

April 16, 2019

A CALLED MEETING OF THE BRISTOL, VIRGINIA, CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON APRIL 16, 2019 AT 6:00PM, 300 LEE STREET, BRISTOL, VIRGINIA WITH MAYOR KEVIN MUMPOWER PRESIDING. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE VICE MAYOR KEVIN WINGARD, ANTHONY FARNUM, WILLIAM HARTLEY, AND NEAL OSBORNE. CITY MANAGER/INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY, RANDALL EADS, AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TAMRYA SPRADLIN WERE ALSO PRESENT.

Mayor Mumpower asked for a moment of silence, followed by the pledge of allegiance. He said he hoped to receive good comments from the public and reviewed the public hearing guidelines for public comment.

Mr. Osborne commented on national public safety dispatch week.

City Manager Randall Eads said that his introduced budget included a collection increase to \$33/month and this is the required public hearing to amend the associated ordinance.

1. Consider a Public Hearing on Ordinance to Amend the APPENDIX TO CHAPTER 70, SOLID WASTE FEES.

Mayor Mumpower opened the public hearing. City Manager Randall Eads said that the City took advantage of state funding available for a study on the landfill which was completed by SCS Engineers.

Mike Fleenor spoke and asked if Council would consider an exemption from the collection increase for properties that were vacant or unoccupied.

Archie Hubbard spoke in support of the collection increase.

Michael Pollard spoke about the amendment of Chapter 70 that occurred in 2016 and provided suggestions for revisions to the proposed ordinance.

Brenda Gringel asked about recycling in the City and about those with little volume of trash for collection.

Nancy Marney said Council needs to stay within context as they consider the collection increase.

Mayor Mumpower closed the public hearing and asked for comments from Council.

Mr. Wingard asked about an exemption for vacant homes as suggested. He also said we should pick up greater volumes from residents at the rates being proposed. Mayor Mumpower said that rates should increase to a fair rate and be done over a period of time.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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City Clerk



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