

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
August 4, 2020

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

City Attorney Paul Frye read the following: Pursuant to Governor Bill Lee's orders and guidance from the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Public Assess to this meeting will be limited to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens in light of the Coronavirus. A recording of the meeting will be on Bluff City's website at www.bluffcitytn.org Live Stream/Chat Meeting August 4, 2020.

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

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

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Discussion – Mattern & Craig Engineering – Randy Beckner

Mr Beckner reported on the USDA Rural Development Contract (SEE ATTACHED)

Mr Beckner reported that the Rail Permits for the projects have been submitted but not yet approved. Alderwoman Keith stated my concern is the overflow we are having. We need to get that project taken care of. Mr Beckner stated that the pump station projects should help relieve that problem. Alderman Bowling asked if he knew when the project would get started. Mr Beckner stated they are waiting on railroad approval.

Mayor Wells stated that when we did the project on McClelland, Senator Lundburg helped speed that up.

Discussion / Action- Regular Meeting Minutes for July 7, 2020

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 and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – 1st Reading on Ordinance 2020-004

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is the Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Broyles. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles- Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – 1st Reading on Ordinance 2020-005

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is known as The Real and Personal Property Tax Levy Ordinance which provides for the General Revenue for the Town of Bluff City. Alderwoman Keith asked if they could explain this. Vice Mayor Harrington stated this is our property tax and there is no increase. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Broyles.

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

Discussion / Action – 1st Reading on Ordinance 2020-006

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which amends Section 17-111(1) of the Bluff City Municipal Code Regarding Garbage Collection Fees within the Town of Bluff City, Tn. Mr Frye reported that the garbage fee would be \$11.50 per month. 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 and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion – Change of Election Date

Alderman Broyles stated this gives this board as it sits, another year to work together. It would be my recommendation to extend the terms to allow this board to work together and align ourselves to other municipalities.

Alderman Ward stated we need to let the people know we are running for 5 and one half years. City Attorney Paul Frye stated it would have to be put in an ordinance. Mr Frye stated it has to reflect what everybody's terms are and will be. Mr Frye stated that they need to refer to the handout that Jason Booher gave them as it totally explains it and the Ordinance would have to reflect all this. Mr Frye asked if they wanted him to draft an ordinance. The Board said yes.

Report from Mayor – City Manager – Irene Wells

Mayor Wells stated that the grant money from the state should be here within a week.

Mayor Wells stated that they are going to put more stain on the boardwalk.

Mayor Wells asked if the board would like a newsletter to go out once every quarter. Alderman Broyles stated he liked it but is there any way they could view it a couple days prior to sending it. Mayor Wells stated that if any of the board members wanted something put in the flyer, they could give her the information a week ahead of time and she could put it together and let them review it before it goes out.

Report from City Attorney Paul Frye

Mr Frye reported that he had collected a little over \$13,000.00 in delinquent property taxes this month.

Report from City Recorder/ CMFO – Sharon Greene

Mrs Greene reported that the fund balances as of June 30, 2020 were as follows: General Fund - \$1,649,890.00, Sanitation Fund - \$40,200.00, Special Police Fund - \$12,900.00, Debt Service –

\$110,104.00, Sinking Fund - \$3,090.00, Water / Sewer Fund - \$662,220.00. 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 and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Comments from Board Members

Alderwoman Keith stated hello and once again, I do believe if we all work together, this board could be the best board Bluff City ever had.

Alderman Broyles stated he had concerns about complaints of speeding. This is not the police department's fault. They are patrolling regularly. Mr Broyles thanked the Mayor and Sharon for getting his packet to him in a timely manner.

Vice Mayor Harrington stated I appreciate everyone watching. We are coming together to get things done.

Alderman Ward thanked everyone for watching. I think we are going in the right direction.

Alderman Bowling stated I am glad all of us could be here today. We have good discussions on problems and it looks like we are getting them resolved.

Mayor Wells stated I would like to mention one other thing to you. Allen and his crew have a lot of work to do but they really need some more equipment. They don't have the things that they need to do the job they have to do. If we get the equipment they need it would probably double the work they could get done.

Report from Chief of Police- Greg Depew

Chief Depew thanked the Board for all they do.

Chief Depew presented the Monthly Report for July, 2020. (SEE ATTACHED)

Things are going well and we are trying to be safe and take care of things the best we can.

