

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Special Called Meeting
February 12, 2019

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Members present were Sandra Madison, Eric Ward, Ray Harrington and Richard Bowling.

David Smith 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 asked why Mr Oliver (Water Plant Operator) resigned. Mrs Payne voiced concern about overflows and the break on Main Street. Mrs Payne asked about the qualifications of Tina Grindstaff.

Discussion / Action – Using Teresa Nidifer and Tina Grindstaff as our Water Plant Operator until we find a full time operator.

Mayor Wells reported that it would cost \$300.00 per month for the 2 licenses and \$30.00 an hour as needed. Vice Mayor Harrington stated that the \$300.00 was for both licenses. Mayor Wells stated yes. Mr Harrington stated that Tina had been running the Bristol Bluff City Plant for over 15 years. Mayor Wells stated over 30 years. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments – Second Session

Carol Keith of 305 Lakeview Circle, voiced concern about her water bill being high, as she was gone for 2 weeks. Alderman Ward asked how much water she used. Mrs Keith stated that she thought 5600 but she will bring them. Mrs Keith voiced concern about the \$7.50 charge for additional brush pickups.

Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie stated that certain months they have more days on the readings. Mr Moultrie stated that on the brush pick- ups some people take advantage of it as some people have several large loads that can take most of the day to pick up. Mr Moultrie stated that most are small pick-ups and does not take much time to collect them and the people do not get charged for that. Some have a contractor to cut their brush and they don't pick it up.

Citizen (David Harmon) asked what the city does for the citizens. Mr Harmon stated that they used to get free garbage pick- up and now they have to pay for it and now they want to charge for brush pick-up's. Mr Harmon asked why we are having such a hard time keeping a water plant operator. Mayor Wells stated that we can't keep people from quitting. Mr Harmon stated that he had heard that they were going up on the cost of water again. Vice Mayor Harrington stated no.

Alderman Ward stated that must be fake media. Alderwoman Madison stated I heard that. Alderman Bowling stated I haven't heard anything about water going up. Mr Harmon stated I wouldn't expect you all to say anything. Alderman Bowling stated so you think we're lying to you. Mr Harmon stated it's probably a half truth. Mr Bowling stated I don't appreciate that. Vice Mayor Harrington stated I've got used to it. Mr Bowling stated I don't like being called a liar.

Julie Venable Carty of 209 Smith Street Ext. stated that on the trash being picked up and charging \$7.00 became a law several years ago they just did not enforce it. It's not this board. Alderman Bowling stated what if there was 7 or 8 loads of trash up and down the road right now to be picked up what do you want fixed? Do you want the water fixed or do you want the trash picked up. Mrs Carty stated I'm not complaining about it. Vice Mayor Harrington and Mayor Wells stated she's not complaining. Mrs Carty stated I'm not complaining about it. I am trying to defend you all. Everyone needs to get their facts straight.

With no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



Irene Wells, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 12th day of February, 2019



Sharon Greene, City Recorder/ CMFO