

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
August 14, 2014

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

Members present were David Harmon, Ray Harrington and Richard Bowling.

Members absent were Melvin Carrier and Lon Gene Leonard.

Prayer was given by Reverend Ron Whitaker, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Carrier arrived at approximately 7:03 p.m.

Minutes for the July 10, 2014 meeting were approved with a motion by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes for the July 28, 2014 Special Called meeting were approved with a motion by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Harmon. All in favor.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Citizen Comments – First Section:

Mitchell Lundsey of 915 Old Stage Road in Church Hill, stated that he went to school at Bluff City Middle School and asked if the city was going to put a sidewalk between the Elementary and Middle Schools for walkers.

Kathy Nester, principle of Bluff City Elementary School reported that they were a title 1 school which means they receive federal funding and some supplemental services due to the percentage of economically disadvantaged students. Ms. Nester stated that she did not know what she would do without the Bluff City Police Depart as they have worked with them to provide the safest environment possible. Ms. Nester voiced concern about the flow of traffic due to the closure of Parks Worley and asked that the city do the next project after school is out.

Jack Shepherd of 5051 Bluff City Highway asked the city to attend to the water run off behind his house.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2004-004 at 7:13 p.m.

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which appeals Ordinance 2013-012 which made Railroad Street a one way street. John Harrison asked when it was going to be done. City Manager Dulaney stated it doesn't become law until 10 days after this reading. With no other comments hearing closed at 7:15 p.m. Motion to approve Ordinance 2014-004 on second reading was made by Alderman Harmon. Second by Alderman Carrier. All present in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2014-013 on First Reading

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which amends Title 15, Chapter 8, Section 15-805 Known as the Traffic Control Photographic System in reference to increasing the court cost to \$100. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Harmon. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion about sidewalk between the Middle and Elementary Schools

Alderman Carrier stated that they tried to do it years ago and it failed because they did not have the money or the property to do it on.

City Manager Dulaney stated that there are a lot of things involved and the best way is to get the engineers to look at the cost of the project and then the board can make a sound decision. Alderman Harmon asked where the police officers are located during the time they are referring to. Chief Depew explained the location of his officers.

Mayor Wells reported the following: (SEE ATTACHED)

Thanked everyone for coming. She attended the TDOT meeting and they stated that they want to wait until after the race to open the ramps. Next meeting will be on September 10 at City Hall at 1:30p.m. and the plan to meet on the 2nd Wednesday each month thru December.

Attended the Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting on August 12th.

On August 5th she attended the Sullivan County Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, also attended the Northeast Tennessee Entrepreneur Coalition.

Attended the Sullivan County, Bluff City and Kingsport Animal Board on July 24th.

Attended the Department of Intercollege Athletics at ETSU on July 23rd.

Attended the Bo Jangles Grand Opening on July 24th along with Alderman Bowling and Alderman Carrier.

On July 16th attended Northeast TN and VA Home Consortium Meeting.

On July 15th attended the Networks Executive Board Meeting.

City Attorney Paul Frye reported that he had collected about 1/3rd of the delinquent 2013 property taxes over the last month.

Comments from Aldermen:

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

Alderman Harmon stated that he was glad to see everyone and hoped they would attend more meetings.

Vice Mayor Harrington stated that he appreciated everyone coming out.

Alderman Bowling stated that he was glad to see a full house tonight and thanked them for their concern about the schools.

City Manager Dulaney reported the following:

The cash balances are as follows: General Fund -\$ 146,303.00, Sanitation Fund - \$8,149.00, Special Police Drug Fund - \$2, 263.79, Sinking Fund \$3,094.78, Water and Sewer Fund - \$255,916.69, FHA Reserve Account - \$690.72, Debt Service Fund - \$205,527.68. Ms Dulaney explained that she was not able to provide them with the financial report that she usually does because it is the end of the fiscal year and the auditor has to come and put depreciation and things in before she can close the books. Ms. Dulaney stated that Alderman Leonard and Alderman Bowling have come by and signed off on all the bank statements and reconciliations.

