer City Council met in work session on Tuesday, November 28th, 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: Donnie Griffin, Alfred Carpenter, Kay McCathen, Dan Boling, Joe Will, and Howard Jones were all present. Also present were City Manager, James Inman, and department heads.

Department Head Reports

Department Heads gave reports on their department status. Parks & Recreation Director Franklin provided Council with the following updates: Christmas Parade and Christmas in the City festival will be held Friday, December 1st, and Breakfast with Santa will be held Saturday, December 9th. Police Chief Ellis addressed Council regarding a recent investigation of a death at the Dole plant and the success of the recently purchased electronic speed monitor. Assistant City Manager Jamie Ramsey, provided Council with an update on City water statistics and on future public works projects. Mr. Ramsey stated that waterline replacements along Georgia Avenue, S. 12th Street, and other streets had begun and would be completed within the next 9-10 months. Finance Officer Diane Jenkins, informed Council that the year-end audit is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

Light discussion was held.

Accept ABC Board Resignation- James Long

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, Mr. James Long's resignation from the ABC Board was accepted with an effective date of October 19. City Council will work to appoint someone to finish his term.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, Inman reviewed Council's monthly calendar of events and stated that the Staff Christmas Dinner and Council photos were quickly approaching. City Manager Inman also stated that in the weeks to come the Annual Planning Retreat would be scheduled in late February or mid- March.

Mr. Inman addressed Council with communication issues and concerns regarding certain volunteers on the Downtown Development Board and sought guidance.

By general consensus of Council, Mr. Inman was directed to take necessary measures to address all communication issues and concerns with the board.

City Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council member Alfred Carpenter thanked Council member Dan Boling for his help on election day. Furthermore, Mr. Carpenter stated that the City had a good election season and he thanked everyone for their help. Council member Kay McCathen commended City staff for being so caring and respectful to the work release staff from Gaston County Corrections Facility.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:54 PM by motion of Howard Jones and unanimous vote.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Y. Hayes, Deputy City Clerk