

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
February 14, 2013

Mayor Irene Wells called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were Melvin Carrier, Robert Miller, Lon Gene Leonard.

Bryan Mullins and Sheena Cornwell were absent.

Prayer was given by Mike Miller followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for the January 10, 2013 meeting were approved with a motion by Alderman Carrier. Second by Alderman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for Citizen Comments- First Section.

Betsy Carrier thanked the board, police department and other departments for the job they are doing.

The following citizens spoke in favor of Bluff City supporting the Library:

1. Betsy Carrier
2. Mike Miller- Requesting city to approve pledging \$10,000.00 to library
3. Joan Williams

John Bland of Mountain Homes Realty asked the board to let him purchase a sewer tap for \$500.00 and to have the tap relocated. Mr. Bland stated that the current tap is approximately 360 feet away from his office. Mr. Bland stated that he had tried to pay it before and was informed that we were not putting sewer there. Mr. Bland stated that Dave Wilson, City Engineer stated that it did not need to be down there. City Manager Dulaney stated that when Mr. Bland came into the office was during former Mayor Cowan's term and no one in the office was here at that time. Ms. Dulaney stated that when Mr. Bland first contacted her there may have been a communication problem as he relayed to her that he needed to get his tap moved, so she was under the assumption that he had a tap that needed to be moved so she sent the engineer to look at it, but after three months they realized he had not purchased the tap. Ms. Dulaney stated that she informed him the only way they could sale a tap was as the ordinance states for \$1,970.00. Vice Mayor Leonard stated that by law they could not reduce a fee on taps. Discussion was postponed until City Engineer Dave Wilson arrived.

Jerry Malone voiced his support of the Library. Mr. Malone informed the board that the Bluff City United Fund has rescinded their charter. Mr. Malone stated that they were able to give some money from the United Fund to the Library Fund. Mr. Malone reported that the Bluff City Rescue Squad had a top board and had turned it around and they have approximately 15 members and they needed approximately \$5,000.00 to finish paying for tools they had to purchase.

City Engineer Dave Wilson arrived and Vice-Mayor Leonard asked what the approximate cost would be to move the tap for John Bland. Mr. Wilson stated that with the city crew doing the work it would cost 10 to 12 dollars per foot and if contracted out the cost would double to 20 to 24 dollars per foot. City

Attorney Paul Frye was instructed to review the sewer ordinance with regard to who is responsible for the cost of the extension.

City Engineer Dave Wilson presented the following:

1. Bids for repairs on Railroad Street. Total of 5 bids were received. Recommended Tipton Construction Bid using concrete, of \$79,435.00

Motion to approve bid was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Carrier. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Update on Park- Bakers Construction is working on the gabions and Jessica w/ Bakers had a request from Alderman Carrier to extend the baskets around the Little League Field. Bakers will contact Mr. Wilson on cost estimate.

Hyacinth Barbera, cub master of Pack 10 voiced support of the library.

Citizen Comments closed.

Mayor Wells presented the following:

1. Ordinance 2013-001 on First Reading. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is a Floodplain Ordinance. Motion to approve Ordinance 2013-001 on first reading, was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Alderman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Resolution 2013-001. City Attorney Paul Frye read the resolution which is for a CDBG Grant for water. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Alderman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Quote for valves for the Water Plant. City Manager Dulaney stated that the quote from Boggs for these was \$3,152.00. Ms. Dulaney stated that they would also need 2octave meters at a cost of \$2,990.00. Motion to approve \$6,200.00 for the project was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Vice Mayor Leonard. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Discussion/Action for Sullivan County 911 Board Appointee. Vice Mayor Leonard nominated Jerry Malone. Second by Alderman Carrier. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wells stated that she did not have a written report.

City Attorney Paul Frye had no report. Vice Mayor Leonard asked about back taxes. Mr. Frye stated that we are working on those.

Comments from Alderman are as follows:

Alderman Carrier commented that he was glad to see everyone out. Wished everyone Happy Valentines Day.

Alderman Miller wished everyone Happy Valentine's Day. Happy to see turnout. Reported that there is a bill in the house that targets Bluff City in reference to the speed cameras. Mr. Miller stated that he ultimately supports having the library and the board has talked about submitting a proposal for \$10,000.00 to Sullivan County if they agree to keep the Library open. Mr. Miller stated that it would make an impact on cash flows for non-profits if the cash flow from the cameras ends. Mr. Miller encouraged everyone to contact their elected representatives to let them know if they are banning the cameras for Bluff City it should be banned in all of Tennessee. City Manager Dulaney stated that we had benefited but if you look at the statistics they have reduced accidents and has saved lives.

