

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
June 6, 2017

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

Members present were Jack Stratton, Ray Harrington, John Harrison and Richard Bowling.

Sandra Madison was absent.

Prayer was given by Vice Mayor Harrington, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Herron commissioner of the SBK (Pet – Works Regional Animal Service) introduced Russ Adkins who is on their Board of Directors and he wanted to make a statement. Mr Herron stated that the Sullivan County Tax Assessor Ron Hillman passed away at age 64 and asked that when they pray to remember his family in their prayers. Russ Adkins gave an update of where they are. Mr Adkins stated that they had purchased the property and presented a drawing of what they are going to build. Mr Adkins stated that they will be calling it the regional adoption center. Mr Adkins stated that they are having a fund raising event in process. Mr Herron requested that the city donate \$20,000.00 in the next two years being \$10,000.00 each year. Mr Herron stated that Bristol is coming on board as a member as well.

City Engineer Dave Wilson presented an update on some things from the last meeting that Allen Moultrie had brought to their attention. Mr Wilson stated that we had a line that was causing trouble on McClelland Street and they saw fit to have a camera put in the line. Mr Wilson stated that the results of the photos from the camera showed that there was a large section of line that has sagged and broken. Mr Wilson stated that there was also a ditch that runs alongside the railroad and dumps onto McClelland. This water is probably running into the sewer. Mr Wilson stated that they have 2 choices. One is to repair the 450 feet of pipe itself and the cost estimate would be \$25,500.00. Mr Wilson stated that they could look into approaching R D (Rural Development) and adding it to that project. Mr Wilson stated if we were going to make it a more comprehensive and repave the street and fix the drainage to keep it from happening again the cost estimate would be \$93,000.00.

Mayor Wells asked Mr Wilson if the first estimate was considering using in house men. Mr Wilson stated that was going out and if we used our crew you would see a savings. Mayor Wells stated she did not think we could do that in house it is too involved for the city crew. Mr Wilson stated yes it does get a little deep and there will be a need to use a trench box. Mr Wilson stated that he would recommend adding it to the R D project and they could get a better long term solution and fix. Mr Wilson stated that he would recommend more t v work on the lines at a cost of \$1,500.00 per day.

City Engineer Dave Wilson stated that another issue they had talked about was to take more flow off of the igloo and they had discussed retiring the garage pump station or relocating its forced main. Mr Wilson stated that this had been looked at in 2005 and was \$150,000.00 and was not feasible at that time. Mr Wilson handed out drawings of the alternatives to the board.

Mr Wilson stated that alternative 1 which would include boring under the railroad now and would require a new permit would be an estimate of \$112,000.00. Alternative 2 is the force main itself and the estimate is \$39,500.00. Mr Wilson stated that they should have competitive bids from contractors which could be less. Mr Wilson stated that he would recommend going ahead with the R D project and then add these elements in as a change type element.

Mayor Wells stated what they were talking about was a lady wants to build a house on McClelland Street and she wants to have a basement and the property is lower than where the line is. Allen Moultrie Public Works Supervisor stated that what she wants is for us to lower the main line and she wants to use her old tap and the only thing she can do is get a pump on her line. Mr Moultrie stated that we have to get the storm water issue fixed as well.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Citizen Comments –First Session – There were none.

Motion to approve minutes for the May 2, 2017 meeting was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes for the May 31, 2017 Special Called Meeting was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Harrison. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action -Public Hearing on Ordinance 2017-004

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is an ordinance to Adopt a Continuing Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017. Public Hearing opened at 7:45 p.m. With no comments, hearing closed at 7:46 p.m. Motion to approve ordinance 2017-004 on second reading was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Public Hearing on Ordinance 2017-005

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is an ordinance dealing with Providing for the maintenance, preservation and protection of public records, and establishing procedures and accessing and copying public records. Public Hearing opened at 7:48 p.m. With no comments, hearing closed at 7:49 p.m. Motion to approve ordinance 2017-005 on second reading was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Report from Mayor/ City Manager

Mayor Wells stated that this is the first regular meeting of the Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen since the election. She thanked everyone regardless of whether they voted for her or not, and said that if we work together and put Bluff City first all things will be possible.

The Bluff City Beautification Club is in the organizing stage and all are welcome to join. The first meeting will be Thursday June 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

This is the time to put together a budget with many things to consider.

The smoke test revealed over 100 defects and we will be working hard to remove the storm water from the sewer system and to take care of other problems facing the city. We hope everyone will realize how important it is to take care of these defects as soon as possible.

Meeting was held with Johnson City MTPO organization board members, First Tn. Human Resources, TDEC and others to continue working together to insure transportation for seniors for doctor visits, hospitals, work and other areas.

