

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
November 7, 2017

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 6:00 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. 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.

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

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

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Citizen Comments – First Session

Carolyn Payne 4818 Bluff City Hwy. stated that she just passed down a copy of a section of the charter. Ms Payne read the section C-13 section 10 which pertained to Removal of Mayor or Aldermen. Ms Payne stated that the Mayor or Aldermen may be removed from office by the board for a crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or for grave public or private misconduct showing unfitness for public duty. Ms Payne stated Alderman Harrison has been found guilty in a court of law so now I respectfully request an alderman to make a motion to remove Alderman Harrison and it be approved by the required majority effective immediately. Ms Payne stated that if this does not happen she demands that all the remaining member's step down tonight if you refuse to stand by our Bluff City Charter. Alderwoman Madison made a motion for Alderman John Harrison to step down. Alderman Bowling made a second. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that this is in Citizen Comments just for a matter of clarification a notice would have to be served on Mr Harrison in writing and give time for a hearing and we could put it on the next agenda for December. Ms Payne asked if that could be done at a Special Called Meeting. Ms Payne asked who is supposed to serve it. I would think that you all were supposed to serve it since you all knew he was found guilty. Ms Payne asked if she was incorrect? Mr Frye stated that if there is a vote tonight to put it on the agenda, he will draft the proper notice and have it served and it would take a unanimous vote of the rest of the members on the board. Ms Payne stated with the exception of Alderman Harrison. Ms Payne stated found guilty of domestic assault, a restraining order, one family and three family members, two of them

(Sentence interrupted) Alderman Harrison stated wasn't found guilty (sentence interrupted) Ms Payne stated you were found guilty, Mr Harrison stated right here it says, Ms Payne stated domestic assault (Mr Harrison stated read it) Ms Payne stated I know what Judge Tipton said in the court room. Ms Payne stated see you can't behave yourself. Mr Harrison stated no you can't.

David Smith of 200 Highland Circle stated this has been going on for about three and a half years and the first altercation with Mr. Harrison was when Ms Cordle was on the board and the Chief had to have an officer escort Ms Cordle out so Mr Harrison would quit arguing with her. Then he got into it with Ms Madison and he has had a couple of other flair-ups. Mr Smith stated that he has been coming to the city and checking on some complaints about Mr Harrison and he wished that some of the aldermen would do that so you would know what kind of person you are working with. Mr Smith stated that he had been checking and going to the courts and he never saw any aldermen there. Mr Smith stated he should be taken off the board immediately. Mr Smith stated that he was in the court and Mr Harrison's attorney had to tell him that he was going to have to calm down this is a court house. Mr Smith stated that an officer came in and Mr Harrison stated what's he doing in here, I'll take care of that tomorrow. Mr Smith stated that this should have been taken care of when Ms Cordle had the trouble and Ray's (Vice Mayor Harrington) had to calm him down two or three times in here too. It is time for you all to move and stand up and do something, this man has no right to be on this board.

Becky Buchannan 750 Drybranch Road stated that John Harrison's personal life is his life and he can serve this board well and as far as people following him around and sticking their nose in his personal business, which is not their business. Mrs Buchannan stated you want to talk about John Harrison's life it was spread all over the news, t.v. and everything else, but there are other people in here that has family members that has been to court and has been put in jail but has not been brought up. This is John's personal life and nobody else should have anything- would you like for me to go around dogging you from court to court. Mrs Buchannan stated that she has better things to do with her time and she does volunteer work. Mrs Buchannan stated find something else to do and if you don't like this town then move out.

Don Weaver 4336 Bluff City Hwy stated that he believes what J.Paul is talking about, if you will look in the Charter, even for hourly people, C-13 section 10 doesn't state that and you would have the right tonight to vote him off. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that is not correct. Mr Weaver stated read it and show me, it doesn't say anything like that. Mr Frye stated that it does say that you have to have a notice and it has to be in writing and it has to be served on him. Mayor Wells asked Mr Frye if he needed a copy and Mr Frye stated no he had read it. Mayor Wells asked who else has a comment. Mr Weaver stated am I through. Mayor Wells stated you have 3 minutes. Mayor Wells stated if you are going to make a comment you need to finish it Weaver, are you finished. Mr Weaver stated I am for this one.

