MINUTES OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, TENNESSEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 5, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

The City of Bristol, Tennessee City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Lea Powers on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Slater Center Auditorium.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Lea Powers, Vice Mayor Chad Keen, Councilwoman Michelle Denise, Councilwoman Margaret Feierabend, and Councilman Jack Young.

Others Present: City Manager William L. Sorah; City Attorney Danielle Kiser; City Recorder Tara Musick; and members of City staff.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilman Young gave the invocation, and Mayor Powers led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND/OR CHANGES: None.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

School Board Appreciation Week - A proclamation designating the week of January 24 -30, 2016, as School Board Appreciation Week in Bristol, Tennessee was read by Mayor Powers. Jim Butcher accepted the proclamation.

Bristol First Program – Butch Gentry, Cory Hand, and Ronnie Mutter, Public Works Department, received recognition through the Bristol First Program based upon a citizen nomination for providing exceptional service. Jaima Helbert, Community Relations Department, also received recognition through the program based upon a nomination from a co-worker for outstanding work and assistance to various parties.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS: None.

APPOINTMENTS:

Beer Board – Mr. Craig Kistner and Mr. Vince Turner were unanimously appointed to the Beer Board to serve terms of office ending December 31, 2019.

Tree Board – One applicant applied to the vacant position on the Tree Board. Councilwoman Feierabend stated that the candidate would be relocating. However, the candidate did not withdraw their application. Council unanimously voted for none of the above candidates.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

A. First Reading of New Ordinances: None.

B. Adoption of Ordinances (Second Reading): None.

C. Resolutions:

Resolution 16-6 – A Resolution for Design and Construction of a Splash Pad at Steele Creek Park

City Manager Sorah presented this resolution to Council for approval. On August 4th, City Council approved Resolution 15-72 authorizing participation in a funding agreement with the Junior League of Bristol to construct a splash pad at Steele Creek Park. The agreement set forth a public-private partnership under which the Junior League would provide $100,000 for the splash pad construction with the City providing the balance of funding needed for completion.

This resolution authorizes the City to enter into a contract with Great Southern Recreation of Murfreesboro, Tennessee for the design and construction of a splash pad. The project has a construction cost of $175,000 and will include a 34' by 44' concrete pad with twenty-three decorative spray features, pumps, filters, controllers, and water storage tank. Parks and Recreation personnel will construct a 16' by 16' building to house the facility's pump, filter, and controls. The service building is anticipated to have a material cost of approximately $25,000. The splash pad will be located near the main entrance to the park in the area known as the multisport field.

Staff received four proposals for the design and construction of the splash pad. The vendors were ranked based upon the size of the proposed pad, water features, quality of the equipment, and experience with similar projects. The selection team was comprised of representatives of the Junior League of Bristol and the Parks and Recreation Department. Great Southern Recreation received the highest numerical ranking of the four vendors submitting proposals.

In addition, the Rotary Club of Bristol has agreed to donate $45,000 toward the construction of a pavilion at the splash pad. The pavilion will include a picnic shelter, restrooms and dressing facilities. Parks and Recreation personnel will be responsible for construction of the pavilion.

Councilwoman Feierabend asked if the plans had been reviewed. City Manager Sorah responded that it will be reviewed by Codes Enforcement personnel. Councilman Young stated that this issue had been discussed a lot in Council work sessions. Councilwoman Denise stated that this is one of those small projects with a big impact. Mayor Powers reviewed products of this type at the TML meeting and summarized the proposal review process. Councilwoman Feierabend stated that Council is very excited about his project and were the first donors. She mentioned that this does not replace the need for a new pool. Mayor Powers stated that the Nature Center expansion is also underway.

Councilwoman Denise moved to approve the resolution, and Mayor Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

City Manager Sorah presented the Consent Agenda to Council. Councilwoman Feierabend moved to approve the consent agenda, and Councilman Young seconded the motion. The following items were approved by unanimous Council vote:

- **Minutes** – December 1, 2015, City Council Meeting;
- **Resolution 16-1** – A Resolution Awarding Bid for the Purchase of Police Patrol Vehicles;
- **Resolution 16-2** – A Resolution Awarding Bid for Uniforms;
- **Resolution 16-3** – A Resolution Awarding a Bid for the Purchase of a Skid Steer Loader;
- **Resolution 16-4** – A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Software Support for the Fire Department; and

- **Resolution 16-5** – A Resolution Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under its Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIASON REPORT:

Director Gary Lilly discussed recent athletic events at Tennessee High School. He discussed progress on the Ida Stone Jones Tennis Center and the Bob Hilton Tennis Facility.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Sorah welcomed Brian Rose as the new Director of Community Development and Planning. He commented that Blake Ailor did a good job preforming the role during the vacancy. Over 8.5 million dollars in permits were issued during the month of December 2015. He also discussed upcoming events.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Powers welcomed Mr. Rose to the City and thanked Mr. Ailor for his service.

Vice-Mayor Keen thanked and commented on the beautiful tennis facility and splash pad projects. He is proud of the employees recognized as part of the Bristol First Program and appreciate their service.

Councilwoman Feierabend thanked Dr. Lilly and discussed upcoming local events.

Councilman Young mentioned the cold weather in January and reinforced for all to be mindful of the workers working late at night. He thanked City staff for assisting the Chamber of Commerce with their simulation projects and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Denise discussed this being a good time of year to focus and sharpen visions. Retail and economic development are growing. Education is the backbone to this progress and ours is fantastic. She discussed the Drive to 55 Program and the City's support of it.

Mayor Powers provided status reports and updates regarding the various committees that she serves on. There is energy in Bristol. The goal for 2016 is not to focus on small things but to remain focused on education and economic development.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Lea Powers,
Mayor

Tara E. Musick,
City Recorder