

**CITY OF BRISTOL
REGULAR MEETING**

MON., OCTOBER 11, 2021

6:30 P.M.

Vice-chair Tom Clemons called this meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with Council-members Chris Vowell and Mary Bracewell present. Attorney D. Jackson Summers, and City Clerk Robin M. Hatcher were also present. Chair Rankin was not in attendance.

Invocation was offered by Public Works Supervisor Rocky Peddie. Councilman Vowell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Vowell moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Council-lady Bracewell, carried by all.

Vice-chair Clemons opened the floor for public comments. 1) Ms. Nina Walker expressed her concern over the Council's proposed water rate increase and asked the Council to carefully reconsider increasing water rates/the amount of rate increase. Vice-chair Clemons acknowledged her concerns and assured her that the rate increase had been carefully considered and was necessary due to the increase in materials/supplies/fuel/ other O&M expenses. 2) Mr. Ray Glisson expressed his interest in serving the public by filling the vacant city councilmember seat or the vacant mayor seat. 3) Mr. Coy Collins also expressed his desire to fill the vacant councilmember seat. 4) Mr. James Kersey expressed his desire to be appointed to fill the vacant mayor position. No action was taken to fill either position at this time since these were not agenda items.

Councilman Vowell moved to approve the previous month's minutes, seconded by Council-lady Bracewell, approved by all.

Council Vowell moved to approve the monthly bills for payment, seconded by Council-lady Bracewell, all voted in favor.

Attorney Summers opened sealed bids for Water and Wastewater System (Hurricane Michael) Repairs. One Bid was received as follows:

Infrastructure, Inc. Tallahassee, FL \$272,350

This bid significantly exceeded the budgeted FEMA Repairs. Motion was made by Councilman Vowell and seconded by Council-lady Bracewell to table the bids until further review by Engineer Byler, guidance from third party FEMA Consultant Traci Buzbee, and pending a determination by FEMA and/or FDEM on whether they will increase the funding allocated for these Hurricane Michael repair items. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Vowell moved to accept the proposal previously received by Dewberry Engineers, Inc. to provide Administration Services for the City of Bristol's CDBG DR and CDBG MIT projects, contingent upon receipt of funding and each contract for service not to exceed \$250,000. Motion was seconded by Council-lady Bracewell, unanimously approved.

Councilman Vowell moved to table Agenda Item 10, seconded by Council-lady Bracewell, all voted in favor.

Attorney Summers read aloud, by title, the 2nd reading of propose Water Rate Ordinance No. 2021-01. Councilman Vowell moved to adopt and enact Water Rate Ordinance No. 2021-01, effective immediately, seconded by Council-lady Bracewell, carried unanimously.

The Kimbrel family submitted a letter requesting speed bumps be installed in Neil Subdivision. No action was taken for lack of a motion.

Councilman Vowell moved to donate \$200.00 from the General Fund for the LCSO Trunk-or-Treat in addition to the donations made by the Bristol Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Council-lady Bracewell, carried by all.

Councilman Vowell moved to approve 3 proposed 3-year Annual Service Agreements submitted by Ring Power for annual maintenance of 1) Onan Generator at Freeman Rd. lift station, \$2068.48 annually 2) Kohler Generator at Water Plant, \$1751.57 annually and 3) Olympian Generator at WWTF, \$2068.48 annually. Motion was seconded by Council-lady Bracewell, approved by all.

Councilman Vowell moved to distribute the budgeted Performance Bonuses to the volunteer firemen who responded to call-outs during the COVID-19 State of Emergency and to city personnel employed during the COVID-19 State of Emergency, to be distributed with October's payroll, seconded by Council-lady Bracewell, unanimously carried.

Council-lady Bracewell moved to proceed with Phase II of the Check-valve and Sewer Laterals Project, approving the original \$2500 mobilization fee, plus an additional \$1800 for mobilization, at the negotiated price of \$150 per check-valve install, with the City to purchase all check-valves and boxes. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vowell, carried by all.

Public Works Supervisor Rocky Peddie submitted his notice of Separation from Employment, effective October 31, 2021.

Public Works Supervisor Rocky Peddie suggested the Council approve placing "No Parking" signs around the Bristol Cemetery. The Council approved, by general consensus, placing signs indicating that parking is for cemetery use only and that they be installed with approval of proper verbiage from the Liberty Co. Sheriff's Office.

Public Works Supervisor Rocky Peddie requested authorization to submit letters of Intent to Purchase budget equipment items. Councilman Vowell approved his request, seconded by Council-lady Bracewell, carried by all.

Councilman Vowell moved to approve advertising to fill the Public Works Supervisor position, seconded by Council-lady Bracewell, all voted in favor.

Council-lady Bracewell moved to advertise the City's Intent to Amend City of Bristol Comprehensive Plan, adding a new state mandated Property Rights Element, seconded by Councilman Vowell, all voted in favor.

Councilman Vowell moved to proceed with advertising for a seasonal/part-time lobbyist and a part-time grants coordinator, seconded by Council-lady Bracewell, carried by all.

There being no further business, Councilman Vowell moved to adjourn, seconded by Council-lady Bracewell, all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Chair: Margaret L. Rankin

City Clerk: Robin M. Hatcher