The Home Consortium meets quarterly to continue helping Bluff City citizens and others to be able to rehab or buy a home. If you know anyone that needs help have them contact the Mayor for a form.

The review she and Allen (Moultrie) had to go thru with OSHA is completed.

Acorn Electric gave a quote to fix the traffic light at 19-E, as they have been patching it in the past but every time the wind blows it breaks. The price to take care of the problem would be \$2,200.00. She is working with someone from TDEC to put the responsibility on them to fix it because the cable is too small.

Report From City Attorney – No report

Discussion / Action Financial Report

City Recorder / Finance Officer Sharon Greene presented the following:

Fund Balances as of April 30th, 2017 were as follows; General Fund - \$880,607.00
Sanitation Fund \$ 9,327.00, Special Police Fund - \$9,220.00, Debt Service Fund- \$146,480.00,
Sinking Fund - \$3,095.00, FHA Reserve Fund - \$691.00, Water / Sewer Fund- \$658,760.00.
Total fund balance - \$1,708,173.00. Mayor Wells thanked Sharon for the job she is doing and stated that each month these balances are going up. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Comments from Board Members:

Alderman Stratton thanked everyone for coming out and standing with them. Mr Stratton stated that he was proud to be a Bluff City Citizen.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming out and thanked them for the re-election and said they will continue to get things done.

Alderman Harrison said he appreciated everyone for coming. Mr Harrison stated that he knows that it looks like they have a mess but we are trying to get through it.

Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for coming and thanked them for the re-election of the three of them so they could get down and continue these projects.

Report from Chief of Police Greg Depew

Chief Depew congratulated the board members on their re-election and stated that he looked forward to working with them.

Monthly Report – SEE ATTACHMENT

Alderman Bowling asked if they had any leads on the break-in. Chief Depew stated yes they do.

Vice Mayor Harrington asked if the curfew was working and the Chief stated yes and it is helping a lot.

Report from Public Works Supervisor- Allen Moultrie

Mr Moultrie showed a film of storm water on McClelland Street during a rain storm. Mr Moultrie stated that he thought that he and Dave (Wilson) may disagree on some of the things, but he pretty much said exactly what I was looking at. Mr Moultrie stated that he partially disagreed with removing the garage pump station line as he feels that is not going to eliminate their I & I. Mr Moultrie stated that they do get some flow from that station but not what they are getting from the 390 Pump Station as it is what overwhelms the Igloo Pump Station.

Monthly Report – SEE ATTACHED

Report from Water Plant Operator – Dean Fields

Mr Fields presented the monthly report – SEE ATTACHED

Mr. Fields reported that they cleaned and serviced the spring box. Mr Fields explained how much water goes into the spring box by saying that when they tried to drain it they rented two 500 gallon per minute pumps and two 6 inch drain valves open and they could not pull it down. Mr Fields stated that he estimates the spring box at about 2000 gallons per minute and we are pulling roughly 170 out of it. Alderman Bowling asked how big the box was. Mr Fields stated about 10 feet by 15 feet.

Report from Sullivan County Commissioner – Randy Hare

Mr Hare congratulated the board members on their re-election. Mr Hare stated that all of the County meetings have been cancelled this week due to the death of Ron Hillman the Property Assessor. Mr Hare stated that the main thing the county is involved in is the budget. Mr Hare said he had sent a list of the members on the Budget Committee and he recommends a call or e-mail to them as he feels it would help in getting them to submit the request for the park. Chief Depew thanked Commissioner Hare for meeting with him, the Mayor and the principals to try to get a step ahead on what they will be facing. Mr Hare stated that he had received the letter the city had sent about the Middle School. Mr Hare stated that the school would be closing in a couple of years, but there will be 200 more students at Bluff City Elementary this year. Mr Hare stated that the traffic flow would increase and they worked together trying to come up with a plan to combat that. Mr Hare stated that this could be a great opportunity for this town even when the new school is built. Mayor Wells stated that she would like to thank Mr Hillman as he had always helped Bluff City so much and he has been a wonderful friend.

Old Business -- None

New Business-

Mayor Wells stated that we have problems with the swinging bridge. Sullivan County is working on it but Chief Depew and the other officers have had to patrol there because people have taken the tape down and someone took the sign that was there. Mayor Wells recommended a street light be put there as it is very dark in that area. Mayor Wells stated that she was unsure of the exact amount because the last street light installed cost \$11.00 and the one at the Rescue Squad was less. Vice Mayor Harrington stated go ahead and put a light down there.

