

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
May 5, 2015

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

Members present were Melvin Carrier, James Good, Ray Harrington, and Lon Gene Leonard.

Richard Bowling was absent.

Prayer was given by Reverend Irvine Green, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Minutes from the April 7, 2015 meeting were approved with motion by Alderman Carrier. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor.

Minutes from the April 15, 2015 Special Called meeting were approved with a motion by Alderman Carrier. Second by Alderman Leonard. All in favor.

Citizen Comments- First Section

Becky Buchanan of 750 Dry Branch Road asked how the lien on Melvin Carrier's property was put on it or how does it get taken off. Mayor Wells instructed City Attorney Paul Frye to answer. Mr. Frye stated that a judgement lien gets recorded at the court house and is taken off by being paid.

Initial Resolution- Authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds for \$1,686,000.00 in the Water / Sewer Fund. Motion to approve the Initial Resolution was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Carrier. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution- Authorizing the issuance, sale and payment of \$1,686,000.00 of bonds of the Town of Bluff City and authorizing the issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes prior to the issuance of bonds and authorizing the pledge of revenues of the Water / Sewer System and the levy of taxes to pay the bonds and notes. City Attorney Paul Frye read the Resolution. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2015-001 on First Reading. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which amends the Bluff City Municipal Code Title 18 Dealing with procedures for adjustments to Water / Sewer Accounts. The ordinance will allow us to adjust water bills back to the cost of the treatment of the water for people that have water only with us and have a leak. Motion to approve on first reading, was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Alderman Good asked if we had not been doing anything about it before for people living outside the city with only water service. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that they could adjust sewer only but this enables us to adjust water. Vote was as follows. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2015-002 on First Reading. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which amends Title 14, Chapter 6 of the Bluff City Municipal Code dealing with Storm Water Management. Mr Frye stated that this is a housekeeping ordinance to meet the requirements of

the state permit, and the biggest change is the buffer on impaired streams will be larger than in the past. Motion to approve on First Reading was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Alderman Good. Mr. Good asked if this is basically all state mandated. Mr Frye stated that it was. With a motion and second on the floor, the vote went as follows: All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action Audit Contract with Eddy and Eddy CPA's: Motion to approve the contract was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Mayor Wells stated that she had talked to someone in the Comptroller's Office and they told her that when you have auditors it is best to get new ones every 3 to 4 years that they could find mistakes easier. All in favor. Mayor Wells vetoed the motion. Alderman Carrier made a motion to override the veto. Second by Alderman Leonard. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells reported the following:

She attended the following: Scappi Meeting at the Sullivan Co. Health Dept., Children's Advocacy Center Meeting, Home Consortium Meeting, TDOT Meeting, Metro Planning in Bristol. Mrs. Wells thanked everyone for coming and encouraged everyone to vote.

City Attorney Paul Frye had no report.

Comments from the Aldermen:

Alderman Carrier thanked everyone for coming.

Alderman Good thanked everyone for coming and said he was new to this and thanked everyone for their support.

Vice-Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming and encouraged everyone to vote.

City Manager Judy Dulaney reported the following:

The cash balances as of April 30th: General Fund- \$115,642.33, Sanitation Fund- \$7,299.49, Special Police Drug Fund- \$2,558.97, Sinking Fund - \$3,094.75, Debt Service Fund - \$242,084.67, Water/Sewer Fund-\$211919.34, FHA Reserve Acct-\$690.76.

The vehicles put on Govdeals.com sold for \$17,151.00 minus 428.77 for which govdeals got paid.

Problem with dead trees on our right of way and the cost is \$800.00 to have them removed.

Paving that needs to be done on Parks Worley will be \$1,500.00. Ms. Dulaney asked if they had any objection to the above quotes as the funds are available in those line items.

The engineers are continuing work on the loan/grant for water.

Talked to people in Nashville about our chances for applying for a CDBG Grant and a sidewalk grant.

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Motion to approve Financial Report was made by Alderman Good, Second by Vice –Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chief of Police Greg Depew reported the following:

Monthly report.

