

Minutes  
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
Special Called Meeting  
March 17, 2020

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

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

Alderwoman Keith was absent.

Prayer was given by Jeff Broyles followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Remarks from Sullivan County Health Department – Dr. Steven May – Director

Mr May stated that he was bringing an update on the COVID-19 status. We have one case associated with international travel. No secondary cases associated with it. Mr May went on to explain that it is the Corona Virus that originated out of Japan. Mr May went on to describe the symptoms. Mr May stated we do not have any vaccine, the way to treat it, is supportive care. We must focus first on prevention and buy some time to slow the spread to give us a chance to come up with a vaccine or way to treat the illness. One of the major strategies is social distancing (stay 6ft apart). Mr May stated that we have to protect our elderly and folks in nursing homes. Mr May stated that as of now it is not circulating in our community. Alderman Ward asked if temperature has anything to do with the life of this thing. Mr May stated that since this is a new virus we have no real understanding of how it will move through the population with the summer season. Alderman Ward asked how long does it take to cycle out once someone has the virus. Mr May stated if a person has been diagnosed they are isolated for 14 days from the onset, or 3 days past their complete resolution of symptoms, so the minimum is 14 days but it could go farther. Alderman Bowling asked if more people are dying with it than living. Mr May stated 97% of people live, 80% have no symptoms and do not need any kind of care.

Mr May stated that it is good to share good information sources. First is [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) they have good information. The other is to go to [tn.gov/health](http://tn.gov/health) and this will open the corona virus page with the statistics.

Discussion – Dave Wilson with Mattern & Craig

City Engineer Dave Wilson discussed the possibility of renting equipment that can bypass the flows to the igloo pump station during heavy rain events if necessary. The rental quote for the equipment which was the kind used during the rebuilding of the pump station, went as follows: Daily rental was \$428.70 plus an environmental fee of \$6 and a delivery and pick up fee of \$180 each or \$360. Daily cost being \$794.70 when needed. They could be here within 2 to 4 hours after being notified. Mr Wilson suggested that we monitor it and try to call them a day ahead of time. Some repairs will need to be completed before the bypass line is usable. Quote includes amounts for weekly and monthly rental which reduces the daily rate. Mr Wilson stated Alderman Ward you had wanted us to research a purchase. The purchase cost would be \$43,105 plus a \$180 delivery charge. Mr Ward stated that if we purchased them and got problems fixed we could resale them to get some of our money back. Alderman Bowling asked what it costs on a pump Load. Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie stated some are \$300 the first load then \$100 per hour. Mr Moultrie stated the biggest issue he has seen is not getting the trucks out, but around 2:30 am to 5:00 am their response time is a whole lot slower. Mr Moultrie stated another situation is if a storm takes out a tree we do not have generators. Alderman Ward stated that is something else we need to look at if these stations loose power. Dave Wilson stated the new stations have

the outside hookups we just don't have the generator. Mayor Wells asked if we had anything in writing from Bristol. Mr Wilson stated we would need to get that to make sure that Bristol is aware of what we are doing and that they are okay with it. Mr Wilson stated if they authorize him to, he will send them a letter and explain exactly what we are going to do. Alderman Ward asked how soon can we get the garage lines down here. Mr Wilson stated with using the USDA monies for the waste water improvements, we have submitted the environmental work that had to be submitted and he has 2 out of 5 responses from the clearing agencies.

City Attorney Paul Frye asked if they had to get a permit from the Railroad for the garage pump station. Mr Wilson stated we will need one but I believe we can use the existing pipe that is there now. Mr Wilson stated that he recommended renting the bypass equipment instead of purchasing it. Alderman Broyles asked if we could get into a situation where they just did not have a pump for us. Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie stated I went to their yard and they have numerous pumps on hand and their response time is fairly rapid.

City Engineer Dave Wilson presented a suggested form of task order # 3490Q for the garage pump station and force main. Motion to approve the task order was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

City Engineer Dave Wilson presented task order #3490R for the Railroad Street Rehab Project. Motion to approve the task order was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to look into renting a bypass pump for the Igloo Pump Station, contingent upon approval from the City of Bristol, was made by Alderman Ward. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – First Reading on Ordinance 2020-003

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is an amendment to Ordinance 2019-004 – Appropriations Ordinance for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020. This is to allow purchase of a 2020 Ford F-150 Police Responder 4WD. Alderman Bowling stated did you say that you had \$13,000 that you got for the other one to pay on that. City Recorder / CMFO Sharon Greene reported that with the insurance we received and the sale of the police cars we have \$14,274. We are really paying out \$20,103. Alderman Ward asked if that was outfitted and was informed that it was. Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-003 on First Reading was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

City Attorney Paul Frye stated let the record reflect there are no citizens present at the meeting.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

  
Irene Wells, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

  
Sharon Greene, Recorder/ CMFO