

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

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

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

Bryan Mullins was absent.

Prayer was given by Deacon Brian Boling, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for the October 10, 2013 meeting were approved with a motion by Lon Gene Leonard. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor.

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

1. David Smith 200 Highland Circle asked the City Attorney Paul Frye to give an update on the lawsuit regarding Melvin Carrier. Mr. Frye stated that there has been a judgment and a lien against the property.
2. Sherry Grubb stated that she was interested in purchasing the old city hall building and would like the board to discuss it before making their final decision.

There was discussion on the Tipton Construction invoice for leak detection in the amount of \$2,820.00. Motion to approve \$2,820.00 for work performed by Tipton Construction was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Vice- Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

City Engineers Mattern & Craig presented the following:

1. Update on relocation of water lines on Railroad St. Dave Wilson reported that the water line project would be to abandon a section of the line and the cost would be approximately \$10,000.00. Motion to have the engineer prepare paperwork to relocate the line was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Alderman Carrier.
2. Lakeview Drive drainage project pre bid occurred yesterday and the bid opening will be November 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wilson stated that he expected the bid to be around 15 to 20 thousand dollar range.
3. Mr. Wilson reported that there was an asbestos survey completed and it indicated that there were no hazardous materials and the estimate to raise the building except for the old part and to level it up and haul off the debris was \$25,000.00. City Manager Dulaney stated that they needed to remember that OSHA has banned anyone from going inside the building therefore if someone wanted to buy it they would have to buy it without going inside and looking at it. Mayor Wells asked Ms Grubb if she would still be interested in it under that circumstance. Ms. Grubb stated yes. Ms Dulaney explained that for demolition they would have to put it out on bid and for purchasing, it would have to be put on public auction. Motion to put it on Public Auction and look into a base line amount was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Alderman Leonard. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Park bathrooms are under roof but still under construction.
4. Pavilion parking lot and Shoreline changes will be completed by Baker's when the restrooms are completed.
5. In reference to the Railroad Street water line project, Donna Lawson has requested a meeting with the engineers to discuss the overall status of the water system.

Ordinance 2013-011 First Reading. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which amends the Traffic Control Photographic System to increase court cost to \$75.00. Motion to approve Ordinance 2013-011 on first reading was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2013-012 First Reading. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which makes a portion of Railroad from Fleming Drive to J Forrest Thomas Street west to east, a One Way Street, with a fine for violation set at \$50.00. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote went as follows. Alderman Carrier- No, Vice Mayor Harrington-Yes, Alderman Leonard – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells reported the following:

1. Meeting of Networks discussed job builder update and site recommended for volunteer Fire Department Station partnership part one.
2. She attended the Unveiling of the Tennessee Civil War Exhibit at the Tennessee Welcome Center on I-81. The Commissioner of Economics and Community Development was present.
3. She attended the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Networks meeting to discuss by-laws.
4. Governor Haslam came to Northeast State Community College on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> to announce the 16.5 million dollar grant to the college.
5. She attended the FTDD meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Gatlinburg. Discussion was on economic and community development and a list of grants. Each Mayor was presented with a Disaster Recovery Plan.
6. She met with Jack Laws, community transportation planner for Knoxville, Tn. on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The new census report was discussed.
7. She and Judy met with the art teacher from East High School and they are going to take on the project of repainting the train on the rock across from the board walk.

8. Announced that the Bluff City Planning and Zoning meeting was on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm and Virginia Talbert was appointed alternate secretary to sign documents when Secretary Todd Malone is not available. Also discussed Baker Construction stormwater issues and discussed and signed plans for Orth Construction's building 4 more units in Stratford Glen.
9. Thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

City Attorney Paul Frye reported that Bristol and Kingsport have a total ban on fireworks and Sullivan County allows them from 2 pm to 10 pm and they have to be 100 feet from occupied residential property, but this time is extended to midnight on the day of and the eve of the following holidays- Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day and New Year's Day.

Comments from Aldermen:

Alderman Carrier thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Vice Mayor Harrington stated that he appreciated everyone for coming out and to continue coming out.

Alderman Leonard stated that he was glad to see everyone out tonight and enjoyed seeing people in the audience.

Alderman Bowling stated that it was good to see everyone there and stay warm.

City Manager Dulaney reported the following:

1. The state contacted her about the leak on Railroad Street and suggested that we move that line.
2. The artwork on the train mural is going well with assistance of the Public Works Director.
3. Put in their packets on the 13<sup>th</sup> the cash balances as of November 1<sup>st</sup>. General fund Operating Account - \$119,961.66, General Fund Savings Acct.- \$145,507.69, Sanitation Fund- \$3,560.00, Special Police Drug Fund \$3957.99, Sinking Fund-\$3,169.99, Debt Service- \$197,176.00, Water/Sewer Fund- \$267,186.35, FHA Reserve Acct. -\$690.61. Everything is looking good.
4. City Manager Dulaney reported the following mitigation statement: I have submitted the financial reports for all funds and cash balances to the BMA on the 13th 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, Alderman Leonard who also has cosigned all checks with the city manager for the month of October. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Ron Miller reported the following: SEE ATTACHMENT

Due to the major leak last week they have fallen behind on the brush and leaf pickup.

Chief Greg Depew reported the following: SEE ATTACHMENT

Presented the monthly Report for October.

Stated that the K-9 Program is going well.

Sullivan County Commissioner Dwight King Reported the following.

County has passed their budget and their insurance is set and things are slow at this time.

Commission meeting will be Monday.

On the insurance they have chosen to go with a self-insurance administrated with Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

He went to North East State and they are looking into an agriculture program.

Received grant for a parking area in front of the old Pratt's Store for the Over Mountain Victory Trail. Highway department will be working on it this winter.

Mayor Wells asked if Sullivan County had put money in the budget for sewer down 11-E. Mr. King stated no but they are looking at ways to get a grant to do it, but they will have to do the same for Bristol and Kingsport.

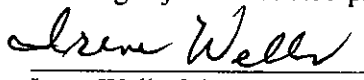
Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Old Business. There was none

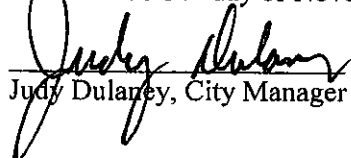
New Business. There was none.

Citizen Comments – Second Section. There was none.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

  
Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest : This 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013

  
Judy Dulaney, City Manager