Discussion / Action- Special Called Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2017

Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Madison stated she was absent for that meeting so she abstained. All others present were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion -- McClelland Street Project

City Engineer Dave Wilson was present to answer any questions about the project. Mr Wilson stated that the work began roughly 3 weeks ago and is proceeding. The water lines have been replaced and at the end of last week the sewer lines had just been initiated, and hopefully it will be finished within the next 2 weeks and then the roadway will be repaved. Mr Wilson stated that he had received the first request for payment that he will process this week and get to them for consideration. Mayor Wells asked if he had information on the other project the water and sewer. Mr Wilson stated that he did not but he had e-mailed Lewis Trivette today but he did not hear back from him but he would get back with her when he hears from him. Alderman Harrison asked what they are going to do with the water coming off the railroad. Mr Wilson stated that they are going to place an inlet on the north side of the railroad and pipe it out and he thinks we will have money to do curbing.

Discussion / Action – Termination of the Inter-Local Agreement with SBK

City Attorney Paul Frye stated that this is a termination of the agreement that Sullivan County, Bluff City and Kingsport entered into to operate an animal shelter. Mr Frye reported that Sullivan County will be doing Bluff City's animal control. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Replacement of scraper blade on the snow plow and install a new salt spreader

Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie reported that we are to the point where it is going to cost more to get the plow fixed than it will to replace it. Mr Moultrie stated that it would cost around \$1600.00 to get the items that needed to be replaced but after this season we would be back in the same situation. Mr Moultrie stated that they had priced a plastic spreader with an electric motor which will save on gas and won't rust. Mr Moultrie stated that the blade is so filed down that we are not getting a level scrape on the roads. Alderman Harrison asked how long the plastic would last. Mr Moultrie stated that he has not heard the life expectancy on the plastic verses the metal, but with the salt they carry around, it will rust it, but he does not see the salt eating the plastic. Vice Mayor Harrington asked when he said plastic was he meaning the reservoir. Mr Moultrie stated yes and from what he has heard there will be no chain links and that is one of the issues they have because they have had 2 chains break. Alderman Harrison asked if they could use it as

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a second if they had to. Mr Moultrie stated that in this price quote it would be an exchange on the equipment and the quote he was given was a price of \$3,600.00 and reduced to \$3,000.00 by them taking the old spreader. Mayor Wells asked City Recorder / Finance Officer Sharon Greene to explain where the money was coming from. Ms Greene reported that where they are terminating the SBK agreement they were saving \$4,500.00. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Harrison. All in favor. Motion carried.

Report from Mayor Wells

Mayor Wells reported that the main thing that is going on is the McClelland Street Project and making sure the storm water is going to work out as Dave Wilson and Storm Water Engineer Todd Wood are working really hard to make sure that if all possible they can get the water turned. Mayor Wells stated that she had to attend a conference in Gatlinburg to bring everybody up to date with the First Tn. Development District on all the projects that they handled during the year.

Discussion / Action – Financial Report from Finance Officer Sharon Greene.

Fund Balances as of September 30, 2017 were as follows: General Fund - \$1,041,794.00, Sanitation Fund- \$18,631.00, Special Drug Fund - \$15,962.00, Debt Service - \$117,607.00, Sinking Fund- \$3,095.00, Water / Sewer - \$741,113.00. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Report from City Attorney Paul Frye

Mr Frye reported that he had collected a little over \$13,000.00 in delinquent taxes this month

Comments from Board Members

Alderwoman Madison thanked everyone for coming.

Alderman Stratton stated that he hasn't asked a lot of things he should have about concerning Mr Harrison. Mr Stratton stated that he hears he is and hears he's not and he asked the attorney if he had been found guilty of any charges. City Attorney Paul Frye stated I have an order from the judge that says he's found guilty of domestic assault. Mr Stratton stated that as a member of the board if he is found guilty then we should get rid of him. Mr Stratton stated that if he broke the law and some other things he is hearing, he is just letting them know he would have to vote to remove him. Mr Stratton stated whether it is me or him or who it is he had no right to be a disgrace to the people.

