

Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
June 2, 2015

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

Members present were John Harrison, Tanya Cordle, Ray Harrington and Richard Bowling.

Members absent: Sandra Madison.

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

Minutes from the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting were approved with a motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor.

Mayor Wells announced to the audience that in case they did not see the sign outside the door, we do have a video camera in the room

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Citizens Comments – First Section

Karen Morrell of 691 Riverside Road, reported the County Commissioner Sherry Grubb had a budget meeting tonight and stated that she was still interested in purchasing the old City Hall building.

Mary Anderson, City of Bluff City Municipal Court Clerk, read her resignation letter citing ridicule from Mayor Wells as her reason for resigning. Mrs. Anderson requested that the letter of resignation and the notice of grievance filed with the BMA and City Attorney Paul Frye, be part of the record of the meeting. (SEE ATTACHMENT I) (3 PAGES) Mrs. Anderson presented copies of her resignation and her grievance letters for each member of the BMA, the City Attorney and the City Clerk.

City Engineer Dave Wilson with Mattern & Craig stated that the main subject of the report is the ongoing water / sewer improvements projects. Mr Wilson stated that after a lengthy discussion he presented a revised project with total cost of \$3,698,975.00 and with that accompanying rate increases totaling 8% in the next fiscal year and 8% the following fiscal year. A minimum user should have a bill of \$31.78 now and after the increase it should be \$37.07. Mr. Wilson asked for approval. Motion to approve was made by Alderwoman Cordle. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Wilson also reported that they will be following up on an outstanding TDOT Grant Application to make sure we are still in the running for it, along with a potential block grant application they have discussed for an unnamed project at this time.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-001 opened at 7:10 pm. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which will allow us to adjust outside water customers who don't have sewer. There were no comments. Hearing closed at 7:11 p.m. Motion to approve Ordinance 2015-001 on second reading was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-002 opened at 7:11 p.m. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which amends title 14 Chapter 6 of the Bluff City Municipal Code Dealing with Storm Water Management. There were no comments. Motion to approve on second reading was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2015-003- on First Reading. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is a Continuing Budget and Tax Rate for Year Ending July 1, 2015. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Contract with the First Tennessee Development District to provide planning services to the city for the sum of \$6,750.00 was approved with a motion by Alderwoman Cordle. Second by Alderman Harrison. All in favor.

Discussion / action on BMA Member to Planning Commission. Motion to have Alderman Bowling continue on the commission was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderwoman Cordle. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion / action to appoint a representative to the Animal Board. Motion to appoint Alderman Harrison to the board was made by Alderwoman Cordle. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion / action on the old City Hall building. Alderman Bowling made a motion to reconsider the original no vote on the old building. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Alderman Bowling made a motion to accept the original bid of \$9,700.00 from Sherry Grubb for the purchase of the old city hall building and have some of the money spent on a war memorial and beautification. Second by Alderman Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells reported the following:

She attended several meetings. Her time lately has been spent trying to be a good Mayor / City Manager.

Looking forward to improving Bluff City and hopes it will continue.

City Attorney Paul Frye reported the following;

He will be attending the Tennessee Municipal Attorney's Association meeting in Nashville for training the first of next week.

Informed the Mayor that we would need to have a special called meeting before the end of the month to approve the continuing budget ordinance. The Special Called Meeting was set for June 23 at 7 pm.

Aldermen Comments:

Alderman Harrison stated that he appreciated everybody coming out and those who voted for him and he is going to try to do his best for the city.

Alderman Cordle stated that she appreciated everyone coming out and they are going to do their best for everybody.

Vice- Mayor Harrington stated that he was glad to see everyone out and he looks forward to working with the new board members.

Alderman Bowling stated that he appreciated everyone coming out and he is looking forward to working with the new members.

Mayor Wells stated that she is looking forward to working with the full board and thanked the people.

Report from City Recorder: Mayor Wells stated that we have someone working temporarily and we do not know how long that person will work.

Chief Greg Depew reported the following:

Congratulated the new members of the board and looks forward to working with them. Chief Depew stated that it had been a pleasant work experience working with the new City Manager and she has done a great job and they have had no issues.

Monthly report.

No County Commissioners present- They are working on budget.

Report from Public Works Director Hugh Thomason

Routine work going well. He is waiting for the new financial year to begin new projects.

Old Business- None

New Business – None

Citizen comments – Second Section

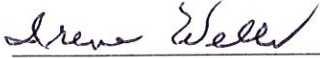
Carol Keith of 305 Lakeview Circle reported that the reason why her sister Alderman Sandra Madison is not here today is because she is in the hospital. Thanked the police department.

Jeanann Sanders of 251 Jonesboro Drive, asked if there were any plans about getting a building inspector or what do they do when they need one for instance if someone puts a pool up and there is no fence around it, how do they enforce that. Ms. Sanders was informed by the City Attorney Paul Frye with a building inspector. Ms Sanders asked if there was one available. Vice Mayor Harrington stated that he had talked to someone and they said they would come over and talk to them.

Julie Venable Carty of 209 Smith Street Extension asked about a new sign for City Hall and we need a system to notify people of special called meetings.

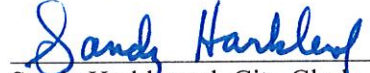
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With no other business Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.



Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2015



Sandy Harkleroad, City Clerk