

Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
October 10, 2013

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members present were Melvin Carrier, Bryan Mullins, Ray Harrington, Lon Gene Leonard and Richard Bowling.

Prayer was given by Fred Lowry followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to override the veto made by Mayor Wells for the August 8, 2013 meeting was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Alderman Leonard. All in favor. Veto overridden. Minutes approved.

Motion to approve Minutes for the September 12, 2013 meeting was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Vice-Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes for the Special Called Meeting of September 26, 2013 was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderman Leonard abstained due to being absent during the meeting. All others in favor. Motion carried.

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

David Smith of 200 Highland Circle asked City Attorney Paul Frye to report on Melvin Carriers case. Mr. Frye stated that the Judge had already given judgment.

Kerry Swartz and Joan Williams presented a Thank You Card for the Board to Mayor Wells.

John Harris discussed the ditch overflowing behind his house.

David Vance, resident of Timber Ridge Road asked BMA where the city limits ended. Mr. Vance complained that the police are patrolling outside the city limits. City Manager Dulaney told him to put the complaint in writing and it would be investigated.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the swearing in of K-9 Officer Neeko.

City Manager Dulaney performed the swearing in of K-9 Officer Neeko. Dr. Karen Stone presented a \$1,000.00 donation to be used toward the purchase of a vest for Officer Neeko.

Alice Mcaffery, with the Anti- Drug Coalition, presented a plaque to the Bluff City Police Department, along with presenting a video about the prescription drug box.

City Engineer Mattern & Craig's representative, Cody McElroy gave an update on the following:

Relocated drain pipe on Lakeview Drive to help with flooding.

Will be doing a study on the Cedar Street Drainage ditch issue.

Cost to tear down the old City Hall building was quoted at \$25,000.00 by Burwil Construction.

Mayor Wells reported the following: SEE ATTACHED

Attended the following meetings: Bluff City Planning and Zoning, Regional TDOT Summit, Roan Mountain State Park Reception, First Tennessee Development District, Tenn. Rural Development, Over Mountain Men and Home Consortium Meeting  
City Attorney Paul Frye had no report.

Comments from the Aldermen:

Alderman Carrier stated that he was glad to see everyone out.

Alderman Mullins stated that he was glad to see everyone and congratulated Chief Depew on his department.

Vice Mayor Harrington stated that he was glad to see everyone and wants to see more people coming in.

Alderman Leonard thanked everyone for coming.

Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for coming.

✓ Ms. Dulaney stated that she had submitted the financial reports for all funds and the cash balances to the BMA on Tuesday prior to the meeting for their review. All of the bank statements, reconciliations, deposits, invoices and journal entries were reviewed by the Boards designee, Alderman Leonard who also had co-signed all of the checks with the city manager for this month. Motion to approve financial report was made by Alderman Mullins. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Ron Miller was not present but had presented his report to the City Manager and the BMA.

Police Chief Greg Depew presented his report for the month of September 2013. (SEE ATTACHED)

Vice Mayor Harrington asked Chief Depew if they were running radar on Elizabethton Hwy past the church. Chief Depew stated they are not supposed to be and he would look into it. City Manager Dulaney stated that they are not supposed to be.

Old Business:

Alderman Bowling stated that he had been asked about fireworks inside Bluff City. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that he would bring information to the next meeting.

Mayor Wells asked City Attorney Paul Frye if he had looked at the contract for military equipment. Mr. Frye stated he had not.

Discussion was held about the old City Hall building. City Manager Dulaney stated that it did not contain asbestos. Ms. Dulaney stated that it would have to be put out on bid and anyone can bid on it. Motion to tear it down was made by Alderman Mullins. Alderman Bowling stated that the back roof was falling in on it. Alderman Carrier stated that Bob Brown was interested in it. Ms. Dulaney stated that she was told that he was not. Alderman Leonard stated that he had talked to him yesterday and he wanted to bid on it. Second by Vice-Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderman Carrier-No, Alderman Mullins-Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington-Yes, Alderman Leonard-No, and Alderman Bowling-Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells asked how the board felt about after the building is torn down, using that area for the veteran's monument along with benches. Motion to use the area for veteran's monument was made by Alderman Mullins. Second by Alderman Bowling. With a motion and a second on the floor the vote went as follows. Alderman Carrier-No, Alderman Mullins-Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington-Yes, Alderman Leonard-No, Alderman Bowling-Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells reported that the Elementary School needs parking and they were considering doing away with the tennis court and make a parking lot. Mrs. Wells stated that she believes Sullivan County owns it but the principle asked her to mention it to the board.

There was no New Business.

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

Lillian Cutten stated that she feels the monument should be in front of this City Hall Building. Mayor Wells stated that they had looked at putting it near the ball field but there were ownership questions about that property.

Betty O'Dell stated that she would like a memorial but that area on Main Street is congested with school traffic and people who want to see the veteran's memorial are going to take time to look at it. Mrs. O'Dell stated that they need to think about parking and bus traffic.

Jim Cross stated that the area would be a good place for a stage for Heritage Day's

Alderman Mullins made a motion for reconsideration of the location for the war memorial and use this location for a stage. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote went as follows: Alderman Carrier-No, Alderman Mullins-Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington-Yes, Alderman Leonard-Yes, Alderman Bowling-Yes Motion to reconsider location carried. Alderman Leonard stated are we going to do that in a workshop. Mayor Wells stated yes.

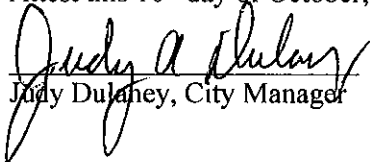
John Harrison asked if the tennis court could be put at park.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Leonard. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.



Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013



Judy Dulaney, City Manager