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Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming out. Mr Harrington asked that we keep the families in Texas in our prayers and especially our town right now.

Alderman Harrison – No Comment

Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for coming and asked that they come back again.

Report from Chief of Police- Greg Depew

Chief Depew presented the monthly report for October – SEE ATTACHED

Chief Depew thanked them for allowing him to attend some good conferences that have some of the best speakers from all over the country.

Chief Depew reported that in reference to the 2008 Charger he was in contact with the people fixing it and it should be available by tomorrow. Mr Depew stated that the cost will be taken out of the drug fund.

Report from Allen Moultrie on Water and Sewer – SEE ATTACHED

The pump stations are operating normal No overflows in October.

They are sending out a second round of letters regarding defects in town. Mr Moultrie reported that the camera has proven to be a great asset to the city and made detections more accurate.

Staff is keeping up with brush and leaf pickup.

A section of State Route 44 collapsed and our water line was exposed but there were no leaks. The state made the road repairs and just in case they run into the same problem they located our 2 valves so they can go on each side of the valve and cut it off so one side of town will be getting water from the water plant and the other side we would have to purchase from Bristol Bluff. They do now have that safeguard in place.

We got the side arm and the John Deere serviced but they have not purchased a new one yet.

No Sullivan County Commissioners were present

Old Business – None

New Business

Alderman Bowling stated that in view of the comments that have been made here tonight on Mr Harrison I want to make a motion to put it on the agenda for next month for discussion / action to get it straightened out one way or the other. Vice Mayor Harrington stated that he read the C-13 Section 10 and it says upon the board making a unanimous vote other than the person, the proceedings show we have to do the unanimous vote first and then the written statement has to be mailed out afterwards, if he read it correctly, but it doesn't say anything about putting it on the agenda. Mr Frye stated that we can put it on the agenda and put the hearing on there and the notice, if they vote tonight, he will draft a notice. Mr Harrington stated that it is a tough decision for Bluff City but he had to go through it on his very first meeting with Melvin Carrier, but he still calls him his friend. We had to do what was best for Bluff City and he was the deciding vote in that. Alderman Bowling made a motion to put the Discussion / Action of removal of Alderman Harrison on the next agenda. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote was as follows: Alderman Harrison abstained. All others in favor. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments – Second Session

Don Weaver stated that he needed to apologize to the board and to Mr Frye as he is right. Mr Frye stated thank you. Mr Weaver stated that it is something similar to disciplinary action. Mr Frye stated that it is similar.

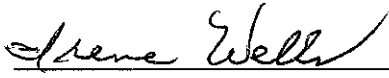
David Smith 200 Highland Circle stated that he would like the board members to know that he has more important things to do other than follow John Harrison all over town but he went to the court as a concerned citizen of his behavior for the past few years as he had mentioned he was going to kill 12 people. Mr Smith asked Chief Depew if anyone had called his department to request more surveillance on their homes or drive by to help make sure they stay safe. Chief Depew stated that they have received calls for (sentence ended) Mr Smith stated thank you. Mr Smith stated that they have had all kinds of Special Called Meetings, they come up at 1:00, 2:00 in the day and he does not think the city can take the chance on Mr Harrison going another 30 days. He asked that someone have the backbone to have an early called meeting and let's get this done because he is worried to death about Mr Harrison. Alderwoman Madison asked if she could call for an emergency meeting. Mr Frye stated not an emergency meeting, the reason I suggested this is Mr Harrison has the right to an attorney and that will give the attorney plenty of time to rearrange any schedule he has so they can take action that night. Ms Madison stated thank you.

Carolyn Payne stated that she briefly went over that section and had it highlighted but it does not state in here anywhere 30 days and it can be done and it can be done quickly. Ms Payne stated I do know you were found guilty, a restraining order that involves a brother and 2 small children and a no contact order and cannot have any guns in his possession or his home. Ms Payne asked

Chief Depew if he could find out if that had been done. Chief Depew stated I have no idea. Ms Payne stated that the good ole boy system down here is not going to work, I do believe that they will do the right thing and remove John Harrison and she wants to be number one on the priority list as his replacement because I have proven with facts, I am ready and prepared and I can hit the ground running.