She talked to Lewis Trivett with Rural Development this week and he said that the committee that approves the funds will not be back until next week and he feels sure that shortly after that they should know about the grant.

She has been working with engineers on the Community Development Block Grant which we would have approximately a 12% match on \$500,000.00 because we are a three star city and this would be totally sewer only.

Submitted the budget to the Comptroller of the Treasury.

She has spoken to the Public Works Director about paving pot holes but she does not have the info on the problem areas such as Parks Worley where the asphalt is sliding off. They hope to start patching areas of Union Park with the new machine they got for cracks in asphalt.

Public Works Director Ron Miller reported the following: (SEE ATTACHED)

Chief of Police Greg Depew reported the following: SEE ATTACHED)

No Sullivan County Commissioner was Present

In Old Business, City Manager Dulaney stated that she had received calls asking why we could not do something like Bristol or Kingsport on how they are handling their cat problems. Ms Dulaney asked if the BMA wanted Mr. Frye to look into it. Mayor Wells stated that we just have to let the shelter know that they may have to come more often. Mayor Wells stated that it would be fine.

Mayor Wells stated that we need to go back to the Railroad about the property as it looks bad. City Manager Dulaney stated that she is in a situation with them now as they tore out part of our fence with their equipment.

In New Business Alderman Bowling stated that Tom Jarrell had spoken to him about the difficulties his residents were having when pulling out of Jarrell Estates onto the highway and asked if the BMA would consider lowering the speed limit from 45 to 35 from Hwy 19-E to Lakeview Drive. Mr. Bowling stated that on Main Street the people on the left side do not have driveways and the people on the right do but they are still parking on the street and this causes it to be like one lane of traffic through that area. Mr. Bowling stated that he had been told of an accident there and he had been asked to address the board about making it no parking on the right hand side of the street from the Rescue Squad down to Ronald Carrier Street.

Alderman Harmon asked where the asphalt was rolling up. City Manager Dulaney stated on Carter Street, Holston Drive and Parks Worley. Mr. Harmon asked if the county would help us. Ms Dulaney stated that they would not.

City Manager Dulaney asked Alderman Bowling if he was asking Mr. Frye to prepare an ordinance to reduce the speed limit from 45 to 35 in the above mentioned area. Mr Bowling stated yes.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for Citizen Comments – Second Section

Gene Scalf of 4923 Hwy 11-E asked how to get a ballot to de-annex the Hillcrest area

Becky Buchanan of 750 Drybranch Road asked how many bids the city received on the old City Hall building. She was informed there were no bids received. She asked if the board would re-consider selling it to Sherry Grubb at the price she bid on it.

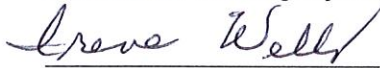
Phyllis Scalf of 4923 Hwy 11-E stated that the road to the cemetery behind the middle school was full of pot holes. City Manager Dulaney stated that this area is owned by Sullivan County.

David Mast with ATS stated that they appreciate working with the city and the police department.

Mayor Wells asked the board what they had in mind to do about the old City Hall Building. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that it would have to be put out on bid again. Mayor Wells stated that they had it on auction before. Mr. Frye stated they could do sealed bid or auction.

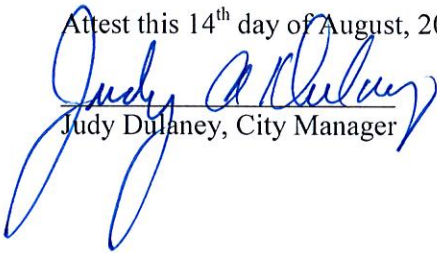
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With no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Harmon. Second by Alderman Carrier.
All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest this 14th day of August, 2014



Judy Dulaney, City Manager