

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-05 OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUCKHANNON

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2015, the then City Council unanimously resolved pursuant to Resolution 2015-01 of the City of Buckhannon to generally support the public arts; and,

WHEREAS, a majority of the current City Council members were not then members of the January 15, 2015 City Council, and the current City Council believes it to be important to establish its own position on support for our community's public arts; and,

WHEREAS, historically, supportive citizens from throughout our Buckhannon-Upshur community, including civic, educational, business, and governmental leaders, have come together to fully and enthusiastically endorse the establishment and expansion of comprehensive, public arts' initiatives throughout our Buckhannon-Upshur community; and,

WHEREAS, the Buckhannon-Upshur public art initiative has included but has not been limited to the establishment of sculptures, murals, paving patterns, improved lighting, building facade improvements, kiosks, gates, fountains, play equipment, engravings, carvings, fresco, mobiles, collages, mosaics, bas-reliefs, tapestries, photographs, drawings, earthwork, and decorative signage; and,

WHEREAS, in its broader sense, the support for "public arts" further includes the performing and other arts, i.e., music, theatre, the cinema, dance, literature & literary and poetic readings, the celebration of festivals, and general connectedness to history, as evidenced in part by Wilson and Kelling's acclaimed 1982 work, "The Broken Windows Theory," in which reference was made to public art as being "a professionally designed mural three stories high, a bicycle rack bent in the shape of an elephant, and a neighborhood's history slated on the train station walls. Public art can be almost anything; but, it must foremost serve the public, be reflective of its sense of place, and representative of the community for which it is created"; and,

WHEREAS, various studies have concluded that public art has a substantial, positive effect on local economies by increasing tourism, civic engagement, and establishing gathering places for community members; and,

WHEREAS, other studies also have found that there appears to be a strong correlation between crime rates and establishment of public art, whereby communities adopting public art initiatives are less likely to be victimized by criminal acts than those communities who fail to embrace public arts' initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, for the aforesaid reasons, support for the public arts is a matter that should merit the strongest support of the governing bodies of our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Buckhannon desires to strongly manifest our City's endorsement and support for our B-U community's public art initiative, while

also reserving the City's opportunity to facilitate in some manner funding and other municipal support for our community's public art initiatives, while partnering with civic, educational, business, and other governmental leaders and organizations to develop and realize thorough public art plan implementation throughout our Buckhannon-Upshur community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUCKHANNON, AS FOLLOWS:

(1) That the City Council hereby formally and in all respects endorses and affirms the establishment and expansion of our community's comprehensive, public art initiative;

(2) That the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the City of Buckhannon shall be committed to planning and working with civic, educational, business, and other governmental leaders to establish and expand the Buckhannon-Upshur community's comprehensive, public art plan;

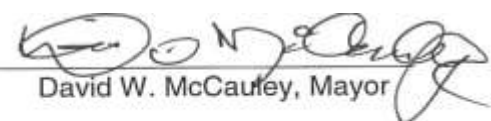
(3) That inclusion of and support for organizations and groups such as the Stockert Youth Center, Upshur Arts Alliance, Buckhannon Community Theatre, Buckhannon Choral Society, ART26201, Artistry on Main, Create Buckhannon, Sundays' Music on the River Program, Festival Fridays, the West Virginia Strawberry Festival, the Buckhannon Upshur Camera Club, West Virginia Wesleyan College, the Upshur County school system, the Upshur County Historical Society, and the Buckhannon-Upshur Chamber of Commerce are vital to the success of our community's public arts' initiatives; and,

(4) That this Resolution, or a copy thereof, may be provided to any and all affected persons or entities, to manifest the City of Buckhannon's commitment to the establishment and expansion of the Buckhannon-Upshur community's comprehensive, public art plan, including but not limited to state and/or federal governmental agencies, supportive private foundations and other potential, grant funding organizations, and any all other affected persons or entities that may reasonably come to be involved with bringing to fruition, our community's continuing and evolving comprehensive, public arts' plan.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION




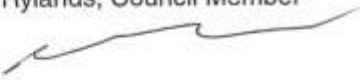
IN FAVOR

OPPOSED

(1) 
David W. McCauley, Mayor

(2) *Abstain*
Susan Aloï, City Recorder

(3) 
Pamela Cuppari, Council Member

- (4) 
Mary Albaugh, Council Member
- (5) 
Robert Skinner, III, Council Member
- (6) 
Clifford J. Rylands, Council Member
- (7) 
J. David Thomas, Council Member

CERTIFICATE OF PASSAGE AND ENACTMENT

I, Susan Aloi, City Recorder of the City of Buckhannon, a West Virginia, municipal corporation, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution 2018-05 was lawfully passed and enacted by the Council of the City of Buckhannon during a regular meeting of the City Council convened at City Hall in Buckhannon, Upshur County, West Virginia, on March 15, 2018.


Susan Aloi, City Recorder