

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
August 1, 2017

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

Members present were Sandra Madison, Ray Harrington, John Harrison, and Richard Bowling.

Jack Stratton was absent.

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

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Citizen Comments – First Session

Julie Venable Carty, 209 Smith Street Ext., reported that the public works department did a great job on trimming the tree near her house and stated that the people picking up garbage really appreciated it as it would brush up against them as they went by.

Shirley Clark, 932 Lona Lane, stated that she spoke to Mayor Wells before the meeting but she wanted to bring it to their attention again about Holston Drive. She stated that her daughter and son-in-law live on the corner there. She stated that she knows that they changed the speed limit but she is over there twice a week and the cars are flying down the hill and back up the hill. Ms Clark stated that she knew her son-in-law had asked about speed bumps and it was said it would be put in the budget for this year and she wanted to make sure that it is still being looked at. Mayor Wells stated that she has talked to the county as they are the ones that do the speed bumps, but they will not be able to help us this year because they are backed up because of the new school system and the highways they have to put in. Mayor Wells stated that she had put a certain amount of money in the budget and she based it on help from the county but right now she is not sure what they can do because the expense is going to be higher.

Discussion / Action – Special Called Meeting of July 25, 2017 Minutes

Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action- Suggested Form of Task Order from Mattern & Craig.

Dave Wilson of Mattern & Craig made comments on status of McClelland Street project. Mr Wilson stated that they are taking bids on it on August 17th and they have a pre bid meeting on August 8th. Mr Wilson stated that he had presented a task order for their fees associated with the job to the Mayor and the Recorder and asked that they approve it.

Mr Wilson stated that on the CMOM, if we are finished with that and there are no more comments or revisions there is a provision there that the board has reviewed it and accepted and are adopting it to make it formal so that when it goes to TDEC they know that it has gone through a governmental review and approval. Alderman Bowling stated do you think this bid is going to be around \$136,000. Mr Wilson stated that would be with the water line. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that they are only approving the fees tonight. Motion to approve the engineering fees was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Harrison. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action- Ordinance 2017-009 – First Reading

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is to fix the time and place of Regular Meetings of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen stating the meetings will be held on the first Tuesday each month at 6:00 p.m. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action – Financial Report – Sharon Green

City Recorder / Finance Officer Sharon Greene read the total Fund Balances as follows:

General Fund - \$ 926,672.00, Sanitation Fund - \$ 19,627.00, Special Police Fund - \$ 14,786.00, Debt Service Fund - \$ 120,325.00, Sinking Fund - \$ 3,095.00, Water / Sewer Fund - \$671,815.00. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried. Alderman Bowling asked if the budget was balanced and was told yes it is.

Report from Mayor / City Manager – Irene Wells

Mayor Wells reported that we are still doing good and we could have been doing better if we had not been trying to take care of the overflows. Mayor Wells stated that we had septic trucks in here sometimes 2 at a time and had to pay that money out, but they felt that it was worth it to keep the sewer out of the lake.

Mrs Wells stated that they had been busy working on and finishing the budget. One of the big projects they had worked on was the smoke testing and fixing some of the problems.

Report from City Attorney Paul Frye

Mr Frye reported that in the last 2 weeks they had collected approximately \$15,000.00 in delinquent property taxes.

Comments from Board Members

Alderwoman Madison thanked everyone for coming and invited everyone to come back.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming. Mr Harrington stated that they are getting things done. They have a balanced budget and they are getting water and sewer taken care of.

Alderman Harrison thanked everyone for coming and stated that they are trying to get stuff done, it just takes a little while, but they are trying.

Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for coming out and they are trying to get everything done as fast as they can, but it is a slow process. Mr Bowling stated that when they had an ISO inspection at the Fire Department they had a lot of questions about our water supply, so he called Allen and Dean and they supplied the answers really quick and said he appreciated them for doing that.

Reports from City Officials and County Commissioners

Chief of Police Greg Depew presented the monthly report for July, 2017 – SEE ATTACHED

Chief Depew stated that schools are starting back and they are as prepared as they can be for that.

Chief Depew asked the board for permission to have In God We Trust put on the bumpers of the police vehicles. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Alderman Bowling asked the Chief if he had heard anything about the carbon monoxide issues. Chief Depew stated that they had been having some carbon monoxide issues with Explorers, but they have a tester in their car and so far they have not had any issues. Vice Mayor Harrington asked about a cruiser that needed to be wrapped (new emblems and color on it). Chief Depew stated that he had gotten a quote but he needed to get it in writing but he said it would be around four to five hundred dollars and it would look like it had a new paint job. Chief Depew stated that this car had a new engine in it and new tires on it and it is in really good shape. Vice Mayor Harrington stated we can use drug money on it and Chief Depew stated yes we can. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that if you are going to use drug money on it you don't need to take a vote.