Mayor Wells read a letter from the TVA stating that the easement for the Bluff City Park is set to expire on August 23, 2019 and if they wanted to renew the easement TVA needed at least 12 to 18 months to process the application. Mrs Wells stated that the initial application fee is \$5,000.00 but you would be responsible for all the administrative costs that TVA incurs in processing the application. Mrs Wells stated that she had been talking to Mr. McNutt for over a year about this project and she thinks that she can get them to go with a fixed cost.

Mayor Wells stated that we are going to have to do a program for the Americans with Disabilities Act Plan. Todd Wood offered to do the plan for us at a reasonable. Mrs Wells stated that she felt the cost would be around \$300.00 but she would get the amount and present it at the next meeting.

Citizen Comments – Second Session

Rebecca Harrington 344 Tennessee Avenue asked if you go with a bid to fix the pipe is it possible to have the paving done by our men. Mayor Wells stated that she did not think our men could do that good on paving. Dean Fields stated that part of the problem with us doing it is we don't have the equipment.

Mayor Wells reported that we have CMON Plan that we were supposed to have completed by the end of March and the engineer did not get it done totally so they need to have a workshop. Mrs Wells stated that she would get back to them about the workshop.

With no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Harrison. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Irene Wells, City Manager/Mayor

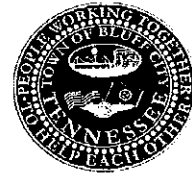
Attest this 6th day of June, 2017



Sharon Greene, City Recorder/ Finance Officer



Bluff City Police Department
MONTHLY REPORT



2017 May
Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	142	70	16	228
ISSUED CITATION(S)	81	64	0	145
WARNING CITATION(S)	22	16	0	38
PATROLED MILE(S)	2800	2502	0	5302
ARREST(S)	10	7	0	17
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	12	6	0	18
ALARM(S)	5	2	0	8
ACCIDENTS	2	1	0	3
ANIMAL CALL(S)	5	0	0	5
MSD REPORT(S)	1	2	0	3
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	1	2	0	3
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	5	2	1	8
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)	0	0	0	0
MISSING PERSON(S)	0	0	0	0
D.U.I.(S)	0	0	0	0
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	3	0	0	3
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0	0	0	0

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approved by: *Chief Max Depen* 8/4/2015

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Water Plant & Distribution System

Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly

Report for May 2017

Water Treatment Plant: During the month of May we treated an average of 226,000 GPD. Our water tank level averaged out at 48.2 feet for the month of May. At the beginning of May we cleaned and serviced our spring box. To give you an idea on how much flow our spring has we were operating 2 500 GPM suction pumps and also opened both 6" drains to pull the water out and we still could not keep up with the flow of our spring. In my opinion our spring is producing close to 2000 GPM.

Water Distribution System:

We have fixed several small leaks in the month of May. We continue working on our leak detection and we also have started our flushing program and will be starting our sample plan this month. Again I want to thank everyone for reporting any water leaks and please continue to do so. If anyone has questions or concerns about our water system, please contact me through City Hall and I will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 423-538-7144

Dean Fields
Water Plant Operator
Distribution Operator

CITY OF BLUFF CITY

Department Of Public Works Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly Report for June 2017

Sewer Department:

All the pump stations are operating in a normal manner when we don't have a storm event. During these storm events we are continuing to see that there is a storm water issues that we are currently trying to correct. In our previous special called meeting there were talks about possibly moving the garage pump station line, to where it would pump directly into the line going to the Bristol station on Lakeview Drive. Although this would take some flow away from the Igloo 44 pump station, I personally don't feel this would stop our issue of overwhelming the 44 Igloo pump station. Not with the amount of flow we have coming from the 390 Bridge pump station. Although we most likely are receiving I & I from numerous parts of town, I believe a great bulk of it is coming in at McClelland St. Where a great deal of the City's storm water collects to this point before it goes into the lake, or in this case possibly into the sewer line and towards the 390 pumps station.

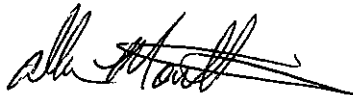
My issues with moving the garage pump station line are:

1. It does not stop our storm water issue.
2. Since these storm water issues started we have not had the high well level alarm at the garage pump station. While at the 390 Bridge pump station you can see the high level of flow we are getting from that side of town.
3. We continue to send the same amount of flow to the Bristol Plant (which is currently an issue.).
4. We would be investing over \$20,000+ on a fix that doesn't solve any of our issues.

Street Department:

The staff has been working hard keeping up with the brush pickup. We are mowing around town and at the pavilion, ballpark, City Hall, and along Bluff City Highway.

If you have any questions, please give me a call 612-4145. Thank you.



Allen Moultrie
Public Works Supervisor