

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
December 3, 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 Alderwoman Keith, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wells stated this is a business meeting not a court of law. Mayor Wells welcomed everyone and stated that anyone wanting to comment has 3 minutes in the first session and 3 minutes in the second session. Come to the podium and give your name address and phone number. Board members do not have to comment during Citizen Comment's session, unless they want to. Board members raise your hands to be recognized as this will eliminate interruptions. No talking during the meeting. If you want to talk while the meeting is going on you must go outside or to the hallway. Others want to be able to hear. You can be asked to leave if you are out of order. Once the business session starts you will not be able to interrupt, you will need to wait until your second session. If you have a request for information you must come to the office at City Hall during office hours 8 am to 4:30 pm. Monday thru Friday and fill out the proper papers.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Citizen Comments – First Session

Julie Venable Carty of 209 Smith St. Ext. stated that she would like to have a sign saying slippery when wet at the curve on Holston Drive because when it rains and in the winter, it's very slippery. Mrs Carty stated that another car has gone down in there and that makes about 10 since she has been here.

David Harmon of 200 Holston Drive stated Mr Bowling at the last meeting I attended you all were talking about the war memorial and I asked about a playground for kids down at the park. What kind of research did you do and what did you come up with. Alderman Broyles stated I am Mr Broyles and what we have done so far is what ever state the memorial or what ever project we decide to pursue goes in we do have an architectural firm that is going to support us and draw those plans. Most people want a veteran's memorial and some have talked about seeing it down next to the pavilion and some would like to see it here near the City Hall. Some have mentioned the Swinging Bridge. Alderman Broyles stated that all they are doing now is soliciting information and no decision has been made. Mr Harmon stated I was in the understanding that you would check prices and everything. Mr Broyles stated that it is public knowledge that we have \$15,000.00 to get the project started. The drawing will be done pro – bono.

Bob Slagle, (owner of Ridgeview Condo's) stated you may remember I was at the last meeting. Mr Slagle thanked the Board for taking time to serve on the board. This is about apartment 10 at Ridgeview Condo's. I asked to be on the agenda for tonight but was told no, but I could stand up and talk for 3 minutes. Mr Slagle stated he did not think 3 minutes would give him enough time to get his questions answered. Mr Slagle asked what criteria is used to determine what customer gets a new meter. Alderman Ward stated that would be up to the water department. Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie stated we ran through and the meter is showing that the radio is not

reading, that's when those radios get replaced. Mr Slagle stated he wanted help in correcting the bill and getting an adjustment. How many new meters have been installed? Mr Moultrie stated we have installed around 475. Water Plant Operator Tina Grindstaff stated that when the radio goes down it does not mean that your meter has stopped working or can not be read, because we can go out and manually read it. We can still get an accurate reading as long as the meter has not stopped. Mayor Wells stated your 3 minutes is up there is another session at the end.

