

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, TENNESSEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

September 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

The City of Bristol Tennessee City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Chad Keen on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Slater Center Auditorium.

ROLL CALL:

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

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:

Mayor Bill Hartley, Bristol, Virginia gave the invocation and Mayor Keen led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND/OR CHANGES: None.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Child Passenger Safety Week – Councilwoman Feierabend read a proclamation designating September 18 - 24, 2016, as Child Passenger Safety Week. Samuel Jones, Buckle Up For Life, was in attendance to accept the proclamation.

Bristol Tennessee Police Department Accreditation – The Bristol Tennessee Police Department was recognized for receiving their 7th accreditation award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA) on July 30, 2016. Chief Blaine Wade thanked the City Council and the City Manager for their support.

Bristol Tennessee Wastewater Treatment Plant Operational Excellence Award – The Wastewater Treatment Plant has been recognized by the Kentucky-Tennessee Chapter of the Water Environment Association for operational excellence during the calendar of 2015. Matt Dake, Plant Manager, accepted recognition of the award for the City of Bristol, Tennessee. He thanked Council for the recognition and stated that it was nice to be recognized.

Bristol First Award Program - Community Relations Director Terrie Talbert recognized Jacob Jenkins, Public Works Department, as the Bristol First Program Award winner for August. He was nominated by a citizen for his help in assisting a sight impaired gentlemen across State Street. Mr. Jenkins was in attendance to receive the award.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Ordinance 16-7 – An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of Bristol, Tennessee by Designating Certain Property as R-1B, Multi-Family Residential (800 and 834 E. Mary Street)

City Manager Sorah reviewed Ordinance 16-7 which proposes the rezoning of property located at 800 East Mary Street, an 8.1 acre tract currently zoned as M-2 (General Industrial) and 834 East Mary Street, a 1.45 acre tract currently zoned M-1 (Light Industrial/Business) to R-1B Medium Density Single-Family Residential. The proposed rezoning is at the request of the property owner, Mr. Kenneth Dunn. A portion of the property was the subject of a rezoning request that was considered during the June 8, 2016 meeting. The request was subsequently withdrawn by the owner prior to Council consideration on second reading. Mr. Dunn continues his earlier plan to develop a landscape business on the property located at 856 East Mary Street. He anticipates constructing a single family residence on the balance of the property and has requested a zoning designation consistent with that use.

The *Land Use Plan and Policy* forecasts Low Density Residential development in this area. Much of the area is currently zoned as R-3 Multi-Family Residential with the balance of the property having a manufacturing zoning designation. While the surrounding residential property is zoned as R-3 Multi-Family Residential, the use is single family residential. Staff believes the less intense zoning designation of R-1B will provide density similar to the current use and protective of the community.

The Bristol Regional Planning Commission considered this matter at their July 16th meeting and voted unanimously to recommend the rezoning request to City Council.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS: None

APPOINTMENTS:

Bristol Public Library Foundation – City Council addressed the vacancy of one seat on the Bristol Public Library Foundation. Mr. Michael Webb was unanimously appointed to the Bristol Public Library Foundation to serve a term of office ending June 30, 2019.

Industrial Development Board – City Council addressed the vacancy of two seats on the Industrial Development Board. Mr. Raj Venkatarama and Mr. Mitch Walters were unanimously appointed to the Industrial Development Board to serve a term of office ending August 31, 2022.

Power Board – City Council addressed the vacancy of one seat on the Power Board. Mr. Jonathan Roberts was appointed to the Power Board to serve a term of office ending June 30, 2020. Council voted as follows:

Councilwoman Denise	Jonathan Roberts
Councilwoman Powers	Bryan Boyd
Vice Mayor	Jonathan Roberts
Mayor Keen	Jonathan Roberts
Councilwoman Feierabend	Cathy Mullins

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

A. First Reading of New Ordinances: None

B. Adoption of Ordinances (Second Reading):

Ordinance 16-7 – An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of Bristol, Tennessee by Designating Certain Property as R-1B, Multi-Family Residential (800 and 834 E. Mary Street)

City Manager Sorah reviewed this ordinance which was the earlier subject of a public hearing. Councilwoman Feierabend made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading, and Councilwoman Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

C. Resolutions:

Resolution 16-80 – A Resolution Approving an Agreement with CareHere Management, PLLC to Provide an Employee Health Clinic

City Manager Sorah stated that an element of the City’s plan of work for Fiscal 2017 includes the creation of an employee/dependent health clinic and wellness center. Resolution 16-80 authorizes the City to enter into an agreement with CareHere Management, PLLC, of Brentwood, Tennessee to provide this service. As health care costs have risen, staff has pursued several strategies to achieve the overall goal of containing health care costs while still providing quality care for employees. An in-house clinic was evaluated as a new avenue to contain health care costs while offering increased access to medical care. In providing this service, the City will contract with a

third party to staff and operate the clinic. Employees and their dependents will have access to the on-site clinic for urgent care as well as primary care needs. Services provided will include acute care, primary care, health screenings, preventive vaccinations, and health coaching. In addition, the clinic will provide pre-employment physicals, treatment of workers compensation injuries (within scope of capabilities), as well as random and post-accident drug screens.

