

MON., MARCH 7, 2022

CITY OF BRISTOL
REGULAR MEETING

6:30 P.M.

Chair Margaret L. Rankin called this meeting to order with Council-members Coy Collins, Ray Glisson, and Vice-chair Chris Vowell present. Mayor James Kersey and City Clerk Robin M. Hatcher were also present. Attorney Jackson Summers arrived at 6:54 pm.

The invocation was offered by Councilman Collins. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-chair Vowell.

Vice-chair Vowell moved to approve the agenda with the addition of one emergency item: Temporary Fire Ban, seconded by Councilman Collins, all voted in favor.

There were no public comments.

Vice-chair Vowell moved to approve the previous month's minutes, seconded by Councilman Glisson, carried by all.

Council Collins moved to approve payment of the monthly bills, seconded by Vice-chair Vowell, approved by all.

Per the recommendation of Public Works Supervisor Richard Mims, Councilman Glisson moved to approve hiring Garrett Graham to fill the full-time Public Works Maintenance Tech I position with a starting rate of pay set at \$12.00/hour, seconded by Councilman Collins, unanimously carried. (Note: Upon notification, Mr. Graham declined the job offer.)

Vice-chair Vowell moved to approve Grinder Pump Grant Application #12404D requesting \$400.00 matching funds for the replacement of a grinder pump at this residential location, seconded by Councilman Glisson, all voted in favor.

Vice-chair Vowell moved to approve Grinder Pump Grant Application #12404E requesting \$225.00 matching funds for the repair of a grinder pump at this residential location, seconded by Councilman Collins, approved by all.

Fire Chief Dale Hobby requested that the Council issue an Emergency Fire Ban in the City of Bristol and further requested authorization for him to issue and rescind emergency fire bans in the City of Bristol following the guidance of the Forestry Service in Liberty County, and with verbal notification and approval by phone of the Mayor and Council Members, and with the understanding that adequate Public Notice must be issued to the public. Vice-chair Vowell moved to approve a Temporary Fire Ban in the City of Bristol until further notice. Motion failed for lack of a second. Vice-chair Vowell moved to approve an Emergency Fire Ban in the City of Bristol until further notice and to give authorization for the Fire Chief to issue and rescind emergency fire bans in the City of Bristol following the guidance of the Forestry Service in Liberty County, and with verbal notification and approval by phone of the Mayor and Council Members, with the understanding that adequate Public Notice must be issued to the public. Councilman Collins seconded this motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A Council Workshop was called for Monday, April 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. with a Special Meeting to immediately follow.

There being no further business, Councilman Collins moved to adjourn, seconded by Vice-chair Vowell, all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Chair: Margaret L. Rankin

City Clerk: Robin M. Hatcher

MON., MARCH 14, 2022

**CITY OF BRISTOL
SPECIAL MEETING**

5:00 P.M.

Chair Margaret L. Rankin called this meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with Councilmembers Coy Collins, Ray Glisson, and Vice-chair Chris Vowell present. Attorney D. Jackson Summers, City Clerk Robin M. Hatcher and Mayor James P. Kersey, Jr. were also present.

The invocation was offered by Councilman Collins. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-chair Vowell.

Vice-chair Vowell moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Councilman Collins, all voted in favor.

There were no public comments.

Vice-chair Vowell moved to increase the starting salary for the vacant Public Works Maintenance Tech I position to \$14.00/hour in an effort to attract new hires, seconded by Councilman Glisson, carried by all.

Vice-chair Vowell moved to approve competitive pay rate increases of \$1.64/hour for all employees except the Sr. Water/Wastewater Operator whose salary is capped and including the Clerk Hatcher. Councilman Glisson seconded this motion, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, Vice-chair Vowell moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Collins, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Chair: Margaret L. Rankin

City Clerk: Robin M. Hatcher