

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Special Called Meeting
April 11, 2022

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

Members Present were Carol Keith, Sandra Madison, Jeff Broyles and Eric Ward.

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

Vice Mayor Broyles opened the floor for the following:

Rodefer Moss & Company- 2021 – 2022 Audit Presentation

Auditor Curtis Morris presented the audit. Mr Morris stated I am going to start at the very back because I think this is very important. Mr Morris stated this is the first time since we have been doing the audit that I can report that we have no findings. Mr Morris stated that Sharon and Irene had worked hard on this over the years and when we first started we had 10 or more and have been able to get this corrected. Mr Morris continued to explain the audit. Stating it is good, sound, budgeting. Vice Mayor Broyles stated we appreciate your partnership with the Town of Bluff City. I speak for Sharon as well. I don't think that a firm could be more fair, or more easy to work with.

Vice Mayor Broyles called for a recess to honor Officer Lacy Arnold, Resource Officer with Sullivan County, along with some children from the playground at the Elementary School for notifying and responding to a house fire.

Vice Mayor Broyles reopened the meeting.

Mattern & Craig – Update on open projects and engineer for the Multi Modal Grant

City Engineer Dave Wilson stated we received final permit information from the Railroad on March 16th and was forwarded to Thomas Construction and they advised they need to revise the change order. Mr Wilson stated the next project was the manhole rebid on Bluff City Hwy and bids will be opened on April 19th. City Attorney Paul Frye asked Mr Wilson if the scope of the project changed. Mr Wilson stated it did change and I revised the documents to reflect the changes. Alderwoman Keith stated this should already have been done.

City Engineer Dave Wilson stated he had spoken to Ronda Sawyer and would get with her on it. City Finance Officer Sharon Greene stated that the Board has to vote on using your company. Mr Wilson stated that is correct if you want to use our firm, and it would be Mattern & Craig in contract with TDOT and not the City of Bluff City. Alderwoman Keith stated so the Board would have to vote on that. Mr Wilson stated yes. Ms Greene stated after we get the packets in. Vice Mayor Broyles stated due to the Mayor's health being what it is I would like to be included on all those e-mails.

Citizens Comments

Jerry Malone was present to report on the progress of the Museum Project. Mr Malone stated its unreal the number of people that want to be part of it. Mr Malone stated we are going to call it the Holston River Valley which starts in Virginia.

Vice Mayor Broyles stated that there are some citizens here that have shown interest in joining our board. Mr Broyles asked if they would like to come to the podium and speak.

Ben Adams stated I have grown up in this town and is very proud to be part of this town. I think there are a lot of opportunities on our horizon. I would like to be part of what we have and try to build something better on top of that.

Carolyn Payne stated I grew up in Bluff City and love it. I would like to have the opportunity to represent the citizens. Mrs Payne stated we had been blessed with monetary funds from the Covid outbreak. Mrs Payne stated I personally think it should go straight into Water and Sewer. I am willing to give freely of my time and energy.

Discussion / Action – Regular Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2022

Motion to approve was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes and Alderman Ward – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Bryan Glover’s offer to purchase alley adjacent to his home at 453 Shawnee Dr.

Vice Mayor Broyles stated we have the information on your offer unless there have been any changes. Mr Glover stated, no there has not been any changes. City Attorney Paul Frye stated this would be sale or not sale. Vice Mayor Broyles stated yes. Mr Frye stated the further step would be to agree on a price if you agree to proceed with this. Mr Broyles stated the first thing we would do is decide if we are inclined to accept an offer then move forward. Mr Frye stated yes. Vice Mayor Broyles asked if there was a motion to approve or disapprove. Alderwoman Keith made a motion to approve. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vice Mayor Broyles stated if you make a motion to approve we will continue down the road to sale the property to Mr Glover. Vice Mayor Broyles made a motion to decline Mr Glover’s offer. Alderwoman Madison asked City Attorney Paul Frye about the property. Mr Frye stated he is wanting to buy a portion of the alleyway. Mr Frye stated your vote would be to continue the process and the next thing you would do is declare it surplus property and then we would have to have a money offer. Mr Glover asked to make a comment. Mr Glover stated I was going to offer the City a permanent easement from his property to access the remaining strip of land. Alderwoman Keith asked if they could table this and discuss it later. I would like to have more information. Alderwoman Keith withdrew her motion. Motion to postpone action was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second by Alderwoman Madison. . Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes and Alderman Ward – No. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Appoint Alderman to fill vacancy on Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Vice Mayor Broyles asked if there were any other candidates that wanted to be considered. There were none. Motion to nominate Ben Adams was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second by Alderwoman Madison. With no other nominations. . Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes and Alderman Ward – Yes. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Broyles called for recess at 6:48 p.m. to swear in Ben Adams as Alderman.

Vice Mayor Broyles called the meeting to order.

Discussion / Action – Accept Play World Quote of \$30,000.00 to Purchase and Install Playground Equipment.

Vice Mayor Broyles thanked the Mayor and Sharon for their hard work in obtaining this quote. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Ward. Second by Alderwoman Keith. . Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes and Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Adams - Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Hiring a part time Police Officer

Chief of Police Greg Depew stated that we have an opportunity to fill a part time position with a qualified person. Motion to approve was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second by Alderman Adams. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes and Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Adams - Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Public Notification of Monthly BMA Meeting – Three business days prior to Meeting. Beginning May 2022

Vice Mayor Broyles stated I am the one who sponsored this motion. Motion to approve was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes and Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Adams - Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Quotes for purchase of 12x28 Storage Building

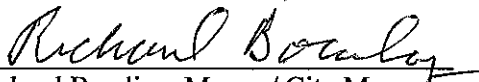
Quotes were as follows: Old Hickory -\$8095.00 and Cherokee Structures - \$11,252.75. Alderman Adams asked if there was any cost involved getting this brought to the here. Vice Mayor Broyles stated no it is a turnkey price. CMFO Sharon Greene stated we have to do the Ordinance and that will take 2 readings because it is not in the budget. Motion to purchase the Old Hickory building for \$8,095.00 was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes and Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Adams - Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Quotes on Zero Turn Lawn Mower

Vice Mayor Broyles asked if this would require an ordinance. CMFO Greene stated yes. Mr Broyles stated this will require an ordinance but we can select a product. Quotes are as follows: Farm Supply Co. \$12,319.00 for an Exmark mower. East Tenn Rent- Alls \$11,807.18 for a Gravely. Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie stated when it comes down to the testing, the Gravely did not hold as well on banks as the Exmark. Mr Moultrie stated being familiar with the Exmark he prefers it, but the main thing is I need a mower ASAP. Motion to approve the purchase of the Exmark from Farm Supply at a cost of \$12,319.00 was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes and Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Adams - Yes. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Keith asked if they could have a workshop soon. Vice Mayor Broyles stated I will have a discussion with the Mayor about it.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Ward. Second by Alderwoman Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes and Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Adams - Yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.


Richard Bowling, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 11th day of April, 2022


Sharon Greene, Recorder/CMFO