

Minutes  
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
Regular Meeting  
August 6, 2019

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

Members present were Carol Keith, Jeff Broyles, Ray Harrington, Eric Ward and Richard Bowling.

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

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Citizens Comments – First Session – No Comments

Discussion / Action – Minutes

Vice Mayor Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on June 4, 2019. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes.

Vice Mayor Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on July 2, 2019. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes.

Alderman Bowling made a motion to approve the minutes for the Special Called Meeting on July 23, 2019. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes.

Public Hearing – Ordinance 2019-004

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is the Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020. Public hearing opened at 6:06 p.m. No comments. Hearing closed at 6:07 p.m. Motion to approve on second reading was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes.

Public Hearing - Ordinance 2019-005

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is known as the Real and Personal Property Tax Levy Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020. Public Hearing opened at 6:08 p.m. No comments. Hearing closed at 6:11 p.m. Motion to approve on second reading was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes.

Discussion / Action – Resolution 2019-006

City Attorney Paul Frye read the resolution which Authorizes the Town of Bluff City to participate in the Public Entity Partners “Safety Partners” Matching Grant Program. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Broyles. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes.

Report from Mayor/City Manager – Irene Wells

Mayor Wells reported that they have 3 citizens that qualify to be considered for the Home Consortium Rehab Loan. One may not participate.

Mayor Wells stated that in reference to the traffic light at the Industrial Park, it should have been done by now but the State keeps postponing it. The money is there. They have changed it to a June 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 letting of the contract.

Mayor Wells stated that the things that go into the budget do not go into effect until 10 days after approval.

Report from City Attorney Paul Frye – No Report

Report from City Recorder / CMFO – Sharon Greene

Ms Greens reported the following fund balances as of June 30, 2019:

General Fund- \$1,550,686.00, Sanitation Fund - \$35,745.00, Special Police Fund - \$13,886.00, Debt Service Fund- \$109,143.00, Sinking Fund - \$3,095.00, Water / Sewer Fund - \$666,147.00. Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes.

Comments from Board Members

Alderwoman Keith stated Hello everybody. I often say be patient with me, I'm still learning and I just want everyone to know that I'll stand for what is right. I will stand up, speak up and speak out. I want everybody treated fairly including me and my family. I would like to take this opportunity to, on behalf of the Wells family, there was an officer there. Mayor they wanted you all to know, I think it was Compton. Chief Depew stated he is here now. Mrs Keith stated okay great, there he is. The Wells family wanted Mayor, you to know and the board members that when his mother passed, he went above and beyond to make sure the family was okay and just trying to be comforting. I just want to say thank you. You know me I believe in keeping this straight and I would like- I am going through some things which I will talk about at a later date, but I want to thank the Mayor for stepping up and trying to make sure things are done decent and in order and right so I want to say thank you on behalf of me and my family. Thank everybody for being here and if you need me I am just a phone call away.

Alderman Broyles thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers while he and his wife went through a very rough month of almost losing his mother and their daughter. Mr Broyles stated I have not been as active as I would like to be but now that the Lord has granted them both recoveries, it is time to move forward. Mr Broyles stated I attended an MTAS Planning and Zoning training. I do plan on attending the MTAS Elected Officials Academy on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of this month to try to broaden my education. Mr Broyles asked other board members to consider attending. Mr Broyles stated that he plans to attend a utilities workshop in October. Mr Broyles stated I am at your service and call at any time.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming, and stated I am glad to see new faces here. We are moving forward one step at a time.

Alderman Ward thanked everyone for coming and advised everyone to pay attention to the school zones as the kids are back in school now.

Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for coming and stated with the heat it is hard for people to get out.

#### Report from Chief of Police Greg Depew

Chief Depew presented the monthly report for July. SEE ATTACHED

Chief Depew reported that they now have 3 in the academy and they will be out in about 5 weeks, and we got Deputy Chief Dunbar back. The other guy that was hired is certified and is doing really good. We are getting back on our feet.

#### Report from Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie

Mr Moultrie presented the report from the Sewer and Street Departments – SEE ATTACHED  
Mr Moultrie stated we did not have any overflows.

Mr Moultrie stated that they are continuing with the mowing and brush pick up throughout town. We are finished replacing boards at the pavilion boardwalk.

Alderman Broyles asked what the average static water pressure was in town. Mr Moultrie stated around 45 psi. Mr Broyles asked what is the average gallons being produced at the water plant. Mr Moultrie stated he would have to ask the plant operator. Mr Broyles stated he knew that they had made some improvements and he just wanted to brag on them.

Mr Moultrie stated that the water plant had been up and running the month of July all but 3 days. All sampling and testing had been completed on time and we have passed those. We are still working on a few small leaks.

Alderwoman Keith asked if there was a hotline to pay your bill if your water gets turned off. Mr Moultrie stated that we do have a line for you to call the city worker that is on call but if the bill is not paid they have to wait until 8:00 the following morning. Mrs Keith stated so the answer to the question is that you have to wait until business hours. Mr Moultrie stated yes.

Report from Sullivan County Commissioner

Commissioner Hershal Glover apologized for not being here the last couple months as they have been working on budgets. Mr Glover congratulated the newly elected aldermen. Mr Glover presented the members a county commission calendar. Mr Glover reported that heart monitors on EMS trucks have to be replaced and Ballad Health is helping by replacing 15 this year and 15 next year. Mr Glover reported that they hope to hear something in November or December about updates on the jail. Mr Glover reported that there will be a new EMS building in Bluff City located on 11-E behind the Shell Station. Mr Glover encouraged everyone to speak out for keeping the Middle School in Bluff City and keeping Mary Hughes in Piney Flats. Mayor Wells stated that we need all the help we can get to keep the school. Alderwoman Keith asked if it would help if the parents would get active about it, Vice Mayor Harrington stated that is what Blountville did with the Middle School, all the parents and faculty went to the meeting. Mr Glover stated that they need to start attending School Board Meetings.

Old Business – None

New Business

Alderman Bowling asked about getting a left hand turn light (going toward Elizabethton) at the intersection of SR 44 and 19-E. Mayor Wells stated that she would check on it.

Citizen Comments – Second Session – None

With no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderwoman Keith. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

  
Irene Wells, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019

  
Sharon Greene, Recorder/ CMFO

# **CITY OF BLUFF CITY**

## **Department Of Public Works Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly Report for July 2019**

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### **Sewer Department:**

The sewer pump stations are operating well, with there being no issues regarding overflows in the month of July. During this month we did get the high well level alarm at the igloo pump station, but those events did not result into an overflow. Also the staff has been continuing flushing of our sewer lines throughout the system.

### **Street Department:**

The Staff has been working hard keeping up with the mowing, and brush pick up throughout town. We are finished replacing boards at the pavilion boardwalk, which will be restained in the coming months once the wood has cured. We also replace the women's bathroom door at the pavilion.

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

Allen Moultrie  
Public Works Supervisor



# Bluff City Police Department



MONTHLY REPORT  
 2019 July  
 Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	82	59	13	154
ISSUED CITATION(S)	34	16	0	50
WARNING CITATION(S)	12	6	0	18
PATROLED MILE(S)	2223	1683	0	3906
ARREST(S)	2	1	0	3
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	4	3	0	7
ALARM(S)	8	4	7	19
ACCIDENT(S)	4	3	0	7
ANIMAL CALL(S)	4	0	4	4
MSD REPORT(S)	10	6	0	16
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	2	0	0	2
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	2	0	0	2
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)	1	0	0	1
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0	0	0	0

approved by: *Chief [Signature]* Date: *8-6-2019*