A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRISTOL, VIRGINIA, CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2019 AT 6:00PM, 300 LEE STREET, BRISTOL, VIRGINIA WITH MAYOR NEAL OSBORNE PRESIDING. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE VICE MAYOR BILL HARTLEY, ANTHONY FARNUM, AND KEVIN WINGARD. COUNCIL MEMBER KEVIN MUMPPOWER WAS ABSENT. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY, RANDALL EADS, WAS ALSO PRESENT.

Mayor Osborne asked for a moment of silence, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Jack Johnson spoke about issues in his neighborhood (Sunrise Street) and asked about the ordinance revision process. Nancy Marney spoke about financial issues in the city.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Proclamation recognizing Adverse Childhood Experiences Awareness Month.

City Manager Randall Eads read the proclamation:

Whereas, Bristol TN/VA recognizes that a strong community depends on supporting the development of strong brain architecture and supporting the health and well-being of our children to create a foundation for lifelong health and responsible citizenship; and

Whereas, Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs, are stressful or traumatic experiences, including abuse, neglect, family dysfunction, and community violence which can disrupt the safe, stable, nurturing environments children need to thrive; and

Whereas, ACEs can cause toxic stress, which can affect brain development and lead to a lifetime of physical, mental, economic, educational, and social challenges and have been linked to public health problems such as obesity, addiction, heart disease and hypertension; and

Whereas, the economic burden of ACEs in Tennessee and Virginia is seen in direct medical costs and lost employee productivity, and Bristol’s continued prosperity relies on our current action to prevent these adverse experiences whenever possible and to mitigate their impact when they cannot be prevented; and

Whereas, trauma-informed care is not a therapy or intervention, but a principle-driven, culture change process aimed at shifting a community’s mental model to be more empathetic and resiliency-focused; and

Whereas, adopting innovative, collaborative trauma informed approaches in workplaces, schools, communities and governments can prevent or mitigate mental, emotional, physical, and/or social issues among those impacted by toxic stress; and

Whereas, numerous professionals in the Bristol TN/VA area have received trauma informed care training and in 2019 through Bristol’s Promise launched a Trauma Informed Care Community as best practice following recommendations to do so by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Margaret Feierabend, Mayor of Bristol, Tennessee, and Neal Osborne, Mayor of Bristol Virginia, do hereby recognize the month of October 2019 as ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES AWARENESS MONTH

In Bristol to raise awareness and encourage all residents to become informed about the impacts of ACEs and Toxic Stress, learning about trauma informed approaches that promote prevention, healing and resiliency in children, adults and communities to build a stronger and healthier Bristol.

The Bristol Tennessee and Virginia City Council Members along with partners the Bristol’s Promise Trauma Informed Care Community, Tennessee Department of Children’s Services, Ballard Health, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, United Way of Bristol Tennessee/Virginia and others, encourage community leaders, business owners, pastors, educators, coaches, and the public to participate in upcoming educational opportunities by attending the events and trainings during the Month of October for ACEs Awareness Month. Together as City Leaders and community partners, this Proclamation indicates our commitment to exploring ways to make Bristol a resilient community for all its citizens.

Vice-mayor Hartley made a motion to adopt the proclamation which was seconded by Mr. Farnum. The motion carried by the following votes:

AYES: Farnum, Wingard, Hartley, Osborne.

Mayor Osborne recognized Melissa Roberts with Bristol’s Promise, Becky Haas with Ballard Health, and Margaret Feierabend who were in attendance to accept the proclamation.

2. Proclamation recognizing Goodpasture Motor Company’s 100th anniversary

Mayor Osborne read the proclamation:

A Proclamation Recognizing Goodpasture Motor Company
WHEREAS, The City Council of Bristol, Virginia recognizes that Goodpasture Motor Company has been a customer-oriented organization since its founding by Frank Goodpasture Sr. and his Father-In-Law, S.T. Copenhaaver, Sr. in August of 1919 in Bristol, VA, and;

WHEREAS, In the five-state region surrounding the Tri-Cities, Goodpasture has been synonymous with Trucks, Truck Parts and Truck Service, with a customer list that reads like a who's who in the southern Appalachians spanning the greater part of the twentieth century, and;

WHEREAS, When Goodpasture Motor Company started business truck transportation was just getting established; paved roads were the exception and it was not until 1926 that a fully loaded two-ton truck was driven from New York to San Francisco; and Goodpasture had been in business meeting the transportation needs of the area for many years already, and;

WHEREAS, the owners of Goodpasture Motor Company, past and present, have been deeply involved with service to the City of Bristol, Virginia, through participation in boards, committees, and the Chamber of Commerce, and;

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that Neal Osborne, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Bristol, Virginia do hereby recognize the contributions of Goodpasture Motor Company to our community and congratulate them for their 100th YEAR IN BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF BRISTOL, VIRGINIA.

Vice-mayor Hartley made a motion to adopt the proclamation which was seconded by Mr. Farnum. The motion carried by the following votes:

AYES: Farnum, Wingard, Hartley, Osborne.

Mayor Osborne recognized members of the Goodpasture family that were in attendance at the meeting.

3. Presentation from Mt. Rogers Health District

Dr. Karen Shelton, Director of the Mt. Rogers Health District, made a presentation about community health issues.

Council took a short recess.

4. Public hearing regarding three scheduled residential demolitions

Mayor Osborne opened the hearing. City Manager Randall Eads said that the three properties had been deemed hazardous by the building inspector. Mayor Osborne closed the public hearing with no comments made.

5. Public hearing on the issuance of general obligation notes for the purchase of real property.

Mayor Osborne opened the hearing. City Manager Randall Eads said that the public hearing was required in order to finance the purchase of a building for the Department of Social Services. Michael Pollard asked about interest rates. Mayor Osborne closed the hearing.

6. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Notes of the City of Bristol, Virginia.

City Manager Randall Eads said the resolution would authorize the financing for the DSS building purchase. Vice-mayor Hartley made a motion to read the resolution by caption only which was seconded by Mr. Farnum. The motion carried by the following votes:

AYES: Farnum, Hartley, Osborne.

NO: Wingard.

Mr. Eads read the resolution by caption only:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, VIRGINIA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE FORM, DETAILS AND PAYMENT THEREOF

Mr. Farnum made a motion to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Vice-mayor Hartley.

Mr. Wingard said he did not support financing the building purchase. Vice-mayor Hartley said he felt the city needs to have cash on hand to address needs that may come up during the year that are not budgeted which Mr. Farnum and Mayor Osborne agreed with.
The motion made by Mr. Farnum carried by the following votes:
AYES: Farnum, Hartley, Osborne.
NO: Wingard.

City Manager Randall Eads said that Studio Brew requested a release from their performance agreement with the city having met most of the requirements since opening for business. Mr. Farnum made a motion to release Studio Brew from their performance agreement with contractual obligations as amended. Vice-mayor Hartley seconded the motion. Mr. Eads mentioned that the agreement did require a repayment to the city should Studio Brew close or sell the business prior to the original end date from the performance agreement.
AYES: Farnum, Hartley, Osborne.
NO: Wingard.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. Approval of meeting minutes
9. Purchase requisition of $40,243.00

Vice-mayor Hartley made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the change of Highlands CSB to Kathy Simpson in the minutes. Mr. Farnum seconded the motion, which carried by the following votes:
AYES: Farnum, Wingard, Hartley, Osborne.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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