

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
January 4, 2022

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

Members present were Carol Keith, Jeff Broyles, and Eric Ward

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

Mayor Bowling opened the floor for the following:

Discussion / Action - Approval of minutes for the following meetings:

August 24, 2021 – Special Called
September 7, 2021 – Regular
October 5, 2021 – Regular
October 12, 2021 – Special Called
December 20, 2021 - Special Called
December 28, 2021 - Special Called

Motion to approve the above mentioned minutes was made by Alderman Broyles. Second by Alderwoman Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, and Alderman Ward – Yes. Motion carried.

City Engineer Dave Wilson with Mattern & Craig- Unable to attend

Citizen Comments – None

Discussion / Action – Bluff City Alley adjacent to Bryan Glover property, located at 453 Shawnee Dr

Mr Glover was present to explain that he was going to build a garage adjacent to his house. Mr Glover explained that he had maintained the property for 20 years. Mr Glover stated that for a reasonable price he would consider purchasing this strip of property. Mr Glover stated the other option is if the city would grant a variance. Mayor Bowling told Mr Glover he would have to get an application for a variance and the cost is \$50.00. City Attorney Paul Frye stated he would have to come before the Board of Zoning Appeals only. Alderman Ward stated if we sale this piece then we have a little alley behind the last two houses. Mr Glover stated yes that belongs to my neighbor. Mr Ward stated you are not going to do anything that blocks the alleyway with your construction. You are just encroaching on the setbacks. Alderman Ward made a motion to postpone the decision to give more time for review. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, and Alderman Ward – Yes. Motion carried. Decision was postponed.

Discussion / Action – Purchase 2 Police cars

Police Chief Depew presented a request for 2 cars. Alderman Ward asked how many cars we have now. Chief Depew stated 5. Alderman Broyles stated one car would be replaced by insurance. Alderman Ward stated we are talking about 2 cars plus the one insurance is covering.

Mayor Bowling stated we are talking about 3 cars. Chief Depew stated this would be a car for everyone plus a spare car. Chief Depew stated I feel confident I can go up there with \$50,000.00 and get 2 cruisers ready to go. City Recorder/ Finance Officer, Sharon Greene stated you can't spend it if it's not in the budget. Alderman Broyles stated we would have to access funds from the

General Fund as opposed to the Budget as the Recorder alerted us that there is no money in that line item. Mrs Greene stated you can't appropriate more than what is coming in. Alderman Broyles stated so there is no way for us to access \$50,000.00 from our budget to buy these cars. Finance Officer Sharon Greene stated not without going into the red. Alderwoman Keith stated insurance should be taking care of 1 car. Chief Depew stated it should. Alderman Broyles asked Mr Greene to contact the Comptroller's office to see about using reserve funds for the \$50,000.00. Mr Broyles asked Mayor Bowling to call a Special Called Meeting when the information has been received.

Discussion / Action – Financial Report

CMFO Sharon Greene reported the following Fund Balances as of November 30, 2021: General Fund- \$2,196,807.00, Sanitation Fund- \$34,884.00, Special Police Fund - \$7,893.00, Debt Service Fund - \$98,697.00, Sinking Fund - \$3,094.00, Water / Sewer Fund - \$796,712.00. Mayor Bowling asked what the Special Police fund could be used for. Ms Greene stated they can only use it for drug related purposes. They have purchased vests with the funds. The money comes into the account from drug seizures. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Alderman Broyles. Second by Alderman Ward. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, and Alderman Ward -- Yes. Motion carried.

Report from Mayor – Richard Bowling

Mayor Bowling stated I have been trying to spend four to five hours a day trying to get everything under control and find out what all is going on. I have a couple of meetings next week which I will report on at the next meeting. I did find all the paperwork on the park equipment and I am going to call the people to see if the prices are the same. I will be looking into the City's liability if someone gets hurt on it. Alderwoman Keith stated I do want to go forward with the park playground equipment.

