

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
January 2, 2018

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

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

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

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Discussion / Action – Minutes for December 5, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Madison abstained- All others in favor. Motion carried.

City Engineer Dave Wilson was sick and could not attend.

Citizen Comments -- First Session

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Hwy. stated that she does want to be considered for the vacancy appointment as Alderwoman. Mrs Payne stated she felt she has much to contribute, the position is one of public service and she has proven her desire to serve our community and the residents. Mrs Payne stated so much so I ran in the May election for Mayor and only lost by 8 votes, it was an extremely close race. I am qualified and I promise to do what is best for the residence of Bluff City and our community. Mrs Payne stated our residents are involved and concerned because they voted in May and now that the meetings are on our website, people are watching. The meeting in November as of today had 141 views, and the meeting in December has had 147 views. People care and are watching. I want to thank you in advance for your consideration, support and hopefully vote. It would be an honor and privilege to serve Bluff City. If I am not considered, then I nominate David Smith, he has been a strong supporter of Bluff City and would be an excellent addition to the BMA.

David Smith of 200 Highland Circle stated that he would like to be considered as a member on the board and I feel like I have enough knowledge as I have been coming down here for most of 13 years. Most of you aldermen I have campaigned for, but I would sure appreciate your vote tonight.

Carol Henson of 320 Main Street stated that she would also like to be considered for the position on the Aldermen Board. Mrs Henson stated I have not been to a lot of the meetings but I have been working excessive overtime for several years and have not had the opportunity to come, but

now that I am retired I could give to this job all the time that is needed to give to this job so I would appreciate your consideration.

Carol Keith of 305 Lakeview Circle stated that she would like to thank the board for the job they are doing and she believes that they want to do what is right. Mrs Keith stated you guys got a lot of nice compliments for standing for what is right. Mrs Keith thanked the Police Department for the fantastic job they are doing and she asked the board to stand behind them as safety is very important. Mrs Keith stated that she would like for them to consider David Smith for Alderman and if you are not sure pray about it.

David Vance of 1204 Timber Ridge Road, stated if you are going to whisper around put a mike up there and let us all hear what you are whispering about. Let's give each one of you a mike and put it up to your face where we can hear what's going on back here. Mr Vance stated if it wasn't for the Veterans right now there wouldn't be none of you setting up there. I appreciate the ones that voted for us but I am going to let everybody in Bluff City know the ones that voted against us. They don't appreciate us. I would still like to know what happened to the disposal plant that Bluff City had a grant to build but it come up missing overnight and there are no records on it nowhere so what happened to it, I know it did not take wings and fly away. I would appreciate it if someone would look into it. Mayor Wells stated we have been looking.

Discussion / Action - Ordinance 2018-001

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which amends the Municipal Code Title 18-114 Dealing with Reconnection Charges. The change was to reduce the charge to \$25.00. Motion to approve on First Reading was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Sewer Agreement between Bluff City and Bristol

City Attorney Paul Frye reported that this is the renewal of the sewer treatment agreement with the City of Bristol and it is a 10 year agreement. Mr Frye stated that the new rate would be \$2.28 per thousand gallons anything above 3.6 million gallons would be double that rate. Vice Mayor Harrington asked what the current rate is. Mayor Wells stated \$2.24. Mr Harrington stated that it is going up 4 cents. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling after stating they are going to do it anyway. Mayor Wells stated if we don't do it we won't have a service. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Madison -- No, All others in favor. Motion carried.

Report Mayor / City Manager, Irene Wells

Mayor Wells welcomed everyone there and stated that she hopes they come to every meeting so they can know what is going on.

Mayor Wells stated that she attended several meetings last month and if you know of anyone who needs rehab on their homes there are some funds still available, but they could not use the funds on mobile homes.

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

Mrs Greene reported that the fund balances for the month ending November 30, 2017 are as follows: General Fund - \$1,119,189.00, Sanitation Fund - \$17,765.00, Special Police Fund - \$15,111.00, Debt Service Fund - \$110,593.00, Sinking Fund - \$3,095.00, Water / Sewer Fund - \$807,733.00. Mayor Wells asked Ms Greene to report on what the old City Hall Building sold for. Ms Greene reported that they sold it for \$9,700.00 and the money was set aside for the war memorial and is still in the bank account. Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Report from City Attorney Paul Frye—No report

Comments from Board Members

Alderwoman Madison thanked everyone for coming and she wanted to recommend David Smith to be on the Board as Alderman.

