Minutes Regular Meeting Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen April 7, 2015

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

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

Prayer was given by Ron Whittaker Pastor of the First Christian Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for the February 3, 2015 regular meeting were approved with a motion by Alderman Carrier. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor.

Minutes for the January 27, 2015 Special Called Meeting were approved with a motion by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Carrier. All in favor.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Citizen Comments First Section:

Jennifer Darter of 349 Smith Street stated that she feels that the police department should not deliver eviction notices to her as she rents from Alderman Leonard and he has had them delivered to her.

Brenda Leonard, wife of Alderman Leonard stated that she (Ms Darter) rents from them and they have cursed at her kids and grandkids and no one is going to do that. Mrs. Leonard stated that the police went with him to do it properly.

Engagement Letter from Bass, Berry, and Sims:

City Attorney Paul Frye reported that this is the engagement letter for doing all the legal work to get our financing for the water/sewer project that is part grant and part loan. City Manager Dulaney stated that once approved they would submit resolutions for their consideration. Mayor Wells asked Mr. Frye if he had gone over it and found no conflicts in the agreement. Mr Frye stated yes. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

She attended the following:

A reception this evening with Senator Corker, a meeting at First Tennessee Human Resource Agency's Governing Board, the First Tn. Development District Meeting.

Mayor Wells thanked everyone for coming.

City Attorney Paul Frye reported that by the next meeting they would probably have some resolutions to approve regarding the financing of the water / sewer projects.

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Aldermen's comments:

Alderman Carrier stated he was glad to see everyone.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming.

Alderman Leonard had no comment.

Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for coming and said to remember the election and vote.

City Manager Dulaney reported the following:

Cash balances as of March 31st were as follows: General Fund- \$51,648.70, Sanitation Fund- \$845.99, Special Police Drug Fund - \$1,058.94, Sinking Fund - \$3,094.75, Debit Service - \$238,073.02, Water/ Sewer Fund - \$175,650.50, and FHA Reserve \$697.76.

The Engineers are working on the Piney Flats Sewer Survey and the design for the lift stations.

We are still waiting to hear from TDOT on the sidewalk grant.

The city was awarded \$1,512.00 due to the Police Department's confiscation on a drug arrest.

Asked for board approval to list the following that have been awarded to the city on Govdeals.com: 1990 Chevrolet GK1, 2000 Harley Davidson, 1992 Yamaha. Motion to approve listing the items was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Financial Reports was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Carrier. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Hugh Thomason reported the following:

He has been meeting with the engineers in reference to the sewer pump stations.

Parks Worley paving is being postponed due to planned sewer and water line replacement.

Reported that new truck will be around \$44,000.00 or we can fix the one we have for approximately \$15,000.00 and buy a badly needed service truck for what the cost of a new one would be.

Mayor Wells asked if he had found out anything about the bank on Kentucky. Mr. Thomason stated that they were going to tie that into the Parks Worley project and they were waiting until school was out.

City Manager Dulaney asked for the floor and reported the following:

The cost to produce water is \$1.15 per thousand gallons. Ms. Dulaney stated that she is going to get Mr. Frye to check on the ordinance.

Our Water Plant operator Lawrence Jackson resigned as of April 1st to move back to Ohio with his family. Ms Dulaney stated that she hated loosing him, as he was a top notch operator. Ms Dulaney stated that he had given her time to find someone else. The new operators name is Dean Fields and he has a lot of years of experience and also has a water distribution license as well as water plant operator license.

Ms Dulaney asked if the board was going to adjust Mr Bartley's bill as it is \$900.00. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that he could look at the ordinance and report back as to what they needed to do.

Police Chief Greg Depew reported the following:

Monthly call report- available at City Hall

They are prepared for the upcoming race

Will be finishing up in-service in May

No County Commissioner was present.

Old Business:

Alderman Carrier asked if the water reservoir had been painted and finished. City Manager Dulaney stated that she is still holding some of their money back because we found some rough spots that are leaking around the bottom and they will also have to adjust one of the gauges. Public Works Director Thomason stated that they had already fixed the gauge, but they still have some touch up on the tank but it has no effect on the tank internally.

New Business:

City Manager Dulaney reported that she had received a resignation letter from Alderman Harmon via fax today. Motion to accept the resignation was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor.

Alderman Carrier made a motion to appoint James W. Good Jr. to the vacant seat on the board. Second by Vice-mayor Harrington. All in favor.

Citizen Comments- Second Section:

Julie Venable Carty stated that after the last election someone called Mr. Booher with the Election Commission and said that her husband voted 2 times and Mrs. Carty stated that her brother was named Terry as well as her husband.

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With no other business Alderman Bowling made a motion to adjourn. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest this 7th day of April, 2015

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Judy Dulaney, City Manager