Report from City Attorney - Paul Frye

Mr Frye stated that the Melvin Carrier lien has been paid in full. It was a little over \$11,000.00. A Bluff City officer involved shooting a few years ago has been dismissed. I am working on a delinquent tax suit. I am working on the employee policy. There have been some miscommunications. I am working with MTAS on that and will report back to you.

Report from City Manager - Ray Harrington--Not present due to illness

Report from Chief of Police – Greg Depew

Chief Depew stated he wanted to correct something. We have 6 cars which includes the one Deputy Chief Dunbar drives, we did have 7 total. Chief Depew stated we are now back to a full staff.

Alderwoman Keith informed Chief Depew that she had received complaints about speeding on Main Street. Chief Depew stated they would check into it.

Chief Depew presented his monthly report. (SEE ATTACHED)

Report from Public Works Supervisor – Allen Moultrie – Not Present

Report from Water Plant Operator – Terry Banner- (SEE ATTACHED)

Water plant is down due to turbidity, but it should be back on line tomorrow. We have been keeping the tank at about 50 to 52 feet.

Report from County Commissioners – None present

Alderman Broyles stated I noticed the comments from the Board Members are not on the agenda. Mayor Bowling stated we will do that now.

Comments from Board Members

Alderwoman Keith thanked everyone for coming. I will continue to speak out for what is right. I want to take this time to thank Sharon. I know you have a heavy load and I just want to thank you for your hard work. Mrs Keith thanked Mayor Bowling saying he is doing a good job. I pray we can all work together.

Alderman Broyles thanked everyone for coming. Mr Broyles stated he and the Mayor had a conversation about the Riverside Junction located next to the old Kiser Supply building. In that area we will see another business opening called South Fork Coffee Shop. We will need to be considering crossing the road to the Little League Field and Holston Drive. Mr Broyles stated there is some exciting news about the Scenes of Bluff City Museum located at the Impact Center in the rock building. Alderman Broyles asked that they have a workshop soon.

Alderman Ward thanked everyone for coming and stated he hoped everyone had a good Christmas and New Year. Mr Ward thanked Sharon, the Police Department and Water Sewer Department for their hard work.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Ward. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, and Alderman Ward – Yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


Richard Bowling, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 4th day of January, 2022


Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO



Bluff City Police Department



MONTHLY REPORT
 2021 December
 Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	68	35	6	109
ISSUED CITATION(S)	44	102	0	146
WARNING CITATION(S)	16	20	0	36
PATROLED MILE(S)	3996	606	0	4602
ARREST(S)	10	21	0	31
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	26	13	0	49
ALARM(S)	2	4		6
ACCIDENT(S)	1	6	0	7
ANIMAL CALL(S)	3		0	3
MSD REPORT(S)	10		0	10
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	3		0	3
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)		1	0	1
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)	0	0	0	0
MISSING PERSON(S)	0	0	0	0
D.U.I.(S)	0	1	0	1
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	6	2	0	8
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)			0	0

Approved by: Chief Amy Dagan Date: 12/30/2021

City of Bluff City
Board of Mayor and Alderman
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October, November, December Water Plant Report

During the months of October, November, and December, the water plant ran with no shutdowns. An average of 50 feet was also maintained in the tank.

October:

Two backwashes were conducted in the month of October as required by the State of Tennessee.

10/5 Labtronix calibrated all equipment.

10/13 THM and HAAS samples were collected and sent to the lab for monitoring.

10/28 Bleach was delivered to the water plant

November

Two backwashes were conducted in the month of November as required. A check valve for the bleach line was also replaced in November.

December

12/6 Two backwashes were conducted in accordance with state and plant guidelines.

12/7 The bleach tanks were filled.

12/27 The CL17 bleach machine was cleaned.

12/28 Labtronix calibrated all water plant equipment. Also on 12/28, we replaced a bleach nipple on the check valve.

12/29 Two backwashes were conducted.