Alderman Stratton stated I would like to tell everybody something about what I have decided to do. I have a lot of sickness in my family right now and it is pretty bad so I would like to I guess quit. I want to be faithful in doing this and try my best to get it done. It is up to you all what you feel and can wait another term but right now I am covered up with illness in my family and don't have time to do anything and a chance to study what is going on. Mayor Wells stated that will be your decision if that is what you want to do, that's fine. Vice Mayor Harrington stated we would like to have you as long as you want to stay. Mr Stratton stated I appreciate that, and let's try another 30 days and hope and pray my situations break up, I have enjoyed trying to help you and I know I don't always agree with you and I'm sure there is a lot of time you don't agree with me. I can honestly say I've tried to do what I think is right.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming. The public works is really trying to keep up with all the mess. Maybe we can get this vacancy filled tonight.

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Alderman Bowling stated it's good to see everyone here tonight as cold as it is. I just hate to see Jack leave us but he will last another 30 days he said and I hope we get someone elected tonight to help us out.

Report from Chief of Police Greg Depew

Chief Depew stated I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Monthly report for December 2017 -- SEE ATTACHED

Presented a flyer in reference to the Church Security Training, preparing for emergencies in a house of worship. Chief Depew stated that this is something he, Detective Julian and former officer Denton Hall had been working on. This is something they are going to do on their own and the location is a place in Johnson City. This is to help all churches in the area.

Report from Public Works Supervisor – Allen Moultrie

Mr Moultrie presented the monthly report for December 2017. – SEE ATTACHED

The first rain since the McClelland Street Project was completed shows that the storm water that flows in that area has been diverted and is flowing the way it was designed to. It doesn't solve all our storm water issues but it has helped tremendously. Mr Moultrie addressed the audience by saying that if anyone had defects showing in the last smoke testing, they continue trying to fix those issues. During Christmas they did get a high well level alert at the pump station but it did not overflow.

Mr Moultrie stated that due to the temperatures it might be beneficial to leave your water dripping to help keep the pipes from freezing.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked Mr Moultrie for all their hard work during the holidays.

There were no Sullivan County Commissioners present

Old Business – None

New Business

Alderwoman Madison asked if this is where they can vote about the alderman. Mayor Wells stated as soon as they see if there is any new business.

Vice Mayor Harrington asked if they were talking about buying a piece of property for the war memorial. Mayor Wells stated that she talked to Gordon Justice again and he is having the property appraised and he will get back to them. Alderman Bowling asked wouldn't that be a little bit too much property to just put a war memorial on. Mayor Wells stated you could use it for other things as the City of Bluff City doesn't have any property and that is something we could use. Mayor Wells stated that she had asked Mr Carrier about property where the water plant is to see what it would cost to buy a couple of acres as we have no land out there and we could use some. Alderman Bowling asked if that was to put the new water tank on. Mayor Wells stated that they will be having a discussion to see what we can afford now to see if they want to do a water tank or more water and sewer lines. Mayor Wells asked if they could have a workshop on Tuesday at 4:00. All members said they could.

Audience member asked what about this piece of property beside the Post Office. Mayor Wells stated that she does not have any information on how much they want for it.

Discussion / Action – Appointment of Alderman

Mayor Wells asked City Attorney Paul Frye to speak on this. Mr Frye stated it would be just like anything else. They would have a motion, a second and vote on it. Alderwoman Madison made a motion to appoint David Smith to the board. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Alderman Stratton – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington- No, Alderman Bowling- Yes. Motion carried. Mayor Wells stated we don't go on to see what anyone else gets- We just stop here. Mr Frye stated yes.

Mayor Wells addressed David Smith stating that there were several things he had to go through. The Police Department will do a check on you. Mr Frye will go over several things with you and then you will be sworn in if everything checks out.

Citizen Comments – Second Session

Julie Venable Carty of 209 Smith Street Extension asked if Mr Stratton has to step down how much longer is his term. Mayor Wells stated that it is just about a year. Mrs Carty stated well I might consider it. Alderman Bowling asked how long the one for David (Smith) is. Mayor Wells stated that the term will end in 2019.


