

Monday, Feb. 6, 2017

CITY OF BRISTOL
REGULAR MEETING

6:30 P.M.

Chairman Woody Stewart called this meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with Vice-chairman John Ritter and Council-members Ellen Lewis, James Kersey, Jr., and Brigham Shuler present. Mayor Steven Cutshaw, Attorney J. David House, and City Clerk Robin M. Hatcher were also present. The invocation was offered by Public Works Supervisor Rocky Peddie. Councilman Brigham Shuler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Shuler moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Councilman Kersey, all voted in favor.

Councilwoman Lewis moved to approve the previous month's minutes, seconded by Councilman Kersey, carried by all.

Councilwoman Lewis moved to approve the monthly bills for payment, seconded by Vice-chairman Ritter, approved by all.

Sheriff Eddie Joe White addressed the Council and requested a \$20,000.00 Public Safety Donation from the City of Bristol. Clerk Hatcher advised the Council to hold a budget workshop to closely assess the City's financial position prior to making a decision on this and reminded the Council that the current year's budget only appropriated \$2500.00 for Public Safety. Following some discussion, Councilwoman Lewis moved to withdraw the unappropriated funds from a CD and make a \$20,000.00 Public Safety Donation to the Liberty County Sheriff's Office, seconded by Councilman Kersey. This motion carried 3:2 with Councilmembers Lewis, Kersey and Stewart voting yea, and Councilmembers Shuler and Ritter voting nay.

Ms. Gloria Keenan, along with Ms. Connie Epperson, requested that the Council donate the cost of or use of a 4 yd dumpster (valued at \$99.07) for one month for community clean-up efforts at the Veteran's Memorial Railroad during the month of February 2017. Councilman Shuler moved to donate use of a 4-yd dumpster for clean-up efforts at Veteran's Memorial Railroad for one month, seconded by Councilman Kersey, approved by all.

Tom and Janell Clemons requested a street light be placed in front of their residence at 10848 NW Michaux Road. Per Mayor Cutshaw's recommendation, Councilman Shuler moved to relocate the street light located at Mayor Cutshaw's residence next door to the Clemon's residence, seconded by Councilman Kersey, carried unanimously.

The Council approved, by general consensus, the sandblasting and repainting of the City's fire hydrants utilizing inmate labor and donated industrial grade paint.

Councilman Shuler moved to approve Resolution #2017-01, A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 5% OF BP OIL SPILL FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE RURAL INLAND COUNTIES AND COMMUNITIES IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA; TO COME FROM THE UNMARKED 25% OF FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE, NOT THE 75% PORTION SET ASIDE FOR THE EIGHT NAMED COASTAL COUNTIES, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, carried unanimously.

The Council approved, by general consensus, a letter prepared by Chairman Stewart and addressed to FDOT requesting a traffic study be conducted at the intersection of SR 12 East and SR 20.

There being no further business, Councilman Shuler moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Chairman: Durwood "Woody" Stewart
City Clerk: Robin M. Hatcher