Brian Hunt of 191 Lakeview Drive stated that he had a water line break on his side of the meter. This break ran into 2 water bill cycles. I came down and spoke with the Mayor yesterday. We had an adjustment on the last bill and I was informed that we were only allowed 1 adjustment per calendar year. My biggest thing is this water did not go into the sewer. Mr Hunt stated that since November 4th this water line is 128 feet long and this sediment filter is already past replacing due to the amount of dirt and iron particles in the water. I petition the city to adjust my sewer rates or reimburse me for the sediment filter that I had to have installed. Mr Hunt stated and furthermore this gentleman here has probably built 100 homes in this city and if he comes in here and says he has a legitimate gripe he deserves to be on the docket and recognized. I am petitioning the city for an adjustment on my sewer bill. Alderman Ward stated for the second time, you said you got an adjustment the first month but your break ran into two months. Mr Hunt stated correct. Mayor Wells stated you only get 1 adjustment a year. Mr Hunt stated I am petitioning the City Council for a second adjustment. Mayor Wells stated that he has signed this stating he has no leaks but all the water went through the meter. I have no reason to give him an adjustment since there were no leaks. Mr Hunt stated I am not asking for an adjustment on the water, I am asking for an adjustment on the sewer because I didn't use it. Mayor Wells stated we just go by the ordinance. Mr Hunt stated I am petitioning the City Council for a second adjustment on my sewer which therefore by law the Mayor does not have a veto over the city council's vote. Vice Mayor Harrington asked City Attorney Paul Frye when we do a water adjustment doesn't the sewer coincide with the water adjustment. Mr Frye stated the Ordinance would cover it. Mayor Wells stated it did. Vice Mayor Harrington stated so when we did his first adjustment we did the sewer also. Mayor stated yes. Alderman Ward asked how it worked. Mr Frye stated I would have to review the code. Mr Ward stated if it's the same leak I don't see why you couldn't adjust it for the same leak. Mayor Wells stated when you came down and asked for an adjustment did Sandy not ask you if you wanted it at that time because she told me that she did. Mr Hunt stated she asked me if I wanted an adjustment and I said yes and she said I will have to present it to the Mayor and she will be back with you and that was on the 5th and on the 11th I had to call back. We did not get an answer until the 14th. Mayor Wells stated I did not see the adjustment until she finished with it. Mayor Wells stated she did tell me that you ask for the adjustment at that time, because we can do 2 months. Mr Hunt stated you can do 2 months. Mayor Wells stated that she said you asked for it to take place at that time. Mr Hunt stated if you can do 2 months that's not 1 adjustment per year. Mayor Wells stated it's still just one time if it is running over but since you asked for it at that specific time she went ahead and did it. Mr Hunt stated right who wouldn't ask for it you had a \$300 increase in the utility bill. Vice Mayor Harrington stated basically what she is saying is if you had waited until you got your second water bill then they could have adjusted the total thing. Alderman Broyles stated that's my understanding. Mr Hunt stated we were not informed of that. Mr Harrington stated he just read the ordinance and it says the adjustments will be limited to 2 consecutive billing periods for any 1 leak. Mr Hunt stated right there it's in black and white. Mr Harrington stated I think when you asked for the adjustment I think is what caused the problem.

City Attorney Paul Frye stated that he thought 2 consecutive months would be considered 1 adjustment, but he needed to look at the ordinance and the code. Mr Hunt stated once again I am petitioning the City Council of Bluff City for an adjustment to my sewer bill, for sewer I did not use. Alderman Broyles stated that if we break one ordinance we are going to break them all. Allow us to make sure we are following the right legal parameter. Mr Hunt asked if he could get a grace period on the utility bills until a decision is made. Mr Frye stated we have to follow the ordinance and I will review it and advise the Mayor on it.

Diane Slagle, wife of Bob Slagle, stated that she wanted to discuss the pump station that Mr Slagle had to put in. It was \$52,000.00 and he was told that when he was building houses in Union Park, he would get his tap fees waived because of the \$52,000 that the city did not have the money to pay. That is how they were going to pay him back. It should not negate an agreement when elected officials change. He was forced into paying the fees.

Kathy Leonard of 316 McClelland Lane asked why you have a 3 minute limit to talk when this man has a problem so severe, why could he not just continue. I think it should be stopped because the citizens don't have enough time to express the problems that we do have. Mrs Leonard stated that Mr Birchfield is doing a wonderful job on these tickets given to people about the trash and the vehicles. Alderwoman Keith stated Mrs Leonard you asked did anybody know why. I don't want anybody to label me with everybody else, because I think people need more than 3 minutes. I do want you to know this, the Board is over the City Manager and if the City Manager says it's 3 minutes, the Board goes along with it. I don't agree with it but the Board goes along with what the City Manager says. Mrs Leonard asked if the citizens could vote and say we don't like this, and could we change this. Someone asked is it an ordinance. City Attorney Paul Frye stated yes. Vice Mayor Harrington stated that the way it works in other county meetings is that once their time is up they do have a certain amount of time, but they can ask one of the board members for an extension, but we do not have that in our ordinances. Alderwoman Keith stated we need to put that in there.

