

Minutes
Special Called Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor & Aldermen
September 19, 2016

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

I welcome each of you here tonight. Anyone wanting to comment has three minutes in the first session and three minutes in the second session. The Board members do not have to comment unless they want to. Anyone wanting to comment must come to the podium and give their names, address and phone number. No talking out in the meeting. If you want to talk while the meeting is going on you must go outside or to the hallway. Others want to be able to hear. If you have a request for information you must come to the office at City Hall during office hours 8 AM to 4:30 PM and fill out the proper request. I would also like to mention that if anyone gets out of order you will be asked to leave.

Members present were Alderman Stratton, Vice Mayor Harrington, Alderman Harrison and Alderman Bowling.

Prayer was given by Deacon Ray Harrington, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for Citizen Comments-First Section.

Carolyn Payne, 4818 Bluff City Highway: My first comments are going to be addressing the special called meeting and refer to Bluff City Charter. Whenever in the opinion of the Mayor or three Aldermen the welfare of the town demands it. A special called meeting can be called. I don't consider what's on the agenda special, but if you want to go by all these rules then I want to flip over to order of business. At today's meeting you should have approved the last minutes of meeting's. Which you did not.

Discussion/Action: Financing of police cruisers. 36 Months @ 2.75% or 48 Months @ 3.00%

The sheets that I passed out to you compares the thirty-six months we get a lower interest rate of 2.75%. Forty-eight months is higher at 3%. It shows you the difference that you save by going with thirty-six months compared to the forty-eight. You save roughly \$2700.00. Eastman Credit Union will need your approval on thirty-six or forty-eight months. Because we are commercial, the rate has to be approved by ECU's commercial board.

Motion to approve 36 Months @ 2.75% was made by Alderman Bowling Second by Alderman Harrison
Motion Carried

Alderman Stratton	Yes
Vice Mayor Harrington	Yes
Alderman Harrison	Yes
Alderman Bowling	Yes

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Discussion/Action: Hire a temporary part-time police officer at \$10.00 per hour. With a maximum of twenty-four hours per week.

Mayor Wells states, it's going to be a fill in position because we have someone that is out and has been out for quite a while.

Chief Depew states he wants to comment on this. We have got a guy working 6 to 2 that helps a lot. We are down one and at this point with stuff that I cannot go into when he will be back. It is uncertain. It's just a temporary part-time slot where it gives us full officers here. It will be a 24 hour week thing. Just help fill in because officers get sick things happen. It's a little security for us. Alderman Harrison asks if Chief Depew if he is short-handed on nights? Chief Depew states Yes, I have made corrections to try and help fill that too.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Harrington Second by Alderman Harrison
Motion Carried

Alderman Stratton	Yes
Vice Mayor Harrington	Yes
Alderman Harrison	Yes
Alderman Bowling	Yes

Discussion/Action: Approve Cox Disposal's contract for trash pickup.

We brought it up at another meeting and it is in the budget for rate \$12.00 per household for the first year. Then \$12.50 for the next two years. There will be no increase for the citizens. The City will pick up the difference as long as it is approved by the Board. So do we have a motion to approve the contract?

Motion made by Alderman Bowling Second by Vice Mayor Harrington
Motion Carried

Alderman Stratton	Yes
Vice Mayor Harrington	Yes
Alderman Harrison	Yes
Alderman Bowling	Yes

Citizens Comments 2nd Section:

Carolyn Payne, 4818 Bluff City Highway, 538-9108: I do sincerely hope you get your cruisers, eventually. I also want to comment at another special called meeting we have had actually five special called meetings since May. One of them was for an administrative person for a salary at \$11.00 per hour. I think that any policeman that straps a gun on his hip and puts his life on the line should surely at least be paid what a secretary is paid. I hope that that is acceptable with everybody. I do suggest that. I mean I think that it is fair. When we talk about the welfare of the City what you should have discussed today is that there was another overflow at the Moores' property last night. Any overflow is supposed to be reported to TDEC. At the last meeting Allen Moultrie stood up and said, Special Called Meeting

I think he said five. I think Dean said five. They are all supposed to be reported to TDEC and they were not. Mayor Wells asks if Chief Depew has a comment since he suggested the salary. Chief Depew comments stating he looked at some options and got some information from some people. With that amount of hours and that position. I was the one that came up with the \$10.00 per hour. I appreciate your concern and thank you for concern of that. I was the one who gave the hours to the Mayor, the hourly pay and the hours. That is just based on that amount of hours and being part-time, temporary position.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Harrison.
Motion carried

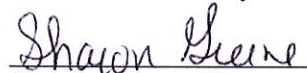
Alderman Stratton	Yes
Vice Mayor Harrington	Yes
Alderman Harrison	Yes
Alderman Bowling	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 PM.



Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest: This 24th Day of October, 2016



Sharon Greene, City Recorder/Finance Officer