Race weekend went well. He received a letter from Campground near race track thanking Officer Brandon Johnson for resuscitating a man during the race.

Thanked the board for allowing them to use Govdeals.com as it has been successful.

Mayor Wells asked Chief Depew if he had replaced Officer Antone. Chief stated yes. Mayor Wells asked for a copy of the application.

Alderman Good stated that this thing with Officer Johnson is great and it reflects on his (Chief Depew) leadership and stated to thank the officer.

No Sullivan County Commissioner was present.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Citizen Comments – Second Section:

Karen Morrell of 691 Riverside Road asked Judy Dulaney if that was Parks Worley that comes down from the Elementary School. She stated yes. Mrs Morrell suggested that the county should share the burden on that road due to the school traffic and she had spoken to Commissioner Grubb about it. Ms Dulaney stated that it would be nice but she did not see them doing it. Mrs Morrell stated that they should all look at calling the liaison commissioners about it. Ms Dulaney stated that it would probably come better from the Mayor. Mrs Morrell stated yes she thinks so but they could all do a part. Alderman Leonard stated that he had asked the county before and they stated that the buses were contracted out and it would be up to the individuals instead of Sullivan County. Ms Dulaney stated that before she had asked them to help paint the school crossing markings a few years ago. Mrs Morrell stated let's try it again.

Tonya Cordle of 254 Jonesboro Drive asked who the auditor for the city was. Mayor Wells stated Eddy and Eddy. Mrs Cordle asked how long they had been there. Mayor Wells stated 17 years. Mrs Cordle asked if there was a reason they would not want fresh eyes to take a look at it. Alderman Leonard stated that these guys have been around here and know the ins and outs of the city and exactly where to go and what to do. Mayor Wells stated she had talked to the comptroller's office and what she told the board was true. Mrs Cordle stated that it would make sense to have fresh eyes to take a look at it. Vice Mayor Harrington stated that he was okay either way and Eddy and Eddy could show them the ins and outs. Alderman Good stated that his thought would be if they had a problem with them he would entertain that motion but if they have been doing a good job with no discrepancies and he feels if it isn't broken don't fix it. Mrs Cordle

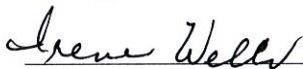
asked how do you know it's not broke if someone else is not looking at it because as far as she knows none of them are experts on auditing. City Manager Dulaney stated that auditors are not here to do what we want them to do they do what's necessary and they are controlled by the comptroller not us. Ms Dulaney stated that there had been a problem with stealing and misappropriation of funds and the auditors they had at that time did not find what was wrong and admitted they could not find it although they knew something was wrong. Ms Dulaney stated that Eddy and Eddy CPA's was brought back and within a week found it and an arrest was made.

Jeanann Sanders of 251 Jonesboro Drive asked if something could be done about trash and junk vehicle at property located at the corner of Jonesboro where you turn to go down Main St as the vehicle blocks the view. Chief Depew stated that he had been there and the process is under way but the occupants had a certain amount of time to take care of it, but the Chief thanked her for her concern.

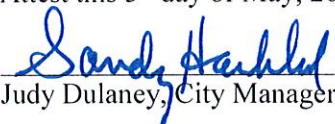
Becky Buchanan asked Judy Dulaney about pine tree that has to be cut down and asked if it was at 336 McClelland St as she is the caretaker of that property. It was determined not to be that property but across the street. Mrs Buchanan stated that she did not understand why they did not want another auditor. Ms Dulaney stated that there would be another auditor looking at this due to getting the loan/grant and it requires an independent audit following Eddy and Eddy's audit, so there would be a fresh look at it.

Alderman Good asked if whoever audits here has to report to the state. City Manager Dulaney stated yes and it has to be approved by the state. Mr Good asked if the state comptroller has to approve the auditors. Ms Dulaney stated that due to accusations that were made the Comptroller requested a special audit this year and there were no findings and all money was accounted for, and all procedures were followed.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Good. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Mayor Wells adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.


Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest this 5th day of May, 2015


Judy Dulaney, City Manager *city clerk*