

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
July 5th, 2022

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

Members present were Carol Keith, Jeff Broyles and Ben Adams. Sandra Madison arrived at 6:10 p.m. and Eric Ward arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Prayer was given by Richard Bowling, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bowling opened the floor for the following.

Discussion / Action – Special Called Meeting Minutes- May 31, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes- June 7, 2022
Special Called Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2022

Motion to approve May 31, June 7, and June 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes was made by Vice Mayor Broyles. Second by Alderman Adams. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Abstained, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes and Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

Jerry Malone of Smith Street reported that the Museum was going fantastic. Our displays are coming along slowly. Mr Malone stated I wanted to update you and thank you for what you all do. Vice Mayor Broyles and Alderwoman Keith thanked him for the job they are doing.

Discussion / Action – Select Mattern & Craig Engineers for the TDEC (ARP) Projects

Randy Beckner with Mattern & Craig Engineering stated Dave Wilson is no longer with Mattern & Craig. Mr Beckner reported that one of the last things Dave did was address Rural Development's comments on the change order for Thomas Construction's work on Railroad Street. There is a chance they will approve that work but I feel they may come back and say we may need to re bid the garage pump station.

Mr Beckner stated for the ARPA money you have to go through a new formal procurement.

Vice Mayor Broyles stated these delays, our citizens are impatient, and we have not been treated fairly. We need your help to cut through the red tape and get us to the finish line. Mr Beckner stated I will do my very best. Alderwoman Keith stated I totally agree with you and I ask you that too as an Alderwoman of Bluff City for the people.

Discussion / Action – City of Bluff City American Rescue Plan Administration Agreement

Gray Stothart, representative of the First Tn. Development explained that the City of Bluff City is receiving \$495,511.00 ARP funds that can be used in a variety of ways. Bluff City has an opportunity to access ARP funds in the amount \$747,874.85 through TDEC. Mr Stothart stated this is for water and sewer infrastructure only. These funds have been allocated to the town but an application will have to be submitted to receive these funds.

Bluff City has another opportunity to apply for TDEC funds through Sullivan County. This is because Bluff City has customers outside the city limits. The Sullivan County Commission has to select the project. Improvements at the water treatment plant would fit in best with what TDEC is looking for and would be a need they would consider. Matching funds of \$83,097.21 would be required. The deadline for applications is the beginning of November.

Discussion / Action – Garbage Disposal Contract

Mayor Bowling presented the contract from Cox Disposal and a quote from another one. Mayor Bowling explained that with Cox this year the customer will have to pay \$13.00 of the \$14.50. Next year it will be \$15.00. The quote with New Life Garbage, with cans furnished, would be \$17.50 per customer. Without trash cans it's 14.50. City Attorney Paul Frye stated the only action tonight is to renew with Cox because it will take a couple of months to rebid this and we simply don't have the time. Mayor Bowling stated we will be out of garbage service as today was the last day they were going to pick up. Vice Mayor Broyles stated the Mayor reached out to another contractor but they have failed to quote. Vice Mayor Broyles made a motion to approve the conditional renewal of this contract. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion – Bluff City Police Department – RMS / ETickets quotes

Chief Greg Depew stated Justice One had given a small presentation. After that we reached out to other departments looking at other options. Sullivan County, Kingsport and Bristol operate with the system Watson. After our review of it, that is the option I would like to go with and it is also the cheaper option. With Watson it will sync with what we are using now. I recommend we go with Watson.

Mayor Bowling asked Chief Depew if he wanted to speak on another issue while he was up there. Chief Depew stated about 9 years ago we were approached by DTF which is a drug agency, made up of Sullivan County, Kingsport and Bristol. They focus solely on the drug problem we have. They have offered us the opportunity to be part of this. Chief Depew stated we would have to hire an officer to fill the void of the one we would be losing to the DTF position. Mayor Bowling stated I would like to add that the officer you send over there, we will still be paying his salary, plus we would have to hire one. Chief Depew stated yes. Chief Depew stated we will get the same amount from seizures as the other cities. Alderwoman Keith stated it helps save lives plus paying for itself. Vice Mayor Broyles stated basically would you be appointed to that Board. Chief Depew stated yes I will be attending the meetings every month. Mr Broyles stated basically we are incurring another \$50,000.00 in expense. Mr Depew stated yes. Vice Mayor Broyles asked City Recorder Sharon Greene if that was feasible. Ms Greene stated until we get all the way through the Budget – Mr Broyles stated if we get nothing back from it can we sustain another \$50,000.00. Ms Greene stated we have to change the budget to put it in there. Ms Greene asked what the total annual fee would be. Mr Depew stated \$9,800.00 and we could use drug seizure money to pay for that. Alderwoman Keith stated if you did it this year and wanted out of it next year you can come out of it. Chief Depew stated there is no contract binding you to it. Mayor Bowling stated we need to put it in the budget and find out if we have the money to do it with.

