

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
October 6, 2020

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

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

Eric Ward was absent.

Prayer was given by Alderwoman Keith, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Discussion / Action – Public Hearing – Ordinance 2020-007

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which changes the date of the General Municipal Elections to coincide with November Elections. This starts in 2022. This means the City Election normally, in absence of this ordinance, would be held on May 18, 2021 shall be held on November 8, 2022. Public Hearing opened at 6:03 p.m. Alderman Bowling asked Election Commissioner Jason Booher to address this. Mr Booher stated that the cost to continuing to hold the municipal election in the odd year as it is currently scheduled, as a result of Bristol changing their election date, will increase your cost. It is estimated to increase your cost at double the rate you are currently paying. You have paid in the past between \$3,500 and \$4,300 to hold your election. If you continue to hold the election as in past years you will see an increase in that cost to \$7,800 to \$11,500. The increase in cost is due to not being able to share the cost with Bristol as in the past. The reason for moving the election date is not to extend the term of office for anybody. The Tennessee Constitution will not allow the reduction of the length of any term of office for an elected official, but they will allow extending the term. The reason for doing this is to save Bluff City money. This will make the cost less than \$1,000.

Alderman Bowling stated to the Mayor, I have had people ask me if this doesn't pass, where does this money come from, to pay for the election. Mayor Wells stated we did not know exactly what was going to happen because what we put in the budget is what was in there the previous time. Mayor Wells stated it comes from the General Fund. City Attorney Paul Frye recommended they continue or close the Public Hearing and get a motion on the floor before we discuss any further. With no other questions, the Public Hearing closed at 6:15 p.m. Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-007 on Second Reading 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 Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Mattern & Craig Engineering - No representative was present.

Citizen Comments

Dave Harmon of 200 Holston Drive voiced concern about the War Memorial being on private property. Mr Harmon stated once you put something on private property, don't you lose all control over it. Mr Harmon asked City Attorney Paul Frye if we are supposed to take city money to enhance private property. Mr Frye stated it wouldn't be enhancing private property. It would

be giving money to a non-profit. Mr Harmon asked if that was a non- profit. Mr Frye stated yes. Mr Harmon stated so we are giving that non- profit \$50,000. Mr Harmon was informed it was \$25,000. Alderwoman Keith asked if they needed to check it out. Mayor Wells stated Mr Frye checked it out. Mr Harmon stated he did not think it was a good idea to put money into someone else's property. Mr Frye stated that they voted at the last meeting to do this, but the vehicle to get it done would be giving money to the non-profit. Alderwoman Keith stated if the man owns the property he can do whatever he wants.

Discussion / Action – Minutes Regular Meeting of September 1, 2020

Motion to approve 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 Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Report from Mayor / City Manager – Irene Wells - Mayor Wells had no report.

Report from City Attorney – Paul Frye - Mr Frye had no report

Comments from Board Members

Alderwoman Keith stated everybody be safe, continue to pray. If you need me I am just a phone call away.

Alderman Broyles stated Mr Harmon I can assure you the town is looking out for the best interest. Mr Broyles stated in the upcoming election, the benefits to voting yes to the referendum that is before us, and how it will benefit the town.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming. We are moving forward and things are getting done.

Alderman Bowling stated I am glad to see people come tonight. We want to work for the citizens, not for us. Everybody be safe and thank you.

Report from Chief of Police- Greg Depew

Chief Depew presented his Monthly Report for September, 2020. (SEE ATTACHED)

Chief Depew stated everything is wonderful. We have all been healthy and safe. Members of the board stated you are doing a good job.

Chief Depew reported that they had a theft of a motorcycle and it was recovered within an hour.

Chief Depew reported that one of his officers had saved someone's life that had overdosed. Officer Smith administered Narcan which is supplied by the Sullivan County Drug Coalition. The person had no pulse when he arrived. They credit him for saving a life.

Report from Public Works Supervisor- Allen Moultrie

Mr Moultrie presented his monthly report for September. (SEE ATTACHED)

Mr Moultrie reported that sewer pump stations are operating well with no overflows.

Mr Moultrie asked that all citizens having brush and leaves for the city to pick up call and request an order for them to be picked up.

Report from Water Plant Operator – Terry Banner

Mr Banner presented the monthly report for September, 2020. (SEE ATTACHED)

Mr Banner reported that the plant is operating normally and was only down once due to high turbidity.

Old Business

Alderman Keith stated that they need to come up with a plan to get the overflow of raw sewage to stop. Mayor Wells stated that there are some things that are supposed to come together Thursday and as soon as it does they will call a Special Called Meeting to update them on everything.

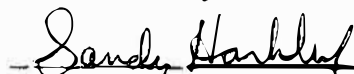
New Business

Mayor Wells mentioned that they have done work on the boardwalk. Mayor Wells stated that some people have asked that the fence be stained the same color as the rest of it. Alderman Bowling stated I think it would look better. Alderman Broyles stated I have had the same comments but some people don't understand that if you put stain on different wood it may not turn the same color. Mayor Wells stated it is now about 4 different colors. Vice Mayor Harrington stated we could test it and see. Alderman Broyles stated we should continue work on it.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Keith. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows : Alderman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.


Irene Wells, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 6th day of October, 2020


Sandy Harkleroad, City Clerk



Bluff City Police Department



MONTHLY REPORT
2020 Sept.
Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	124	114	0	238
ISSUED CITATION(S)	68	89	0	157
WARNING CITATION(S)	28	38	0	66
PATROLED MILE(S)	2153	2356	0	4509
ARREST(S)	7	10	0	17
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	8	9	0	17
ALARM(S)	2	5	3	10
ACCIDENT(S)	4	8	0	12
ANIMAL CALL(S)	3	0	0	3
MSD REPORT(S)	10	9	0	19
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	2	1	0	3
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	5	3	0	8
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)	0	0	0	0
MISSING PERSON(S)	0	0	0	0
D.U.I.(S)	1	1	0	2
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	5	3	0	8
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0	0	0	0

approved by *Christina Lopez* 10/1/2020

CITY OF BLUFF CITY

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

Sewer Department:

The sewer pump stations are operating well, with there being no overflows in the month of September. As more equipment and parts starts to arrive in, we will start to address the sewer defects throughout the town depending on the nature of the defect.

Street Department:

The Staff has been working hard keeping up with the mowing, and brush pick up all throughout town. Now that the fall season has arrived we ask that those who use the leaf and brush pick up services make sure to place a work order in for brush and leaf pick up. Work orders will take priority over all others.

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

Allen Moultrie

- Public Works Supervisor