

Minutes  
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
Regular Meeting  
September 5, 2017

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

Mayor Wells state that this is a business meeting not a court of law and we welcome each of you here tonight. Mayor Wells stated that anyone wanting to comment has 3 minutes in the first session and 3 minutes in the second session, so do not try to speak twice in any session, it will not be allowed. During Citizen Comments, 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 phone number. No talking during the meeting, if you want to talk while the meeting is going on you must go outside or to the hallway. Mayor Wells stated that you can be asked to leave if you are out of order and if you have a request for information you must come to the office at City Hall during office hours, 8 am. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday and fill out the proper requests.

City Attorney Paul Frye stated that he would advise the Board and the Mayor to not discuss or comment on anything that is currently working its way through the court system.

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

Jack Stratton was absent.

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

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

**Citizen Comments – First Session**

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Hwy stated that she contacted 4 aldermen with her concerns and she wanted to thank the 3 that took time to talk to her with respect and dignity. My concern is not necessarily the TBI investigation although that should be taken into consideration, as well as the unrelated charges against Alderman Harrison. Mrs Payne stated I sincerely hope an alderman will make a motion tonight to remove Alderman Harrison and that it be second and be voted on by the majority. I base my request on Bluff City Charter C-13 section 10 which says –Removal of Mayor or Aldermen – The Mayor or Alderman may be removed from office by the board for a crime or misdemeanor involving moral perpetude or for grave private or public misconduct showing unfitness for public duty. Mrs Payne stated that the BMA is held to a higher standard and this is the final smirk on our town of Bluff City and it can no longer be tolerated or ignored.

Discussion / Action – Regular Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2017

Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Madison – No, All others in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – McClelland Street Rehabilitation Project- Recommendation of Award and other Information

City Engineer Dave Wilson with Mattern & Craig Engineering reported that the bid opening on the McClelland Street Project reflects that the bid from Ramirez Consulting of Abingdon, Va. was the low bid. Their total bid amount was \$178,380.00 and that includes a base bid of \$97,990.00 for the sewer and a bid add for the water of \$33,390.00 and storm sewer improvements that were added after base bid of \$47,000.00. Mr Wilson stated that he did review the bids and checked the references and has worked with Ramirez in the past on similar work and he recommended that they award the contract to Ramirez Contracting for this work. Alderman Bowling stated the add-on they talked about in the last meeting, had he discussed it with the construction people. Mr Wilson stated that he had and included in this bid is the \$47,000.00 to make the improvements. Motion to approve the low bid was made by Alderman Harrison. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr Wilson presented the Mayor a blank notice of award for review and the agreement and asked that they review and sign them and he would get them to the contractor. Mr Wilson stated that when they get the railroad approval he would ask for their construction period clock to start.

Discussion / Action – Resolution 2017-003- Dave Wilson

City Attorney Paul Frye read the resolution which is to approve and adopt a Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance Program “CMOM” plan. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr Wilson stated that he had received 2 additional comments on the R.D. project and he will get those turned in and hopefully we will have that approval by the end of the week.

Discussion / Action – Financial Report – Sharon Greene – City Recorder / Finance Officer

Ms Greene reported the Fund Balances as of July 31, 2017. General Fund- \$1,026,958.00, Sanitation Fund- \$19,227.00, Special Police Fund - \$14,755.00, Debt Service Fund- \$119,407.00, Sinking Fund - \$3,095.00, Water/Sewer Fund - \$705,150.00. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Report from Mayor / City Manager- Irene Wells

Mayor Wells reported that they had requested an additional \$5,000.00 from Sullivan County to help us make improvements at the pavilion and boardwalk and the \$10,000.00 has been approved.

Mayor Wells introduced our new Building Inspector, Jeff Cannon. Mr Cannon stated that he looked forward to working with them and having a safe and productive program in Bluff City.

Report from City Attorney Paul Frye

Mr Frye reported that he had collected around \$6,000.00 in delinquent property taxes this month.

Comments for the Board Members:

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

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming and said he was glad to see people he had not seen in a while. He is looking forward to seeing the things that are getting done.

Alderman Harrison thanked everyone for coming.

Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for coming and stated that they are trying to get things done.

Report from Chief of Police – Greg Depew

Chief Depew stated that the school zone is a work in progress.

Chief Depew reported that the guy was coming Thursday to put In God We Trust on the cars but due to the rain he had to reschedule. B-3 is at his shop getting restriped.

Monthly Report – SEE ATTACHED

Alderman Bowling asked Chief Depew if they had 2 dodges. Chief Depew stated they have 3, one 2008 and two 2012. Mr Bowling asked what kind of shape they were in. Chief Depew stated that the 2008 is in decent shape and several years back they had put a new engine in it and it has new tires. The 2012's are pushing 130,000 plus miles but they are still in operation.

Alderwoman Madison thanked the Chief and his officers and said they are doing a wonderful job.

Report from Public Works Supervisor- Allen Moultrie

Monthly Report -SEE ATTACHED

Pump stations are working properly with no overflows in August. They purchased a new sewer camera and will begin looking throughout town for any issues.

Mr Moultrie was asked if they had decided on a lawnmower. Mr Moultrie stated that they have used some as demo models and they have narrowed it down to either an X-mark or a Gravely but they currently have a Scag mower that they are using but stated that the city will need to look into purchasing a new mower. Alderman Bowling asked about the arm that they attach to the tractor. Mr Moultrie stated that the arm needs new bearings and with a little maintenance it will be back up and running and the tractor is working fine.

No County Commissioners were present- Mayor Wells stated that we were pleased with the commissioners for the time they spent convincing the other commissioners to vote for the city to have the additional money for the park.

Old Business-None

New Business- None

Citizen Comments – Second Session

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Hwy, stated that she is shocked and horrified that you will not uphold Bluff City's Charter and stated that she is deeply ashamed of each of them.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

  
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Irene Wells, City Manager / Mayor

Attest this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017

  
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Sharon Greene, City Recorder/ Finance Officer



**Bluff City Police Department**  
MONTHLY REPORT



2017 August  
Year Month

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CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	154	82	25	261
ISSUED CITATION(S)	68	36	0	104
WARNING CITATION(S)	38	21	0	59
PATROLED MILE(S)	3425	1734	0	5159
ARREST(S)	9	4	0	13
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	14	5	0	19
ALARM(S)	5	9	0	14
ACCIDENTS	2	3	0	5
ANIMAL CALL(S)	7	0	0	7
MSD REPORT(S)	8	5	0	13
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	1	2	0	3
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	1	0	0	1
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)	0	0	0	0
MISSING PERSON(S)	0	0	0	0
D.U.I.(S)	1	0	0	1
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	1	0	0	1
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approved by: *Chief Andy Papa* 9/5/2017

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# **CITY OF BLUFF CITY**

## **Department Of Public Works Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly Report for August 2017**

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### **Sewer Department:**

The pump stations are operating normally with there no overflows in the month of August. The Staff has been continuing flushing sewer lines in our known problem areas. We are proud to announce that the City have purchased a Sewer Camera and will begin looking throughout town for issues. We have a representative from the Rigid Corporation coming on September 7, 2017 to train us on this equipment, to make sure it is being operated correctly.

### **Street Department:**

The staff has been working hard keeping up with the brush pickup and mowing around town. We have been encountering leaks around town and have been trying our best to fix them, if we have cut pavement in, or around your property I ask that you be patient, we will patch or repave those area's in the coming days.

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

Allen Moultrie  
Public Works Supervisor