David Smith of 200 Highland Circle thanked all the Aldermen that voted for him. Mr Smith stated Jack we can work together, everybody gets sick and if you need to miss a meeting, it's been going on for other aldermen, but we will be willing to work with you.

Davie Henson of 320 Main Street thanked everyone for how good it looks down around the ball field. Mr Henson stated Allen (Moultrie) and his crew have done a good job. Mr Henson stated he was not aware that area was TVA, but it looks much better than it did.

(David Vance) stated they voted down the boardwalk where we have picnics, birthday parties and where veterans could meet. They voted not to renew the contract on that. They voted down the ballfield where the young ones play ball. Why don't they want the young ones in Bluff City to have anything. Alderman Bowling asked who did that. Mayor Wells stated it passed so we are fine. Mr Vance stated it passed but there were 2 that voted it down.

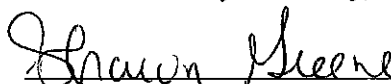
Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Hwy congratulated David (Smith). Mrs Payne stated that she would like to re-visit the War Memorial. I am a little confused about buying property. We don't have a lot of money and property, I think, should induce businesses to come in here as opposed to buying a piece of property that we are not going to get any revenue off of. Mrs Payne stated Richard I hear you have a wonderful plan and I would like to see that plan for down there next to the pavilion. Alderman Bowling stated if I can find it. Mrs Payne stated I heard you are going to do sidewalks so people in wheelchairs will have no problem. It is a beautiful area there. People can buy bricks and we can do so much with it. I really am confused about buying properties, as we should be inducing new businesses in here. Mayor Wells stated what slowed everything down was everybody wanting all this military equipment and stuff and sending in trying to get it and wouldn't go off of wanting a piece of military equipment. Mayor Wells stated it took time with the TVA to get approval. Mayor Wells stated that she wanted the citizens to know why and she has nothing against the Veterans Memorial and she is all for working with anyone that wants the memorial. Alderman Bowling stated that it was a long drawn out thing working with the TVA. Mrs Payne stated but it has been approved. Alderman Bowling and Mayor Wells stated yes it has been approved.

With no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:34 p.m.



Irene Wells, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 2nd day of January, 2018



Sharon Greene, Recorder/ Finance Officer



Bluff City Police Department



MONTHLY REPORT
2017

Year _____ Month _____

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	83	89	20	192
ISSUED CITATION(S)	41	58	0	99
WARNING CITATION(S)	17	15	0	32
PATROLED MILE(S)	1840	2602	9	4451
ARREST(S)	8	4	0	12
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	7	4	0	11
ALARM(S)	4	7	2	13
ACCIDENT(S)	5	3	0	8
ANIMAL CALL(S)	3	0	0	3
MSD REPORT(S)	6	3	0	9
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	1	0	0	1
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	3	1	0	4
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)	0		0	0
MISSING PERSON(S)	0	0	0	0
D.U.I.(S)	0	0	0	0
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	1	0	0	1
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0	0	0	0

approved by: Chris Amy Deppa Date: 12-7-2017

CITY OF BLUFF CITY

Department Of Public Works

Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly

Report for November 2017

Sewer Department:

The pump stations are operating normally with there being no major overflows in the month of November. The Staff has been continuing the flushing of sewer lines in our known problem areas along with other areas in need of flushing. Once again I will remind those customers that have received a notice regarding defects, need to get those defects issues resolved. We are preparing to send out our second round of letters regarding sewer defect in town. We may have to perform additional smoke testing to assure our assessments of defects are correct. This letter will serve as a reminder to those who have not been able to solve there defect issues as of yet.

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 advise customer's that park near or on the roadway, to make sure your vehicle is off the road to allow safe passage of our plow.

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

Allen Moultrie
Public Works Supervisor

NOVEMBER 2017 REPORT

Water Treatment Plant

7,946,000 Gallon Pumped

625,000 Purchased Gallons

EPA / State Samples Collected

3 Bacteriological Samples

1 set Backwash Samples

2 RAW Water Required LT2 Samples

2 sets New Line Bacteriological Samples
McCowan Street