

Monday, Jan. 9, 2017

CITY OF BRISTOL
REGULAR MEETING

6:30 P.M.

Chairman Woody Stewart called this meeting to order with Council-members Brigham Shuler, Ellen Lewis, James Kersey, Jr. and Council-member elect John Ritter present. Attorney J. David House and City Clerk Robin Hatcher were also in attendance. The invocation was given by Councilwoman Lewis. Councilman Shuler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Chairman Stewart turned the floor over to Attorney House for swearing-in of elected officials with terms beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2018. Those sworn-in were Councilman Durwood "Woody" Stewart and Councilman John Ritter.

Attorney House also led the re-organizational portion of the meeting. He opened the floor for nominations for Council Chairman. Councilman Kersey nominated Brigham Shuler. Councilwoman Lewis nominated Woody Stewart. Councilman Kersey moved to cease nominations, seconded by Councilman Shuler, all voted in favor. Attorney House called for a vote by a show of hands. Councilman Kersey and Councilman Shuler voted in favor of Shuler. Councilman Stewart, Councilman Ritter, and Councilwoman Lewis voted in favor of Stewart. Attorney House turned the chair back over to Chairman Stewart to serve as Council Chairman for CY 2017.

Chairman Stewart opened the floor for nominations for Council Vice-chairman. Councilman Kersey nominated Brigham S. Shuler. Councilwoman Lewis nominated John Ritter. Councilman Kersey moved to cease nominations, seconded by Councilman Shuler, all voted in favor. Chairman Stewart called for a vote by show of hands. Councilman Kersey and Councilman Shuler voted in favor of Shuler. Councilman Stewart, Councilman Ritter, and Councilwoman Lewis voted in favor of Councilman Ritter serving as Vice-chairman. Councilman Ritter will serve as Council Vice-chairman for CY 2017.

With the Mayor's seat currently vacant, Steven Cutshaw expressed his interest in serving as Mayor for the City of Bristol since no one qualified for this position during qualifying week. Following precedences set by former councils, Councilwoman Lewis moved to appoint Steven Cutshaw to serve as Mayor for a one year term, seconded by Councilman Kersey, all voted in favor.

Chairman Stewart turned the floor back over to Attorney House for the swearing in of Mayor Cutshaw with a term beginning January 9, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017.

Councilman Kersey moved to donate \$1000.00 to United Way of the Big Bend, motion died for lack of a second. Councilman Kersey then moved to donate \$500.00 to the United Way of the Big Bend, seconded by Shuler, all voted in favor.

Councilman Shuler moved to donate \$100.00 to the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life Track Marker, seconded by Councilman Kersey, carried by all.

Councilman Shuler moved to approve Durwood "Woody" Stewart to continue serving as the City's representative on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council for CY 2017, seconded by Councilman Kersey, all voted in favor.

Councilman Shuler moved to approve Roberts & Roberts Change Order #1, adding a 60 day time extension to the contract, seconded by Councilman Ritter, carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Lewis moved to amend the conditions of the Site Plan Development Order issued to Applicant: Weaver Oil Co. and Co-applicants: Mandy Lollie and Wendell Rudd for the Pizza Parlor at 10510 NW SR 20, to say: When/if city sewer services become available at this location, the applicant must connect to the sewer collection system within 60 days of notification of its availability. Councilman Ritter seconded this motion. Motion carried 4:1 with Councilman Shuler voting nay.

Councilman Shuler moved to approve a waiver for Laverne Rankin allowing her to go on a private septic system, because 1) it is within the Council's legal authority to do so 2) the Liberty County Health Department Environmental Services has already approved a septic tank permit at this residence 3) the residence does not abut the city's sewer main and has no access to the sewer main via existing rights-of-way or easement, 4) Ms. Rankin is not claiming any damages or reimbursement for septic tank replacement, and 5) it is questionable whether this residence should be on the city's sewer system because it is approximately 1000 ft from the sewer main and is required to cross two private properties in order to connect to the city's sewer main. Councilman Kersey seconded this motion. All voted in favor.

Councilman Kersey moved to give approval for Operator Wahlquist to procure and purchase an actuator estimated to cost \$4000 - \$5000, approving the lowest quote for purchase, seconded by Councilman Shuler, all voted in favor.

Councilwoman Lewis suggested that the council place a referendum on the next city ballot for residents to vote on whether to increase the pay for the mayor and city council members from \$1.00 per year to \$25.00 per month. The Council agreed to consider this for referendum on the next election ballot.

There being no further business, Councilman Shuler moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Kersey, all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Chairman: Durwood "Woody" Stewart

City Clerk: Robin M. Hatcher