

**CITY OF BRISTOL**

Mon., January 8, 2018

REGULAR MEETING

6:30 P.M.

Chairman Durwood Stewart called this meeting to order with Council-members John Ritter, Ellen Lewis, Brigham Shuler, and Tom Clemons present. Mayor Steven Cutshaw, City Clerk Robin Hatcher, Planning Consultant Tony Arrant, and Attorney D. Jackson Summers were also present.

Public Works Supervisor Rocky Peddie offered the invocation. Mayor Cutshaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SWEARING IN & REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL**

Chairman Stewart turned the floor over to Attorney Summers for swearing-in of elected officials with terms beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2019. Those sworn-in were Mayor Steven Cutshaw, City Clerk Robin M. Hatcher, and Council-members Thomas (Tom) G. Clemons, Brigham S. Shuler, and Ellen R. Lewis.

Attorney Summers also led the re-organizational portion of the meeting. He opened the floor for nominations for Council Chairman. Councilwoman Lewis nominated Woody Stewart. Councilman Clemons moved to cease nominations, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all voted in favor. Attorney Summers called for a vote for Council Chair by a show of hands. All voted in favor of Stewart. Attorney Summers turned the chair back over to Chairman Stewart to serve as Council Chairman for CY 2018.

Chairman Stewart opened the floor for nominations for Vice-chairman. Councilman Ritter nominated Councilman Clemons. Councilman Shuler moved to cease nominations, seconded by Councilman Ritter, all voted in favor. Chairman Stewart called for a vote by show of hands for those in favor of Councilman Clemons serving as Vice-chairman for CY 2018. All voted in favor.

Councilman Shuler moved to approve the Agenda with the following revisions: Add Item 3E. Mayor Steven Cutshaw; Delete Item 13G-2. Councilwoman Lewis seconded this motion, motion carried by all.

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

Councilman Shuler moved to approve the monthly bills for payment, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all voted in favor.

The Council agreed by general consensus that the Code Enforcement Officer shall submit a written report to the Council and City Clerk of all code enforcement actions taken during the preceding month including copies of all written/mailed notices/citations issued, to be distributed monthly at each Regular City Council Meeting.

Councilman Shuler moved to release \$ 5000.00 to the LCBCC for Mosquito Control services for FY 2017/2018, seconded by Councilman Ritter, all voted in favor.

Councilman Clemons moved to release \$ 5000.00 to the Liberty County Sheriff's Office for a Public Safety Contribution for FY 2017/2018, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, carried by all.

Code Enforcement Officer Michael Wahlquist advised the Council of two complaints related to two log trucks parking on the rights-of-way in Neal Subdivision. He noted that one of the locations is outside of the city's jurisdiction and further advised the Council that the City's Code Enforcement Ordinance does not address traffic issues. The Council requested that Lt. Summers have the Sheriff's office monitor this to ensure that the vision of motorists at the adjacent crossroads is not impaired by the trucks. He

also informed the Council that one truck does park over/straddle a city water meter and has noted that the owner has been informed that he will be responsible for all costs incurred in the event that a meter should get damaged or broken.

At the request of Councilman Shuler, Clerk Hatcher was directed to send a letter to the Liberty County Superintendent's Office inviting a School District representative to a Council Meeting to discuss and answer questions regarding impacts to the City of Bristol related to the new Liberty County High School construction project.

Planning Consultant Tony Arrant informed the Council that the LCBCC would soon be submitting a Site Plan Development Application to the Council proposing to relocate the Harrell Memorial Library to a lot located on the Southeast corner of CR12 and Michaux Rd. The Council unanimously agreed that the City's Comprehensive Plan would be followed with the same consistency as other developments inside the City limits and relevant fees, advertising and postage costs are to be paid by the applicant.

Clerk Hatcher informed the Council of a residence located on Broken Circle Rd. not currently in compliance with state/local laws that require the residence to remain connected to the City's central sewer system, citing a grinder pump failure as a cause for their non-compliance. The Council did not recommend a variance to the City's Ordinance or issue a hardship waiver. They unanimously agreed that the City's Sewer Ordinance #2016-02 should be followed to help remedy the problem and bring the location back into compliance.

There being no further business, Councilman Shuler moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Chairman: Durwood "Woody" Stewart

City Clerk: Robin M. Hatcher