

CITY OF BRISTOL

Mon., Jan. 7, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

6:30 P.M.

Chairman Stewart called this meeting to order with Council-members Tom Clemons, Brigham Shuler, Ellen Lewis present, and acknowledging one vacant seat on the Council at this time. Attorney D. Jackson Summers and Robin Hatcher, City Clerk were also present. Mayor Steven Cutshaw was not in attendance.

Councilwoman Lewis offered the opening prayer. Councilman Shuler led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Stewart presented a plaque of recognition and appreciation to exiting Council-member John Ritter.

The Chair was relinquished to Attorney Summers for swearing in of elected officials whose terms began January 1, 2019 and expire December 31, 2020 and for the reorganization of the City Council for CY 2019. There was only one official, Councilman Durwood Stewart, sworn in at this time and one Council seat to be filled at the Council's pleasure.

Attorney Summers opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Councilman Clemons nominated Durwood Stewart; Councilman Clemons motioned to cease nominations, seconded by Councilman Shuler, carried by all. Attorney Summers called for a vote by show of hands in favor of Councilman Stewart serving as Chairman of the City Council for CY 2019, all voted in favor. Attorney Summers turned the gavel back over to Chairman Stewart.

Chairman Stewart opened the floor for nominations for Vice-chairman. Councilwoman Lewis nominated Councilman Tom Clemons. Councilman Shuler moved to cease nominations, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all voted in favor. Chairman Stewart called for a vote by show of hands in favor of Councilman Clemons serving as Vice-chairman for CY 2019, all voted in favor.

Councilman Shuler moved to approve the Agenda with one addition, the appointment of a city representative to serve on the ARPC for CY 2019, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, carried by all.

Councilman Clemons moved to establish that this Council's approved method of breaking a tie vote of the Council is to allow the Mayor to cast the tie-breaking vote, seconded by Councilman Shuler, approved by all.

Councilman Shuler moved to appoint Chairman Stewart to serve as the City's representative on the ARPC for CY 2019, seconded by Vice-chairman Clemons, all voted in favor.

Vice-chairman Clemons moved to approve the previous month's minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, carried by all.

Councilman Shuler moved to approve the monthly bills for payment, seconded by Vice-chairman Clemons, approved by all.

Councilman Shuler moved to appoint Ms. Margaret Rankin to the office of City Council-member for a one year term, beginning upon swearing-in and expiring Dec. 31, 2019. Vice-chairman Clemons seconded this motion, carried unanimously. Attorney Summers swore in the newly appointed Council-member. She then took her seat with the Council.

Vice-chairman Clemons moved to approve the purchase of real property parcel #031-1N-7W-01347-000, +/- 2.066 acres for \$3500.00 from Ms. Joe Ann Hansford, contingent upon receipt of a clear title search and title insurance, seconded by Councilman Shuler, all voted in favor.

As a matter of goodwill, not to be construed as admitting liability, Vice-chairman Clemons moved to pay Mr. Louie Rivera \$300.00 for alleged claims of damaged clothing/laundry due to dirt/iron infiltrated into his waterlines; seconded by Councilman Shuler, carried by all. The council further directed the city's engineer and maintenance crew to monitor the line in question to see if further problem's exist, and to determine the required funding to replace that existing dead-end line.

The Council discussed a complaint made by Ms. Donna Bracewell regarding two trees leaning precariously across an unopened city street and her property with root-balls uprooted and exposed during Hurricane Michael. She indicated that this portion of Main Street has never been opened and lies adjacent to Donna Bracewell on the north side of the road, lies adjacent to Charla/EZ Kearce and Edward Rogers' property on the south side of the road, and the Family Dollar store on the east end of this dead-end road. The council did not take action at this time, stating that more information is needed prior to making any decisions.

The Council directed Engineer Byler to remedy a complaint, by contacting the contractor to correct an issue, regarding alleged accumulation of rainwater on a private property as an unintended result of the sidewalk/drainage project installed on Myers Ann and Michaux Rd.

There being no further business Councilman Shuler moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Chairman: Durwood Stewart

City Clerk: Robin M. Hatcher

