

Minutes
Special Called Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor & Aldermen
October 24, 2016

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

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 name, address and telephone number. No talking out in the meeting. If you would like to talk while the meeting is going on, you must go outside or in the hallway. Others want to be able to hear. You can be asked to leave if you are out of order. 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 form.

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

Prayer was given by Alderman Bowling, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Discussion/Action – Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2016 and Special Called Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2016

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

Alderwoman Madison	No
Alderman Stratton	Yes
Vice Mayor Harrington	Yes
Alderman Harrison	Yes
Alderman Bowling	Yes

Discussion/Action- Change Order for 2015 Sewer Pump Station Replacement Total Change \$110,555.00.

Dave Wilson, Mattern & Craig- I am here today to discuss what we had brought before you before change order #2 to the existing project which included the installation of the 6” force in lieu of the existing 4” force main. At that time, we discussed a couple of other things about the pump station. Form that we went back and there were a couple of items that we replaced in this change order I feel like that will make the project better. So what I have done is resubmit the change order with an increased dollar amount. The increased work on this represents the water services that are currently in the project in a later phase that were to be tied over to the 6” line on the east side of 44. I wanted to go ahead and do it now and then kill the water line on the same side as the force bearing so we will not be hitting it and breaking it as we go. Vice versa after its installed. We will not break the new force main while we are doing that water line work afterwards. So that change order addition reflects that. It also reflects adding in larger impellers onto the pump station. Another big concern is that we are seeing a lot more water than we thought we were before and so we went back to the manufacturer and said is there anything we

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can do to increase the amount of water that these pumps will pump? This is their suggestion if we can go to a larger impeller and get close to an additional well 25% more pumping ability which will take to possibly over 300 gallons a minute. I know once I did submit it, those impellers that are there we have specified will work, but this just adds capacity. So that is what this change order is about. If you all will consider.

Alderman Bowling right there where they are going to dig this in front of my house and my water line runs right beside of that up through there. Right beside the fence. My water lines runs outside of that fence. Mr. Wilson responds so if it is hit by the force main it will need to be replaced. Alderman bowling states he just wanted to make sure that Mattern & Craig knew that before this starts. Mr. Wilson states it is in the specifications. Anytime that the contractor hits anything that is existing, they take it upon themselves to have to put it back to the same or better. Mayor Wells asks the impellers the ones that are in there now, is there any way that we can get a refund on those? Mr. Wilson states possibly. He will ask if those are restocked you know that way it would be now you all have bought them and you could keep them in cause something happened. I will see what that is worth and I will request that Mayor. Alderman Bowling asks when they plan to start this? Mr. Wilson responds if he can gain the Board's approval today I am going to have it to the RD fellow tomorrow hopefully and maybe the first of the week. That is what we are shooting for.

Approval of Change Order for 2015 Sewer Pump Station Replacement Total Change \$110,555.00.

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

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

Discussion/Action: Terminate Building Inspector Martin Crussell and hire Vince Pishner as new building inspector.

Mayor Wells states that he has been really hard to get hold of. Citizens are calling him and not able to get hold of him. Businesses are calling him and not able to get hold of him. So, I have brought another person here to talk with you today. His name is Vince Pishner. He is the state building inspector. I asked him to come and talk to the Board and see if there is anything we can work out with him. He has told me that he will not be able to do it full time but he would be able to help us out until February.

My name is Vince Pishner. State certified as a building inspector, plumbing inspector and mechanical inspector. I now work part-time for the towns of Mount Carmel and Surgoinsville. I am a state contract building inspector for Hawkins County, Carter County and Bluff City. I have been in the trade since 1988. I have been a certified inspector since 2001 or 2002. I worked for Mount Carmel starting in 2000. Any questions.

Alderman Bowling states the Mayor says you can only be with us until February? Mr. Pishner states yes sir, this is my slack time of the year. It will be picked up again my other jobs and I just will not have the time. I told her I could fill in and do building inspections only. I cannot do code enforcement. I just

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don't have the time. Mayor states he is just trying to help us out until we can find someone else. Its been real hard to find someone. If you all agree and Mr. Pishner can tell you what his price would be. The price as I told the Mayor would be \$100.00 an inspection. \$25.00 an hour if you have me do other work other than inspections. It is the same as I am paid other places. I talked to the residential supervisor on the way here in Nashville. I told him what I told the Mayor I could do. He reluctantly said you could hire someone that is not certified but they have to be able to pass certification within a year. So if you could find someone in the building trades that are somewhat familiar. The exams are detailed but you have to know where to look in the book to find the answer. If you had someone that has worked as a builder, plumber or mechanical or been around them and are familiar. Familiar with code books. I told the Mayor I could fill in until you got someone on board. Also you will have to get state approval but Mr. Planter sent me the form that you have to fill out if you decide to go this route. Mayor Wells states, "the thing about it is the one that we are using now you know had a few more months to get his certification but we just can't get hold of him and when says he is going to go meet with someone he doesn't show up." Mr. Pishner states, "I do answer my phone and if I schedule a meeting I try my best to be there."

