

Mon., Dec. 9, 2019

CITY OF BRISTOL
REGULAR MEETING

6:30 P.M.

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

Councilwoman Lewis offered the Invocation. Councilman Shuler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Stewart recognized Councilwoman Ellen Lewis and Councilman Brigham Shuler for their many years of public service to the City of Bristol and presented a framed Certificate of Appreciation to each of them on this, their last Regular Council Meeting before leaving public office. Neither chose to requalify for office during last year's qualification period.

Vice-chairman Clemons moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all voted in favor.

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

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

Vice-chairman Clemons moved to approve execution of an Agreement with The Management Experts, third party consultant, to continue assisting with Hurricane Michael related FEMA claims and other recovery efforts, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, carried by all.

The Council agreed, by general consensus, that there were apparent deficiencies in the resurfacing of Main Street and in the repaving of the parking lot at City Hall in need of correction. Engineer Byler was directed to obtain access to the necessary equipment to produce a rolling straight edge report to identify whether the deficiencies are indeed outside of acceptable standards and to obtain an asphalt roadway report and mix design. It was agreed that payment to the contractor for each project will be withheld until it is determined that the project meets industry standards and is approved for payment by the Council.

Richard Williams of Opportunity Florida spoke briefly to the Council about the formation of a Super Council consisting of the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners, the Liberty County School Board, and the Bristol City Council. He discussed the purposes and potential benefits of participation in a Super Council. Vice-chairman Clemons moved to approve the Bristol City Council's participation in a Super Council to consist of the LCBCC, the LCSB, and the Bristol City Council, seconded by Councilman Shuler, unanimously approved.

Councilman Shuler moved to post speed limit signs on Michaux Road, heading east and west from Myers Ann St. and to post City Limit signs appropriately where entering and exiting the Bristol City Limits to better mark our jurisdiction, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all voted in favor.

Ms. Myrtle Richards requested that the Council consider paving the City's portion of Ramsey Road (the only unpaved road owned by the City of Bristol) the next time we complete a resurfacing project while a contractor is mobilized in the City of Bristol. Engineer Byler was directed to check on any ROW conflicts, etc. that may exist that would need to be addressed prior to paving this road. Clerk Hatcher stated that if she recalled correctly Ramsey Road was removed from the paving project that consisted of the paving of all dirt roads within the City several years ago due to a conflict in where the ROW exists, where the current road is actually located, and a property owner affected by

the ROW conflict that was not in favor of the paving of Ramsey Road because it would require him to relinquish property.

Based upon a citizen's request, Clerk Hatcher inquired whether the Council would support a "business challenge" that would challenge all businesses to decorate for the Christmas Holiday. The Council failed to take action supporting the "holiday business challenge" stating it was too late in the season to organize, advertise, and effectively accomplish its purpose since Christmas was only 2 weeks away.

There being no further business, Councilman Shuler moved to adjourn, seconded by Vice-chairman Clemons, all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Chairman: Durwood Stewart

City Clerk: Robin M. Hatcher