

CITY OF BRISTOL
Mon., May 8, 2017 REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.

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

Councilman Shuler moved to approve the Agenda with one addition to the new business: Joint FL/AL Training for CEUs for Operator Michael Wahlquist. Vice-chairman Ritter seconded this motion. All voted in favor.

Councilman Kersey 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 Councilman Kersey, approved by all.

Clerk Hatcher informed the Council that Helaman Shuler has requested permission to repaint the city's fire hydrants for his Eagle Scout Project. The Council agreed by general consensus to allow him to repaint the city's fire hydrants, but instructed for him not to begin until after the city's maintenance crew sand blasts the old paint off of the hydrants.

Councilman Shuler moved to approve a Letter of Support for a Trail from Chattahoochee to Bristol and inclusion in the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan and Opportunity Map, seconded by Councilman Kersey, carried unanimously.

Southern Light requests approval of their Permit #4 to install fiber optics on City ROW, requiring 38 ft. of boring under Main Street at the USDA Forestry Building. Councilman Shuler moved to extend the authority to approve the permit to the City Clerk and to authorize her to speak with Southern Light regarding free or reduced rate for high speed internet service to reciprocate the Council for allowing Southern Light to install fiber optics along city ROW instead of requiring them to install the fiber optics on SR20. Vice-chairman Ritter seconded Councilman Shuler's motion. All voted in favor.

By general consensus, Agenda Item 10: Sunshine Amusement was tabled since no one from the company was present to describe their gaming systems or answer questions, and the Council did not have enough information or understanding of their Version 67 Gaming Systems to continue discussion. Clerk Hatcher was directed to invite a representative from Sunshine Amusement to the June 5, 2017 Regular Council meeting to answer questions and present their inquiry regarding placement of the Version 67 Gaming Systems inside local business establishments in Bristol.

The Council held some discussion regarding the issues to be discussed at a Joint Workshop, followed by a Special Meeting if necessary, with the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners to be held on Tues., May 9, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The issues discussed were 1) Inter-local Agreement related to Six Cents Local Option Gas Tax, and 2) Distribution of the new Fire Tax approved by referendum and enacted by the LCBCC on Jan. 1, 2017.

Councilman Shuler moved to approve Operator Wahlquist to attend the FRWA Joint Florida/Alabama Training to obtain required Water/Wastewater Operator CEUs, seconded by Councilman Kersey, carried by all.

Mayor Cutshaw read a letter from a former citizen of Bristol who during several return visits to the City over the past few years noticed the same unkempt properties and complained

why something was not done to clean them up. At this time Chairman Stewart said he had had several citizens approach him about numerous properties within the city that had been in need of cleanup for a long time. He expressed a desire to release Michael Wahlquist as Code Enforcement Officer and appoint Rocky Peddie to this position if he is willing to accept it. No action was taken at this meeting since Code Enforcement Officer Michael Wahlquist was not present to defend his position or make rebuttal concerning the ongoing code enforcement issues.

There being no further business, Councilman Shuler moved to adjourn, seconded by Vice-chairman Ritter, all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Chairman: Durwood "Woody" Stewart

City Clerk: Robin M. Hatcher