

CITY OF BRISTOL
REGULAR MEETING

Mon., Nov. 6, 2017

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 and City Clerk Robin Hatcher were also present. Attorney House was not present due to medical reasons.

Councilwoman Lewis offered the Opening Prayer. Councilman Shuler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilman Shuler moved to approve the Oct. 9, 2017 Final Millage & Budget Hearing minutes, seconded by Vice-chairman Ritter, carried by all. Councilman Kersey moved to approve the Oct. 9, 2017 Regular Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, motion carried unanimously.

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

City Attorney J. David House submitted a Notice of Resignation effective October 31, 2017 for Council's acceptance. Councilman Shuler moved to accept Attorney House's resignation effective Oct. 31, 2017, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all voted in favor.

The Council opened Proposals for Legal Services received in accordance with the City's Request for Proposals for Legal Services. They were received as follows:

David Jackson Summers, PA	\$750.00 Monthly Retainer \$125.00/hr Extended Litigation, etc.
Andrews, Crabtree, Knox, & Longfellow	\$750.00 Monthly Retainer \$125.00/hr Litigation/Drafts/Contracts, etc
Shalene Grover, PA	\$1200.00 Monthly Retainer \$120.00/hr Litigation

Councilman Shuler moved to table this item so that the Council could review the qualifications of all applicants and hold a Special Meeting on Monday, Nov. 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to rank the proposals and make a decision regarding the proposals, seconded by Councilman Kersey, carried by all.

Councilman Shuler moved to donate \$200.00 to the Rock Bluff VFD Love for Liberty Christmas project, seconded by Councilman Kersey, approved by all.

Councilman Shuler moved to approve Resolution #2017-07, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ALL LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO GOVERN THEMSELVES UNDER MUNICIPAL HOME RULE POWERS CONFERRED UPON THEM BY THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION; URGING THE 2017-18 CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE TO PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN MUNICIPAL HOME RULE

AUTHORITY AND FURTHER RESTRICT UNFUNDED STATE MANDATES. Vice-chairman Ritter seconded this motion. Resolution #2017-07 passed unanimously.

The Liberty County Sheriff's Office requested that the Council release \$5000.00 appropriated Public Safety funds for FY 17/18. Councilman Shuler moved to postpone releasing appropriated Public Safety funds until January 2018, seconded by Vice-chairman Ritter, all voted in favor.

Councilman Shuler moved to approve early distribution of November's payroll and Christmas Bonuses, to be paid on November 22, 2017 prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday, seconded by Councilman Kersey, approved by all.

There being no further business, Councilman Shuler moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Kersey, all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Chairman: Durwood Stewart

City Clerk: Robin M. Hatcher