Approval of Terminate building inspector Martin Crussell and hire Vince Pishner as part-time inspector until February.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Harrington Second by Alderman Harrison

Motion Carried

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

Discussion/Action to hire a part-time police office at \$13.00 per hour, 24 hour week

Mayor Wells states you had already approved for me to hire an office at \$10.00 per hour. This person that I want you to consider has quite a bit more experience. I sent each of you a copy of the resume. At this time I would like to recognize Chief Depew and he will fill you in on some other things.

Chief Depew states, when you guys gave us the green light on going ahead and hiring a part-time guy the search started. We have looked at several different people. What we found with the gentleman here Chad Bishop. We interviewed the other day. I thought it was a very successful interview. I enjoyed speaking with him. He has got a lot of qualifications. I think he could bring a lot to the City and to the department. With his certification he is post certified. But he has been out of law enforcement since 2009. He has been active military, he is with the Army. He is a commercial pilot, he flies black hawk helicopters. He is going to ETSU. He is very qualified. As his resume shows. He would have to go in March to a transition school. That is in Nashville. The cost of that is \$825.00. What that does is give them just an update on all the laws. They go through a firing range course. They go through driving just to get them up to date on where they need to be, which is a good thing. Its for liability and the safety of himself and the people. I really feel like this would be the right way to go. With a little bit of investment there is some seized vehicle we have at the impound lot that if I got the paperwork within the next thirty days we can sell. I think that would help with the cost it would pay for the cost of the school. We would be able to work everything out that in March I have been in contact with post commissions I don't have the exact date in March. I thing this in my opinion would be the way to go. I would like the Board if

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you would to approve him to be hired at the \$13.00 per hour and get him to the transition school in March.

Mr. Frye states that any Board would be voting on the compensation. The City Manager would be doing any hiring.

Alderman Harrison asks would be in the long term willing to be full time? Chief Depew states absolutely and that is a good questions. He told Chief he would want to be full time. He stated if we had that now he would accept that now. I told him at the time if you get in here an opportunity comes up in the future absolutely. Mayor Wells asks the Board "you do understand that would be \$13.00 per hour plus the \$825.00 for the school?" Chief states "that would include his stay, his food. It's a one time fee it covers it all." Mayor Wells states "We do not know when Hubbard will be back because he has had an additional surgery." Chief states just to make you aware, once he is hired and he is ready with just a phone call. We start an FTO program with him. Training him. Once he completes that program here. He then can be by himself. Its for evenings and nights. Its just, we are trying to beef up our nights and evenings. That's what he would be used for. He could go on patrol by himself after he completes the FTO Program.

Mayor Wells states we have had it put in Johnson City Paper and Bristol Paper. We have had it advertised twice. The second time we only received one application well two applications. Someone that had worked over in Carter County. A young lady, but she was not interested in a part time position. The other one had some complications. So, I would ask that you approve this \$13.00 per hour and the \$825.00 for his school.

Approval of hiring Temporary/part-time Police Officer at \$13.00 per hour

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

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

Chief states on behalf of his guys in the police department....thank you Board and thank you Mayor.

Discussion/Action Resolution No. 2016-005 through Resolution No. 2016-015 to disperse Non-profit donations.

Attorney Paul Frye states all the resolutions that are on the agenda today are dispensing the budgeted items to the various non-profits. We have already had a public hearing on it and it has already been voted on in the budget. But according to Tennessee Code Annotated 6 54111 and ordinance 2000-00A. in order for the money to be paid out we have to do a resolution and all of these are for operating expenses. I will just read them all at once. You can have one vote.

Boone Lake Association- \$500.00
Holston River Cleanup- \$500.00

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Bluff City Vol. Fire Dept.-10,000.00
Piney Flats Vol. Fire Dept.- \$3,000.00
Bluff City Senior Citizens Center, Inc.- \$1,000.00
Second Harvest Food Bank - \$500.00
Thomas Memorial Public Library- \$5,000.00
Bluff City Community Aid- \$1,100.00
Bluff City Rescue Squad- \$5,000.00
Children's Advocacy Center of Sullivan County- \$1,000.00
Bluff City Boys and Girls Club- \$1,000.00

Approval of Resolution No. 2016-005 through Resolution No. 2016-015 to disperse non-profit donations

Motion made by Alderman Harrison Second by Alderman Bowling
Motion Carried

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

Citizen Comments-Second Section:

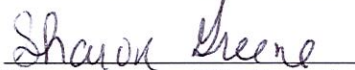
Julie Carty, 209 Smith St. Ext, 423-538-7931: I don't mean to be negative but when the pump stations were first bid out the capacity it seems like it wasn't in consideration with what we actually needed. I know a few companies I have talked to said the reason they did not bid originally is because the Board did not a lot enough money to do it properly. So it seems like that is true. I didn't even hear the amount that ya'll said that you were approving it for to finish the project.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Harrison. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 2:24 pm.



Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest: This 1st Day of November, 2016



Sharon Greene, City Recorder/Finance Officer