Lady from the audience asked what you need to do to be able to speak longer if what you need to do, takes longer than 3 minutes. Mayor Wells stated we have Citizen Comments and you have 3 more minutes at the end.

Christine Humphrey of 365 Cedar Street asked if they read the meter or estimate it. Mayor Wells stated they read it. Ms Humphrey's stated last month it was \$44 and this month it is \$128 and we do not have a water leak. Mayor Wells stated we can have them to check your meter. Ms Humphrey stated that is what I was told in January, February and March and nobody called me back. Mayor Wells stated you need to go to City Hall and fill out the form.

Lady from audience asked if the radios notify you when there is a water leak. Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie stated we will get a ping if there is a leak but that is hard to judge because you could be taking a shower at the time. Mr Moultrie stated when the reading gets back to Sandy if the reading is way out of range that would flag us to go out and get a manual read. Why didn't someone come to my house because it was out of range?

Discussion / Action- Minutes

Minutes for the regular meeting on November 5, 2019 were approved with a motion by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes.

Minutes for the Special Called Meeting on November 12, 2019 were approved with a motion by Alderman Broyles. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Abstained due to not being at the meeting, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes.

Discussion / Action – Debit and Credit Cards

Mayor Wells stated that the cost includes 3 machines at \$125 each for the ladies in the office and 2.7% or \$1.00 whichever is most added to the customer if we do this service. Mayor Wells stated that other questions from the board members will be addressed by Hannah Hylton with Business Information Systems in Piney Flats. Vice Mayor Harrington stated it is pretty well straight forward. Alderman Broyles asked if this included tech support. Ms Hylton stated it does come with tech support so if someone in the office had an issue processing a payment they would call and we would tell them. Mr Broyles asked if there was a limit to that contract. Ms Hylton stated it is usually 1 year. Mr Broyles asked if we would have to pay again next year to maintain the tech support. Ms Hylton stated no. Mr Broyles stated then it will continuously be renewed. Ms Hylton stated the contract will auto renew. Motion to approve the contract to take debit and credit cards was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Ward. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Change City Court from a Half Day to 1 Full Day per month.

City Attorney Paul Frye reported that several years ago when we first put the cameras in we had 2 half day court dates per month and when that settled down we changed to 1 half day per month. We are having increasing charges brought through City Court and the reason is they had passed an ordinance to allow city court to hear more charges. Mr Frye stated that we are up now to where we can't give anybody a court date until March. The Property Maintenance Officer Birchfield is doing a great job and those cases take up more time. They have decided that it would be better for the officer's schedules to have just 1 full day per month starting in March. Along with the change comes some expense. The Judge currently gets \$200 per court and that would go to \$400 per month if approved. Mr Frye stated that when court was just an hour to an hour and a half he donated his time but he is now requesting that he get paid his hourly rate for litigation. The traffic cameras are going silent on the 8th of January and this is going to bring needed revenue into town. Alderman Ward stated the extra 4 hours of court will offset our cost. Mr Frye stated that the additional fines coming into town will more than offset the cost. Mr Ward stated if we get caught up and tickets go down for some reason is it possible to go back to 4 hours. Mr Frye stated sure. Man from audience asked, what is the increase for Mr Frye, what do you charge per hour. Mr Frye stated \$150 per hour. Motion to approve the change was made by Alderman Broyles.

Second by Alderman Ward. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Change Internet, Cable and Telephone Services to BTES for Better Service – Includes new phones – Having problems with old phones- Current provider Century Link and Charter

Mayor Wells stated we are currently having problems with our phone system. Alderman Ward asked if this was for cell phones. Mayor Wells stated it's for office phones. Mr Ward stated it's just land lines not cell phones. Vice Mayor Harrington asked if this was cheaper. Mayor Wells stated it's better service. Alderman Broyles asked if this would include the public works shop. It's not changing their phones it's changing the phones in City Hall. Vice Mayor Harrington stated but their service will be BTES. Mayor Wells stated yes. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Fence repairs and gate installation at the Water Plant