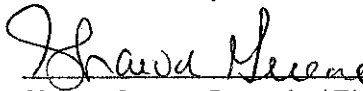
Becky Buchanan 750 Drybranch Road stated Mr Harrison hold your head up high and be proud of who you are because God is taking care of you. Just remember that. Mrs Buchanan stated that she has a friend that is interested in buying the property that joins Ms Payne and she wants to put 3 mobile homes up there for single families like a mother with one child and it will be HUD. Does Bluff City have water and sewer there. Mayor Wells stated no. Mrs Buchanan stated so I have to go to Johnson City for water, what about sewer. Allen Moultrie stated we do have sewer there. Ms Payne stated not at her house. Mr Moultrie stated not on that section but past you we do. Mrs Buchannan stated that this is on this side of her after Jarrell's. Mrs Buchannan asked what she has to do to get it zoned to put 2 or 3 mobile homes up there. Alderman Bowling stated she has to go before the Zoning Board in Bluff City. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that she needs to contact our planner Ronda Sawyer and she can answer her questions. Mayor Wells asked Ms Payne if she had another comment. Ms Payne stated that she knows that there will be no sewer there and she is the last one on Johnson City Water on that side.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Harrison. Second By Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.



Irene Wells, Mayor/City Manager

Attest this 7th day of November, 2017



Sharon Greene, Recorder/ Finance Officer



Bluff City Police Department

MONTHLY REPORT



2017 October

Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	125	89	21	235
ISSUED CITATION(S)	54	37	0	91
WARNING CITATION(S)	29	21	0	50
PATROLED MILE(S)	2805	2363	22	5190
ARREST(S)	5	4	0	9
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	8	7	0	15
ALARM(S)	2	8	2	12
ACCIDENTS	4	3	0	7
ANIMAL CALL(S)	4	0	1	5
MSD REPORT(S)	10	5	0	15
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	1	0	0	1
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	1	0	2	3
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)	0	0	0	0
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0	0	0	0

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approved by: Chief Greg Depew 11/31/17

Chief Greg Depew

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

Sewer Department:

The pump stations are operating normally with there being no overflows in the month of October. The Staff has been continuing the flushing of sewer lines in our known problem areas along with other areas in need of flushing. We are preparing to send out our second round of letters regarding sewer defect in town. This letter will serve as a reminder to those who have not been able to solve there defect issues as of yet. The staff has been making use of our sewer camera, and is happy to report that the equipment has made our detection of issues more accurate, and is viewed as a great asset to the city.

Street Department:

The staff has been working hard keeping up with the brush and leaf pickup around town. We ask if you are planning on using these services that you place your leaves or brush at least 3-5 feet off of the roadway, for employee safety. We also would ask that you rake or place these items in a pile, because we are not responsible for leaves or brush inside or on customer's property. As we prepare for the up coming winter season I would encourage the board and mayor to see into approving the funds to replace our old salt spreader and plow blade. As it stands the salt spearder has endured a lot of rusting over the last few years, and is in need of repairs and/or in need of being replaced.

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



Allen Moultrie
Public Works Supervisor

Bluff City Water Plant Status Report

Underwood Springs

November 7, 2017

Water Pumped in October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">④ 7,430,000 = 7 Million 430 Thousand Gallons④ Avg. 240,000 = 240 Thousand Gallons
Accomplished in October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">④ Two EPA samples for UCMR4 were collected in October④ Three State Bacteriological samples were collected in October – All Negative④ Trihalomethanes and HAA5 Sampling conducted in October for 2017 completed④ ④ A new water line was installed on McClellan Street, it has been tested and placed into service.
Issues regarding water	<p>Road collapsed on State Road 441 and water line was exposed, State filled with foam fill concrete to reduce the hole from expanding Water line is covered. Location of valves are in place if the line need additional work.</p>