

June 10, 2019

CITY OF BRISTOL
REGULAR MEETING

6:30 P.M.

Chairman Durwood Stewart called this meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with Councilmembers Brigham Shuler, Margaret Rankin, and Vice-chairman Tom Clemons present. Attorney Jackson Summers, Mayor Steven Cutshaw, and City Clerk Robin Hatcher were also present. Councilwoman Ellen Lewis was not in attendance.

Mitch Willis offered the opening prayer. Councilman Shuler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Shuler moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Rankin, all voted in favor.

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

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

Chris Moran, CPA, Moran & Smith, LLP presented the Audit Report and Financial Statements for FY ending Sept. 30, 2018. There were no findings. Councilman Shuler moved to accept the Audit Report and Financial Statements as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Rankin, carried unanimously.

Liberty Co. Sheriff's Office requested a \$2500.00 refund of a sewer tap-in fee that was paid for as part of their jail improvement project. The council agreed by general consensus not to refund the tap-in fee since it would set a precedence that is in direct conflict with the City's Wastewater Ordinance which prohibits any free services.

SITE PLAN HEARING

Chairman Stewart opened a Site Plan Hearing to consider approval of a Site Plan application proposing to open a coffee shop and bakery at 10659 NW SR 20, Parcel Number 036-1N-8W-02255-000, Bristol, Liberty County, Florida. He turned the floor over to City Planner Tony Arrant for comments and to facilitate the hearing.

Following comments by Mr. Arrant and the applicant, Edie Ethridge, Chairman Stewart opened the Public Comment Period. Ms. Myrlene Carson spoke in favor of the proposed Site Plan application stating she felt like the proposed business would be an asset to our community. There were no other comments, therefore, Chairman Stewart closed the Public Comment Period.

Vice-chairman Clemons moved to approve the Site Plan as submitted, seconded by Councilman Shuler, approved by all.

Chairman Stewart closed the Site Plan Hearing.

Mark Cutshaw and Barry Kennedy of FPUC made a presentation to the Council regarding the ins and outs of providing natural gas to the city and various options available for the City's consideration. The Council unanimously agreed that they were interested in exploring the options available and in studying the feasibility of bringing natural gas into the City. Mr. Kennedy of FPUC's Natural Gas division agreed for FPUC to do preliminary feasibility studies and assessments to determine whether there is a sufficient interest in this service by commercial businesses, schools, residents, etc. He will report back in a few months with the results.

Chairman Stewart called a workshop to be held on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the City Charter and potential revisions to the Charter.

Councilman Shuler moved to approve submitting a 100% reimbursable Grant Application to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Fire Service Division for approximately \$33,000 in fire equipment and supplies, and approving the initial expenditures for the fire equipment and supplies up to the grant amount, conditional upon approval of the grant. Councilwoman Rankin seconded this motion. All voted in favor.

There being no further business, Councilman Shuler moved to adjourn, seconded by Vice-chairman Clemons, carried by all. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Chairman: Durwood Stewart

City Clerk: Robin M. Hatcher