Mayor Wells stated that the fence is in bad condition and Tri City Fence Co. gave an estimate of \$13,095 and Rio Grande gave a quote of \$12,744. Vice Mayor Harrington stated that is the whole thing. Mayor Wells stated yes. Vice Mayor Harrington asked Public Works Supervisor Moultrie if he had looked over the estimates. Water Plant Operator Tina Grindstaff stated that she was not sure that it was to do the entire perimeter of the plant. Mayor Wells stated there is a diagram. Mrs Grindstaff stated it is to put in a new gate there going into the facility for it to be able to slide back and forth instead of opening up. Where we have valves at the plant we have had to take the fence down so many times it has destroyed it so instead of putting fence back where we have to try to take down again we were proposing to put up another gate so we could slide it open if we needed to get the back how in to dig up valves instead of destroying the fence. Alderman Broyles stated this is a matter of security too, because the water treatment plant is a place that falls in the homeland security provisions. Mr Broyles asked if they are saying they are ready to go. Mayor Wells stated they haven't said. Man from audience stated he could get it done for half that. Alderman Broyles stated that the city gave \$5400 for the gate at the garage in 2003, so the gate is competitive. Motion to approve Rio Grande was made by Alderman Ward. Alderman Broyles stated I prefer the other contractor. Alderwoman Keith asked Alderman Ward if he felt comfortable with the one he just said. Mr Ward stated I know they have been around a long time but I have not had any experience with them. Alderman Ward changed his motion to approve Tri City Fence. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes.

Report from Mayor / City Manager – Irene Wells

Mayor Wells reported that she needed to bring the election for 2020 to their attention. We have 3 elections next year. March 3rd is the Presidential and County Primary. On August 6 it will be State Primary and County General. On November 3rd, 2020 the Presidential and General Election. We will need to use this building and it will start at 7a.m.

Mayor Wells stated that she wants to bring it to their attention that we close City Hall on each of those events. Vice Mayor Harrington stated that is our City Meeting days too.

Report from City Attorney – Paul Frye

Mr Frye reported that we collected approximately \$2,500 in delinquent taxes last month and the second round of tax letters went out today.

Mr Frye stated you all asked me to give you a report on package stores and liquor by the drink. Liquor by the drink is governed by TCA Code Annotated 57-4-103 and it requires a referendum election and the board can vote by two thirds majority to petition the County Election Commission to hold a Referendum or the citizens can petition the Election Commission to hold a referendum. That petition would require 10% of the registered voters who voted in the last gubernatorial election to get it on the ballot. The City has almost no regulatory authority over liquor by the drink as it is governed by the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. That is where they get their license through and where all the regulations would be. Mr Frye stated as far as liquor stores are concerned that is governed by 57-3-106 and that would require a petition to the Election Commission by 10 % of the registered voters that voted in the last Gubernatorial Election. Both can be citizen driven and the question for both could actually be on the same ballot. The City would have a little bit of regulation if passed. They could regulate the number, location and the distance requirements. The ABC Board would also be over the license for that. Alderman Bowling asked if that would include beer. Mr Frye stated that if liquor by the drink passed we would amend our Beer Ordinance to coincide and something we would have to change would be the hours. Alderman Broyles stated that beer is defined as 5% alcohol by volume or less in our current ordinance and we can't serve it in town. Alderman Broyles stated you are saying if we were able to conduct this referendum then we would be able to go back as a board and examine the beer ordinance and adjust it. Mr Frye stated yes we would have to. Alderman Ward asked if this would be a special election. Mr Frye stated that they would probably put it on one of the elections. I don't think it could be on the primary election ballot. Vice Mayor Harrington stated we would have to have the referendum first. Mr Frye stated not necessarily on the beer. Mr Harrington stated so we can do the beer now and to sale liquor by the drink it would be an ordinance. Mr Frye stated he would look into what they would have to change on the ordinance. Mr Harrington stated, but to have liquor by the drink we would have to have a referendum. Mr Frye stated yes, or liquor stores we would have to have a referendum. Alderman Ward stated I guess we will wait until the next meeting and get the rest of the information before we do anything about it.