Vice Mayor Leonard thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone Happy Valentine's Day. Mr. Leonard stated that the money from the cameras is not coming in as it first was. Mr. Leonard stated that he is all for keeping the library open but he cannot vote to spend taxpayer dollars to the library when there is a county commissioner stating that the library will be closed anyway no matter what they do.

City Manager Dulaney reported the following:

1. Has not heard back from letter sent to TDOT requesting reimbursement on relocating water and sewer lines.
2. Boggs is in process of installing the SCATA system at the water plant.
3. Has concerns about storm water going into manholes and this water has to be treated. Had water man look into getting the manhole covers sealed at a cost of \$50.00 each and we would need 50. Motion to approve manhole inserts was made by Vice Mayor Leonard. Second by Alderman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Has a list of fire hydrants that need repairing or replacing.
5. Contacted by TOSHA and every 5 years we have to update our plan and she has forwarded the information to Paul Frye. There will be a new ordinance for that at the next meeting.
1. 6. Presented new 2013 hourly rate from EEMA and OA. The BMA instructed Attorney Frye to look at the contract to ensure that these increase can be done.
7. Presented financial statement with cash balances.
8. Mayor received letter from the Department of Transportation in reference to highway railroad crossing on Jonesboro Drive requesting that the city add center line striping from the railroad pavement markings and submit an engineering cost estimate. Vice Mayor Leonard stated that this is in the county. Ms. Dulaney stated that she would get the engineer to look at it.

Reports from Public Works Director Ron Miller. (SEE ATTACHMENT I)

Alderman Miller complimented the public works department for the good job of snow removal.

Report from Chief of Police Greg Depew. (SEE ATTACHMENT II)

1. Thanked Ron Miller and the public works crew for the snow removal.
2. Invited to East High School to meet with some school board members and principals.
3. Department is going to get involved with the Middle School and the Boys and Girls Club to do sessions about bullying and update them on drugs.

(SEE ATTACHMENT II)

No County Commissioners Present.

Discussion / Action on Mitigation Statement – Financial Reports.

City Manager Dulaney reported the following statement: I have submitted the financial reports for all funds and cash balances to the BMA on February 13, 2013 prior to the meeting for their review. All of the bank statements, reconciliations, deposits, invoices and journal entries are reviewed by the Board's designee, Vice-Mayor Leonard who also has cosigned all checks with the city manager for the month of January. Motion to accept the financial report was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Carrier. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Vice Mayor Leonard reported that he had complaints about speeding problems in Union Park Subdivision on Duty Drive. Mr. Leonard stated that the only thing he could think of to help would be to close the entrance from Vickers Road onto Duty Drive. City Manager Dulaney stated that she had looked into the tables for the top and one at the bottom. Ms. Dulaney stated that after the race she had thought about getting David Metzger to see if it is possible to do those.

Mayor Wells asked if Mr. Frye could draw up an agreement stating that if the Library stays open the city will give the additional \$9,000.00. Mr. Frye stated that he could look into that. Vice Mayor Leonard stated that that would be contingent on the budget. Alderman Miller stated that it would be contingent on the House Bill being dropped otherwise there is no way to do it as it would put the city in budget crisis mode next year. Mr. Frye stated that this could be looked at in the Budget Workshop.

New Business:

Alderman Carrier reported that a citizen in River Bluff Landing asked for a street light to be installed at the last house on the left. City Manager Dulaney stated that they would take a look at it.

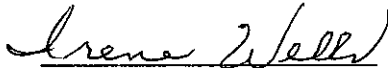
Mayor Wells opened the floor for Citizen Comments- Second Section.

The following spoke in favor of the library: Teresa McMahan with the Sullivan County Library, Mike Miller and Lois Cox.


Vice Mayor Leonard stated that next year the non- profits will probably have to be cut in some ways.

Betty Combs reported that the School Board will be in Nashville and she has an appointment with Senator Ramsey and with Tim Hill and stated that she needs some information before her meeting.

With no other business Mayor Wells adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.


Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest: This 14th Day of February, 2013


Judy Dulaney, City Manager