

A CALLED BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE BRISTOL VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MAY 15, 2018, AT 6:30 P.M. AT 300 LEE STREET, BRISTOL, VIRGINIA WITH MAYOR KEVIN MUMPOWER PRESIDING. VICE MAYOR KEVIN WINGARD, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS J. DOUGLAS FLEENOR, WILLIAM HARTLEY, AND ARCHIE HUBBARD, III WERE PRESENT. CITY MANAGER, RANDALL C. EADS AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, TAMRYA SPRADLIN, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

Mayor Mumpower called the budget workshop to order.

City Manager’s Comments

City Manager, Mr. Randall Eads, advised the mayor to proceed with the discussion regarding the budget requests for non-mandated outside agencies.

A. Mayor and Council Comments.

Mayor Mumpower reported the city is in a better financial state than 18 months ago and the Sheriff’s Department have collaborated with the Commonwealth’s Attorney, City Manager and judicial staff to reduce the expenses for inmate housing. Mayor Mumpower stated the Sheriff’s Department asked to set monies aside for upgrades on building facilities.

Mayor Mumpower stated the City will move some overtime requested monies to the City Manager’s contingency plan funds. They also decided to reduce the City Attorney’s fees to \$75,000.00. Reviewed previous budget actions that have been made.

Mayor Mumpower commented that city employees have not received a raise or bonus for some time and is asking council to consider a ~~001/100~~ One percent(1%) of gross pay bonus for city staff. He complimented City employee’s efforts.

The mayor stated that funds have been reduced for non-mandated outside agencies to \$70,000.00 and CVB will receive \$50,000.00 and Believe in Bristol will receive \$20,000.00.

He stated the school system’s fund reduction will remain at \$300,000.00.

Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Hartley, commented on the budget reduction for the Chamber of Commerce. They thought cuts were too severe and misapplied. Mr. Fleenor disagreed. Mr. Fleenor commented on the lack of appreciation for the police department, fire department and public works by previous councils. We need to help them first before outside agencies.

Mr. Wingard stated the City refinanced it’s debt with the least aggressive impact on the City and hard decisions will need to be made to resolve the city’s debt issues going forward.

Mayor Mumpower stressed the need to look far down the road and make plans accordingly especially in the financial areas with regard to revenue projections.

B. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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City Clerk

Mayor