Report from City Recorder / CMFO – Sharon Greene

Mrs Greene reported the following fund balances as of October 31, 2019: General Fund - \$1,549,265.00, Sanitation Fund - \$32,583.00, Special Police Fund - \$12,467.00, Debt Service - \$116,384.00, Sinking Fund - \$3,095.00, Water / Sewer Fund - \$634,197.00. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Comments from Board Members

Alderwoman Carol Keith stated as I sit here and hear the comments, I just want to take this time to say I am sorry because you did not get any answers. I will continue to stand up, speak up and speak out for what is right. I have gone through a lot on this board and I am not sitting here on this board because I want to but God has placed me here for a reason. I am just one vote, but I am a strong voice and an honest voice for each of every one of you. When I said I seconded it Alderman Broyles, I was letting my friend back there know that I was standing with him because I understand where he was coming from. So many times people say the Mayor this and the Mayor that. Don't put all the blame on the Mayor because the Board allows it. The Board has power over the City Manager. Don't blame the Mayor she can only do what the Board allows. I want to echo something from a very strong man that had guts, a backbone, integrity and he stood for what is right. This is what he said in 2019, when you are advancing with the angels and they asked you, what did you do? Did you take a stand for what is right or did you just set back and go along with the crowd? I would like to wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas. Hang in there and take notes, election is coming again.

Alderman Broyles stated good evening town family. Being up here is hard work. You can think what you do. I can tell you that there are some folks sitting at this bench that really want the right thing. Sometimes we don't know exactly what that is, and sometimes we have to check legally to make sure it is the right thing. It isn't because we don't want to help somebody. I can tell you that. In regard to this Board's performance, we have got a lot of things done here in the last little while. It is so slow. It's so frustrating sometimes. Stay the course, we are trying. I want to bless you all and wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Vice Mayor Harrington stated I will reiterate everything that Jeff (Alderman Broyles) and Carol (Alderwoman Keith) said. We are getting things done. Sometimes our hands are tied. If you do one for the others, it contradicts everything you've ever done. We are moving forward and things are getting done. I wish everybody a Merry Christmas and hope to see you all next year.

Alderman Ward thanked everyone for coming out. Maybe we can get something done about this 3 minute rule and some other things that we've got. The back to back water leaks in a month. Thanks for coming out and everybody have a good Christmas. We'll see you next year.

Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for coming. I appreciate all the comments we had. I know the Board has learned some stuff tonight and probably the citizens have too. I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Report from City Officials and County Commissioners

Mayor Wells stated Police Chief Greg Depew is not with us tonight. In his place will be Shane Watson, Patrol Sergeant. Sgt. Watson presented the Monthly Report for November, 2019. (SEE ATTACHED)

Sgt. Watson reported that he wanted to give a shout out to the officers. We were recognized for the 2nd year in a row for the Partner Agency of the Year. This covers from Knoxville to North East Tennessee.

Report from Public Works Supervisor

Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie presented the monthly report for the Sewer Department and the Street Department (SEE ATTACHED) Mr Moultrie reported that the pump stations are operating well with there being only 1 overflow. We have seen significant improvement in the high well level alarms. We are making progress.

We started our 2nd round of smoke testing in 2019 and found that some homeowners have not removed their gutters from the sewer system. If they don't comply, we will have the leeway to detach it, if it is going into the sewer system.

The staff has been working hard to keep up with the leaf and brush pickup.

Board members informed Mr Moultrie he was doing a good job.

Report from Water Plant Operator

Water Plant Operator Tina Grindstaff reported that the water plant is currently down and she was leaving to go there and get it running. Mrs Grindstaff stated that the high rains we had was very heavy and the turbidity got so high it caused the plant to shut down. When the plant shuts down it's not easy to get it back up and running but once it is running, it runs good. When shut down it gets air in the plant and we are working with engineers trying to make plans for upgrades that will take care of those issues. Mrs Grindstaff stated that she feels there are some leaks in the system and after getting the plant fixed they can go out and hunt leaks.

