

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
March 13, 2014

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

Members present were Melvin Carrier, David Harmon, Lon Gene Leonard and Richard Bowling.

Ray Harrington was absent.

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

Minutes for the February 24, 2014 Special Called Meeting were approved with a motion by Alderman Carrier. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote is as follows: Alderman Leonard abstained as he was not present at that meeting. All others in favor.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Citizen Comments- First Section

Teresa Fenner of 1293 Bluefield Ave. in Elizabethton, stated that she wanted to make an appointment with the police department as she is having a problem and they will not make an appointment with her. City Manager Dulaney stated that they could not discuss this in a meeting, it was a court matter. Chief of Police Depew reported that he had told them it was in the hands of the Department of Safety and they need to contact the city attorney.

David Smith of 200 Highland Circle asked if there had been any progress made on the dump truck and generator that were supposed to be fixed. City Manager Dulaney stated that we do not have funds to fix the blue dump truck as it will cost over \$6,000.00 and the dump truck they can use is torn up and may need a new engine in it and she is waiting on the 3rd quote for the repairs.

John Harrison asked if they could move a sign that is in his driveway.

Seat on 911 Board

Jerry Malone's seat on the 911 Board is expiring. Motion to reappoint him to the board was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion/ Action Building Inspector

City Manager Dulaney stated that she had provided them with his fees and he will not change them. Alderman Bowling stated that from his resume he looks well qualified. Alderman Harmon asked if we could not use the county inspector. Ms. Dulaney stated that Mayor Godsey had stated that they would not do this for us. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that only small cities can share an inspector. Discussion was tabled until the workshop on the 20th.

Mayor Wells reported the following: See Attachment

She attended the following:

The 40th Anniversary Celebration of the James H. Quillen College of Medicine

The Bluff City Planning Commission Meeting, Animal Board Meeting and a TDOT Update Meeting,

She received a letter from the State of Tennessee Water and Waste Water Financing Board stating that the City of Bluff City has been reported as being financially distressed for 2 years. They have scheduled a meeting in Nashville, but the city has the option to come up with a plan prior to that meeting. City Manager Dulaney says she is working on a plan.

Information about money matters should be made a part of the minutes so she wants to know about the \$3,876.92 checks written on Bluff City and asked if the city had changed any bank accounts to another bank. City Manager Dulaney stated that we had received 50% back and no she cannot change bank accounts until the board approves them.

City Attorney Paul Frye had no report

Comments from the Aldermen:

Alderman Carrier: Glad to see everybody here.

Alderman Harmon: Glad to see everybody here.

Alderman Leonard: Glad to see everybody here and come back.

Alderman Bowling: Good to see this many people here and have a good weekend.

City Manager Dulaney reported the following:

Received a letter from Water and Waste water and they will always set up a meeting. They did it 4 years. Joyce Wellborn comes up and meets with her and makes suggestions of what they should raise the water and sewer rates to and she will present Ms Wellborn with what she feel that they can raise them and come into the black again and they probably will not have to go to the meeting if they can work it out here and the board agrees with it.

Cash balances are as follows: See Attached

Discussed copies of 2 bank accounts that she had provided to the board and explained that the bank was now charging analysis fees and she feels that they need to combine the 2 accounts 11211 and 11213. Motion to approve combining the accounts was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Leonard. All in favor. Motion carried.

The old City Hall Building will be auctioned off on March 28, 2014 at 10 a.m. by Ron Ramsey. They can't let anyone in the building but mold test reports are available. Instead of having a starting bid they will get as much as they can for the building and then it has to come before the board to be accepted or denied.

She would like board members to look at vehicles that are to be auctioned and consider us taking them to Elizabethton and get more for them (as scrap) than they would bring at auction.

Alderman Leonard asked if they could go ahead and do that. Alderman Harmon asked if any of the cars run. City Manager Dulaney stated that the ones that run, they will sale. Alderman Leonard made a

motion to take the junker's that do not run to the junk yard. Second by Alderman Carrier. Vote went as follows: Alderman Harmon – No. All other members – Yes. Motion carried. Ms Dulaney asked if they were authorizing her to set a date. They said yes.

We have collected approximately 61.9% of our real and personal property taxes and 67% of estimated revenue and expenditures are 63.9 in the General Fund.

We have collected 65.4% of estimated revenue in the Water / Sewer Fund but we are running at 87.1% on expenditures due to the water problems we have had.

Presented financial reports to the board for approval. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Harmon. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Ron Miller reported the following: SEE ATTACHED

Drainage ditch on Cedar Street should be completed within the next two weeks.

Small potholes are being patched with cold patch as we do not have a truck to haul asphalt.

Dump truck and chipper are down for repairs

Chief of Police Greg Depew reported the following: Everything is going well. SEE ATTACHED

In Old Business:

Alderman Carrier asked if there was going to be anything else done about finishing the baskets around the ball field. City Manager Dulaney stated that we don't have the money this budget year but it was up to them.

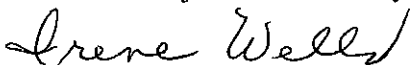
Alderman Harmon asked where they were on the war memorial. Ms. Dulaney stated that it was on the meeting they were going to have Thursday.

New Business:

Alderman Carrier stated that a man wants to open a hot dog place up at the caboose and asked if we could rent it to him. City Manager Dulaney stated you would have to open it up for proposals from the public you couldn't just say this person could do it. Ms. Dulaney asked if they wanted Mr. Frye to look into it. Mr. Carrier said yes.

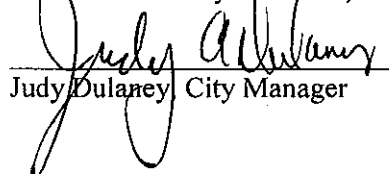
Citizen comments Second- Section- There were none

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Alderman Harmon. All in favor.



Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest this 13th day of March, 2014



Judy Dulaney, City Manager