Proposals were received from three vendors to provide the clinic services. Proposals were received from Wellmont Health Services, Mountain States Health Alliance, and CareHere Management, PLLC. Staff utilized the services of Sherrill Morgan, the City's consultant for employee health benefit solutions, to evaluate the proposals and provide guidance in the selection of the appropriate provider.

Resolution 16-80 authorizes the City to enter a three-year health services agreement with CareHere to provide for management of the City's employee health clinic and wellness center. In addition to the initial three-year period, the City has the option to extend the agreement for an additional two-year term(s).

Councilwoman Powers moved to approve the resolution, and Councilwoman Feierabend seconded the motion. The resolution was approved by a unanimous Council vote.

Resolution 16-82 – Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of not to Exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000) General Obligation Bonds of the City of Bristol Tennessee

City Manager Sorah stated that Resolution 16-82 formalizes the intent of City Council to issue up to \$4,500,000 in new bonds and provides public notice of the planned borrowing according to statute. The resolution provides details of the Series 2016 bond issue which calls for a fixed rate borrowing not to exceed \$4,500,000. The bonds will be sold by competitive sale. Capital projects planned for funding with the proceeds from the sale include the construction of a new fire and emergency medical station on West State Street. In addition, the proceeds will be used to fund capital equipment necessary for the operation of the new station. The term of the borrowing will be for a period of thirty years for the fire station, twenty years for the fire apparatus, and ten years for the emergency medical services equipment.

Mr. Scott Gibson, of Cumberland Securities Company, Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee, will serve as financial advisor and Mr. Mark Mamantov, of Bass, Berry and Sims, of Knoxville, Tennessee, will serve as bond counsel. Resolution 16-82 satisfies the twenty-one day public notification requirement for the issuance of debt.

Councilwoman Denise moved to approve the resolution, and Councilwoman Feierabend seconded the motion. The resolution was approved by a unanimous Council vote.

- Resolution 16-76 A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Emergency Communications District of the City of Bristol, Tennessee
- Resolution 16-77 A Resolution Approving the Purchase of a 12-Lead Cardiac Monitor
- Resolution 16-78 A Resolution Approving a Grant Agreement with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for Transit Operating Assistance
- Resolution 16-79 A Resolution Approving a Right-of-Way Access Agreement with Zayo Group, LLC
- Resolution 16-84 A Resolution Authorizing a Third Agreement to Development, Allocation and Loan Agreement Relating to Border Region Retail Development
- Resolution 16-85 A Resolution Approving a Settlement Agreement and Mutual General Release with B&B of TN, GP

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIASON REPORT:

Dr. Gary Lilly announced that the United States Secretary of Education would be visiting Vance Middle School on September 13. He stated that he was excited about the legendary football game between Tennessee High School and Virginia High School taking place on Thursday, September 8. He stated that the V/T parade would be held on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:00 p.m.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Sorah complimented Fire, Police, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation Departments for their hard work during the special events. He mentioned that the University of Tennessee and Virginia Tech and the Rhythm and Roots Reunion are head of us.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Powers said that the Birthplace of Country Music would be making a major announcement on Sunday, September 18. She stated that Rhythm and Roots organizers are still in need of volunteers. She complimented the Parks and Recreation Department on the completion of the Splash Pad. She complimented Networks Sullivan Partnership on the Red Carpet Tour.

Councilwoman Feierabend thanked the Virginia High School Cheerleaders for helping to “paint the town.” She stated that Believe In Bristol needed volunteers for the ball game events taking place on Thursday and Friday. She thanked the Mayors of both cities for presenting a United Way proclamation and their fund raising campaign. She said the Bristol Promise Youth Network would be hosting the Director and Superintendent of Schools at a lunch on September 29. She thanked the city and community for the Jerry Goodpasture Plaza.

Vice Mayor Young thanked the Police Department for their service and commented on how the Police Department had helped other policing agencies throughout the area. He announced that “Prayer in the Park” would be held on September 25th at Cumberland Park in Bristol, Virginia.

Mayor Keen announced that the light bulbs would be changed on the Bristol Sign for the ballgame on Saturday. He recognized Chelsea Ketrn from the Chamber of Commerce, Mahlon Luttrell from Bristol Baseball, and Michael Browder from Bristol Tennessee Essential Services.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



Tara E. Musick, City Recorder



Chad Keen, Mayor