Alderman Bowling asked when the turbidity level gets high does the plant automatically shut down. Mrs Grindstaff stated yes, and in the ladder logic which is the programming of the plant, we could actually run longer at higher NTU with the new filter media that we have. The company that wrote the ladder logic for the plant did not leave any leeway to override things like you should be able to. With the new upgrades we will have that ability. Mrs Grindstaff stated anybody that has water quality problems such as taste, odor or discolored water, call in but also grab a sample of it because sometimes when you call in the next day and she comes out it could already be gone.

Report from County Commissioners – None Present

Old Business

Alderman Ward asked what they needed to do to address the 3 minute. I agree this man being cut off at 3 minutes is not right. Mayor Wells asked City Attorney Paul Frye to address that. Mr Frye stated we have an order that is by ordinance or resolution that was put in place when Mayor Thomas was Mayor. Let's get a copy of it and distribute it to everyone and you be thinking how you want to change it. Just from my perspective from going to other meetings and so forth, you might want to give people more time on the front end and eliminate the second end. Alderman Ward stated or eliminate the front, and just have it at the end, that way they can comment on stuff that we have talked about during the meeting. Mr Frye stated the reason you have it on the front

end is so people can make comments before you vote on something that's on the agenda. Mr Frye stated he felt that they absolutely need it on the front end from a transparency in information. Alderwoman Keith stated this is the only time people get to come and share their concerns and they can't get out what they want to say because they are cut off just like that. City Attorney Paul Frye stated let's look at the resolution or ordinance. It can be distributed to you before the next meeting, not with the packets. Look at how you all want to do it. There may be other things here that you want to look at as well.

New Business

Alderwoman Keith stated I hope this coming year we can all work together and do what's right.

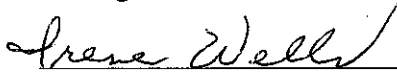
Citizen Comments – Second Session

Bob Slagle stated they had billed me \$1500 on the water and sewer usage on Ridgeview Circle #10. I don't know if anyone knows what the largest residential water bill has been, but this bill said there was 62,000 gallons run, which would fill 3 swimming pools. When I learned about it the water department asked Allen to come up and he did and looked at it while I was there and it was not running. There's something amiss somewhere. This man (Allen) has done everything he can do. Mr Slagle asked Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie if he had put a new meter in. Mr Moultrie stated yes. Mr Slagle stated I am asking the board tonight to consider making some type of adjustment. It indicates on the bill for the year that 5 times there was no usage at all and the minimum bill was paid every month. Alderman Ward asked if it was hooked to a house. Mr Slagle stated it is a townhouse unit, one of 30 that he owns. Mr Ward stated each unit has its own meter. Mr Slagle stated its own meter. Mr Ward asked if anybody was living in #10. Mr Slagle stated that's my son, but he lives at home and that is why there is basically no usage on that meter. Mr Slagle stated this is my only recourse to have something looked at, whatever the problem is. That is why I am asking for an adjustment of some kind. Alderman Ward stated that the people that make the meters said that when one starts wearing out it won't charge you more water than what you are getting, but you will get more water than what you get charged for. It actually benefits the consumer / homeowner when they do wear out. Vice Mayor Harrington stated have you already had one adjustment this year. Mr Slagle stated not on this unit. Mr Harrington asked the Mayor if there had been an adjustment on this one. Mayor Wells stated no it went thru the meter. Everybody can come and request an adjustment but if it is going through the meter. Mr Harrington stated right. Alderwoman Keith stated but \$1500. Mr Moultrie stated I actually saw the meter spinning when I read the meter, so at some point the meter was spinning.