Alderman Bowling asked how long the school lasts for the officer that is attending it. Chief Depew stated that the school is about 9 ½ weeks. Mr Bowling asked if they had a vehicle for him when he gets out. Chief Depew stated he would be sharing a vehicle with one of the other officers.

Report from Public Works Supervisor – Allen Moultrie

Mr Moultrie reported that the water plant is operating properly. (SEE ATTACHED REPORTS)

We are continuing to repair leaks.

We are continuing brush pickup in town.

Mr Moultrie reported that in reference to the equipment, the truck they have is a 1995 GMC and they frequently have to get things fixed on it. Mr Moultrie stated that he was pushing for a track-hoe as it would take up less of the roadway.

Mayor Wells asked Mr Moultrie to confirm that we do have a certified operator. Mr Moultrie stated that we do have a certified, licensed operator. Mayor Wells stated we are operating under the State and the State knows about the whole situation.

Old Business-

Mayor Wells stated the State is going to put the traffic light up at the Industrial Park but we have to go along with their schedule. The light poles did not come in and it will probably be the first of the year. The money is still there for the installation.

Alderwoman Keith stated I hope that we do have some serious workshops to try to get some things done.

New Business

Alderman Broyles stated workshops are at the top of my list. Mr Broyles stated that he would like for us to look into making it possible for people to connect to us digitally. I recommend having a regularly scheduled workshop the preceding Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. from the regular meeting.

Alderman Broyles asked the city to support an organization in a moment of prayer on August 20th. Mayor Wells stated that she would rather the Board make the decision. Mayor Wells asked City Attorney Paul Frye if there are any objections. Mr Frye stated make it voluntary. Mr Broyles stated he was going to contact leaders and invite them. Mayor Wells stated I don't have a problem with it.

Alderwoman Keith stated that the Mayor needs to be paid as City Manager. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that they would have to do a private act and have the legislature pass it, and it probably would not take effect until the next election. Alderwoman Keith stated she is the one asking for this, not the Mayor. Mr Frye stated he could look into it and get back with them.

Mayor Wells stated that it had come up before that the board members need to be paid more than \$10.00.


Mayor Wells stated that they had already been working on .gov because it will help the Police Department and also help us and the security of it is a whole lot better.

City Recorder/CMFO Sharon Greene stated that it is going to be at least 2 weeks before we get set up for credit cards as we have 2 bank accounts that have to be used and then they will set up for training.


Vice Mayor Harrington asked if they could go ahead and set up to change the ordinance to have a workshop possibly the last Tuesday of the month so it would be before the meeting on the first Tuesday. Mr Frye stated we would just have to do a Resolution for it.

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With no other business motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderwoman Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles- Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.


Irene Wells, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 4th day of August, 2020


Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO



Bluff City Police Department



MONTHLY REPORT
2020 July
Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	170	121	12	303
ISSUED CITATION(S)	89	62	0	151
WARNING CITATION(S)	42	28	0	70
PATROLED MILE(S)	2944	2607	0	5551
ARREST(S)	6	4	0	10
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	12	9	0	21
ALARM(S)	8	12	3	23
ACCIDENT(S)	4	5	0	9
ANIMAL CALL(S)	3	0	0	3
MSD REPORT(S)	7	8	0	15
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	2	1	0	3
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	8	2	2	12
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)	0	0	0	0
MISSING PERSON(S)	0	1	0	1
D.U.I.(S)	0	1	0	1
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	0	1	0	1
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0	0	0	0

approved by: Chief Amy Reppe Date: 8-4-2020

CITY OF BLUFF CITY
Water Plant & Distribution System
Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly
Report for July 2020

Water Plant:

The Water plant is operating normally pumping an average of 249 thousand gallons per day. Our water tank level was at an average of 40.4 feet with 60 feet being full in the month of July.

Distribution System:

We are continuing to repair leaks in our distribution system as they show. We have also installed 3 water taps in the month of July.

If you have any questions please call City Hall at 538-7144. Thank you.

Allen Moultrie
Public Work Supervisor

CITY OF BLUFF CITY

Department Of Public Works Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly Report for July 2020

Sewer Department:

The sewer pump stations are operating well, with there being 1 overflow on July 30, 2020. We had a storm that cause the Verizon network that the dialer system is connected to, to not call out when the well level got high.

Street Department:

The Staff has been working hard keeping up with the mowing, and brush pick up all throughout town. As the weather improves in the upcoming weeks we will be out patching holes in the roadways

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

Allen Moultrie
Public Works Supervisor