Report from Public Works Supervisor- Allen Moultrie – SEE ATTACHMENT

Mr Moultrie reported that the pump stations are operating normally, with only one time in July they received a high well level alarm which came after a significant amount of rainfall. No overflow occurred during this event. The staff has been flushing sewer lines in the known problem areas. Alderman Bowling asked that when the high level alarm is triggered, how does he know when that happens. Mr Moultrie stated that it calls him, texts him, and sending him an e-mail. The man on call will also get a call.

Report from Water Department – Dean Fields – SEE ATTACHED

Mr Fields reported that they had met with the engineer discussing the upcoming improvements which includes a new back wash tank giving approximately 300% more storage for cleaning our filters. It will also include an above ground storage tank with a capacity of around 130,000 gallons of drinking water.

Mr Fields stated that he gets the new updates for regulations and one of the things the state is implying is all board members have to have continuing education for utility boards and it is six hours and he believes it is mandatory. Mr Fields stated that Mayor Wells had probably already informed them of this. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that the training is not available yet but it will be available through the Comptroller's Office and thru MTAS. Mayor Wells stated that she had informed the board and all members do not have to take it, just her, Vice Mayor Harrington and Alderman Bowling.

Old Business – None

New Business-

Mayor Wells reported that Tom Jarrell had contacted her in reference to installing a street light on 535 Mulberry Drive.

Mayor Wells asked that they approve installing GPS systems on all city vehicles. The cost would be \$286.00 per month. Vice Mayor Harrington stated that is for 11 of the units. Mayor Wells stated yes. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Harrison. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

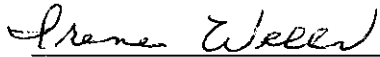
Vice Mayor Harrington asked if they need to make a motion on the light on 535 Mulberry Drive. City Attorney Paul Frye stated yes. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Harrison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Madison stated no because she felt that we need to get the speed bump. Mayor Wells stated that it is a monthly rate of around 11 dollars per month and we are still going to try to get the speed bump, and this is not going to hinder it. All others in favor. Motion carried.

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Vice Mayor Harrington stated to City Attorney Paul Frye that where we get our water from and we get the new tank, they are going to alleviate the 4 inch line where the free water customers get their water and use the 6 inch line so they will have to reconnect to it, but that won't affect anything. Mr Frye stated that won't affect anything, they will still get free water.

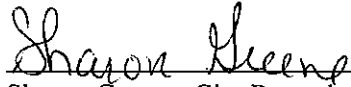
Citizens Comments – Second Session – None

With no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderwoman Madison. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Irene Wells, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 1st day of August, 2017



Sharon Greene, City Recorder / Finance Officer



2017 July
 Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY		TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	205	102	22	329
ISSUED CITATION(S)	82	67	0	149
WARNING CITATION(S)	25	41	0	66
PATROLED MILE(S)	3205	2901	0	6106
ARREST(S)	8	4	0	12
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	16	8	0	24
ALARM(S)	3	4	1	8
ACCIDENTS	3	2	0	5
ANIMAL CALL(S)	3	0	0	3
MSD REPORT(S)	17	10	0	27
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	1	0	0	1
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	5	3	0	8
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)	0	0	0	0
MISSING PERSON(S)	0	0	0	0
D.U.I.(S)	0	1	0	1
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	2	1	0	0
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0	0	0	0

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approved by: *Chief Gary Deppen*

CITY OF BLUFF CITY

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

Sewer Department:

The pump stations are operating normally with there being one time in the month of July that we received the high well level alarm. That alarm came on July 28th after we had received a significant amount of rain fall late that evening. No overflows occurred during this event, but the high well level was triggered. The Staff has been continuing flushing sewer lines in our known problem areas and adding others to comply with the CMOM.

Street Department:

The staff has been working hard keeping up with the brush pickup, along with continuing mowing at the pavilion, ballpark, City Hall, and along Bluff City Highway. We have also installed new trash cans and 3 grills at the boardwalk.

Now that school is set to start soon, we have been patching pot holes and trimming low lying tree limbs.

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

Allen Moultrie
Public Works Director

CITY OF BLUFF CITY
Water Plant & Distribution System
Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly
Report for July 2017

Water Treatment Plant: During the month of July we treated an average of 260,000 GPD. Our water tank level averaged out at 50.2 feet for the month of July. This month we also met with engineers discussing our upcoming improvements which include a new backwash tank giving us an estimated 300% more storage for cleaning our filters. These improvements will also be constructing an above ground storage tank with a capacity of around 130,000 gallons of drinking water. We look forward to these improvements which will strengthen Bluff City's infrastructure.

Water Distribution System:

As we continue our leak detection plan we still find an occasional leak in our town, but it seems our water loss is improving month after month. We are also planning improvements for replacing different phases of water line throughout the town which we will discuss in later meetings. 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