Vice Mayor Broyles stated in reference to the Watson System, I have spoken to Sheriff Cassidy and Chief Matt Austin of Bristol, Tn. and they love the program.

Report from Mayor / City Manager – Richard Bowling

Mayor Bowling reported that he had tried to call about our playground equipment again and did not get an answer. The last I heard was they are going to ship August 25th. Alderwoman Keith asked if they will be able to do the dedication sometime in September. Mayor Bowling stated I hope so. I want to do it before it gets too cold. Vice Mayor Broyles stated I think it would be a good idea to have Alderwoman Keith to be the project leader. Mayor Bowling stated sure I don't see a problem with that. Mrs Keith stated I will be glad to do it.

Discussion / Action Financial Report – City Recorder / CMFO- Sharon Greene

Ms Greene reported the following Fund Balances as of May 31, 2022: General Fund - \$2,126,782.00, Sanitation Fund - \$25,563.00, Special Police Fund - \$5,464.00, Debt Service Fund - \$115,925.00, Sinking Fund \$3,094.00, Water / Sewer Fund - \$876,601.00. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Broyles. Second by Alderwoman Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

Report from City Attorney Paul Frye – No Report

Comments from Board Members

Alderwoman Keith thanked everyone for coming. I am here if you need me. I want to thank Vice Mayor Broyles for standing there with me for Irene's dedication.

Alderwoman Madison thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a good night.

Vice Mayor Broyles thanked everyone for coming. Mr Broyles stated I am glad to hear of no significant incidents over the 4th of July weekend.

Alderman Ward thanked everyone for coming. Mr Ward stated this is a great little town and you don't realize what you have here until you step out and see other places.

Alderman Adams thanked everyone for coming and stated be safe going home.

Mayor Bowling stated where it has been so hot we bought Gatorade for the guys to drink while they were working on the road.

Report from Chief of Police Greg Depew

Chief Depew presented the monthly report. (SEE ATTACHED)

Chief Depew stated everything is going well. I am so proud of the officers.

Report from Public Works Supervisor – Allen Moultrie was off

Report from Water Plant Operator – Terry Banner was working at Water Plant due to the rain

Mayor Bowling read the water plant report from Terry Banner (SEE ATTACHED)

Vice Mayor Broyles stated the Public Works Department responded to a leak on Dry Branch road and it happened to be at my mother's house. They did the job through the night and the citizens in that area, including my mother said she could not believe the professionalism they saw. She said they hit the ground running. Allen was there and identified the issue and the crew and equipment was there. The State was there because it is a state road and we had to break it. It was an outstanding job by our public works department.

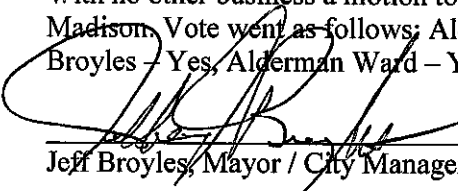
Report from Sullivan County Commissioners – None Present

Old Business – None

New Business – None

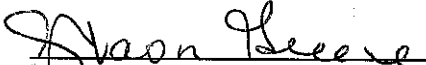
City Recorder/ CMFO Sharon Greene stated we need to have a workshop next Tuesday after I get these figures in that I just received. Mayor Bowling stated 6:00 next Tuesday.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Adams – Yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



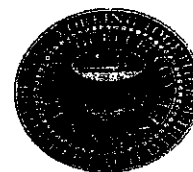
Jeff Broyles, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 5th day of July, 2022



Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO

Bluff City Police Department



MONTHLY REPORT
2022 June

Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	128	102	0	230
ISSUED CITATION(S)	152	125	0	277
WARNING CITATION(S)	39	30	0	69
PATROLED MILE(S)	3269	3695	0	6964
ARREST(S)	14	12	0	26
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	19	10	0	29
ALARM(S)	2	5	2	9
ACCIDENT(S)	7	5	0	12
ANIMAL CALL(S)	2	0	0	2
MSD REPORT(S)	25	17	0	42
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	1	0	0	1
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	4	1	0	5
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)	0	0	0	0
MISSING PERSON(S)	0	0	0	0
D.U.I.(S)	0		0	0
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	4	2	0	6
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0	0	0	0

Approved by: _____

Date: _____ 7/5/2022

City of Bluff City
Board of Mayor and Alderman
July 5 , 2022
June Water Plant Report

In the month of June, the plant maintained an average water level in the tank of 45-50 feet and ran normally overall.

June 8- Backwash on Filter #1

June 14- Labtronix calibrated machines. They stated that everything was working well.
Backwash was done and a hose busted and had to be replaced on Clarifier #2.

June 17- Power went off at 3:34pm and was restored at 6:47 pm

June 23- Forest Service came to water plant to let us know they had cut some trees out of the road

All samples were completed and sent to the lab on time. All were good.