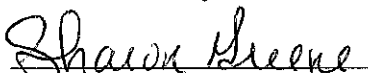
Brian Hunt stated I am not real clear on things. I come up here and petition the board looking for help. Mr Slagle has come up here looking for help. Mr Frye comes down here brings something to your attention about moving a court date from a half day to a full day and you all take a vote on it and pass it. What is the difference from a citizen bringing an issue to the board and Mr Frye bringing one to the board? You all vote on his but you don't vote on anything but what's on that. Alderwoman Keith stated when you said you all. I am one person with one vote and the thing about it is it takes three. The Mayor makes the decisions, she is the City Manager. This Board has given her the power to do that. So don't say you all because I don't agree with that, and your concerns, I agree with you, you should have more than three minutes. I stand with the people and I stand for what is right. I wish that I could help you but I'm only one vote.

Mayor Wells stated Mr Frye just a few minutes ago told you and everybody in the room that they were going to give you the information and you all could take it home, study it and then come back before the board and decide on what you want to do. Alderwoman Keith stated I will speak to Mr Hardy again because I called him today and he was not in, because the way I understand you can bring it up for a motion and it only takes two people to second it and we could vote it in. Alderman Ward stated the way I understood it was, I thought they were going to look at your bill where it was 2 consecutive months. That makes sense. Vice Mayor Harrington said see how it's worded in the ordinance. Mr Ward stated then as far as that gentlemen's bill, it will be with the Water Department and the billing to see what they can do for him as far as maybe getting him an adjustment on #10. Mr Hunt stated I have seen a lot of citizens come to the podium and approach the board / city council and ask for something and it's always we'll look into it and get back with you. Tonight I saw Mr Frye leave the stand, come to the podium and present a proposal to the board and it was voted on by the city council and passed through. Alderman Bowling stated the board don't have any authority to change water bills. Mr Hunt stated I'm not referring to my water bill. I'm asking how does a citizen come before the board, spend their 3 minutes petitioning the board to do something, and get the board to vote on it? Alderman Bowling stated the board don't have any authority to do any adjustments on that, it all goes through the City Manager. Alderwoman Keith stated because the board gave the City Manager the power to do it. Vice Mayor Harrington stated basically to answer your question that when a citizen come to the podium with their concerns they look into it this month and by the next meeting they have an answer through us, Irene or Paul Frye who has given us legal advice whether we can or can't do it by state regulation or by codes. They are some things we can't do it like that we have to go through due process before we do anything. What Paul Frye came to the podium with was already brought before us and we knew that this was going to happen tonight. We already knew that. Mr Hunt stated that was the answer I was looking for.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Ward. . Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

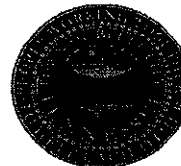

Irene Wells, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 3rd day of December, 2019


Sharon Greene, Recorder/CMFO



Bluff City Police Department



MONTHLY REPORT
2019 NOVEMBER

Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	51	102		153
ISSUED CITATION(S)	73	135		208
WARNING CITATION(S)	30	52		82
PATROLED MILE(S)	2692	3956		6648
ARREST(S)	2	10		12
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	3	6		9
ALARM(S)	2	2		4
ACCIDENT(S)	2	5		7
ANIMAL CALL(S)	3	1		3
MSD REPORT(S)	5	10		15
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	2			2
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	1	3		3
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)				
MISSING PERSON(S)				
D.U.I.(S)		1		1
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	1	6		7
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)				

Assist. Chief
approved by: *[Signature]*

Date: 11-30-2019

Patrol Sergeant *Shawn Watson*

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Sewer Department:

The sewer pump stations are operating well, with there being 1 SSO in the month of November. We are still receiving infiltration into the sanitary sewer system, but have seen significant improvements resulting in fewer high well level alarms being triggered. We still have a lot more work that needs to be done. We performed our first round of smoke testing back in March of 2017 and recently in September of 2019. We have found that some homeowners have not removed their guttering from the sanitary sewer system. As a homeowner I would make sure you know where and how your guttering is transporting this water. In the future if you are unable to prove where your storm guttering discharges too, the city will be inclined to remove the defect.

Street Department:

The staff has been working hard trying to keep up with the leaf and brush pick up all around town. As the winter season gets into full swing we ask those who park their vehicles along the road way to park vehicles well off of the roadway to allow for safe snow plowing and salt spreading.

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



Allen Moultrie
Public Works Supervisor