

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Special Called Meeting
August 9th, 2022
6:30 p.m.

Mayor Broyles Called the meeting to order at 6:30 p m

Members present were Carol Keith, Sandra Madison and Ben Adams

Prayer was given by Carol Keith, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Broyles asked everyone remain standing. Mr Broyles stated a former Alderman, Jim Embree had passed away and he requested a moment of silence.

Mayor Broyles opened the floor for the following

Citizen Comments

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Highway stated first of all I want to ask about the letter of intent and the resume. Mrs Payne asked Alderman Adams, as he is the most recent alderman, if he had to provide one last time. Alderman Adams stated I did not. Mrs Payne asked Alderwoman Madison if she had a resume. Ms Madison stated no. Mrs Payne asked Alderwoman Keith if she had a resume. Mrs Keith stated no. Mayor Broyles stated she is elected. Mrs Payne asked what is required to run. Mayor Broyles stated you must be a resident of Bluff City. Mrs Payne stated that is the only requirement. It does not require a letter of intent or a resume. Mayor Broyles stated that's not true. I understand the requirements of the office but the requirements of this Board in order to conduct a fair reasonable just assessment of our fellow citizens. As I lead this Board, I decided to make the process more fair. I do not think it's an inconvenience to ask for a letter of intent and a resume for this board to view folks fairly. The next step, we bring each interested citizen to the podium for the equal amount of time. We hear what that citizen wants to say. Everybody gets a fair chance. The Board understands completely who they are asking to join. Then they can make the most educated decision. It has nothing to do with the requirements of the office. It has to do with a fair process. Mrs Payne stated it has to do with you holding us to a higher standard than the people that ran and were elected on this board. Mayor Broyles stated that is my decision and I stand by it. Mrs Payne asked CMFO Greene how much money did we get from the Grant money from Covid Relief that was to be used for whatever reason. Alderman Adams stated you are mis-categorizing that. It has to be spent in a specific way (sentence ended) Mrs Payne stated there is Federal and State and we have already received some of it. Mayor Broyles stated yes. Mrs Greene stated he answered that question. It cannot be used for daily operations. Mrs Payne stated that the \$90,000.00 given to the employees could have gone to the water tank. Alderman Adams stated no it can't.

Julie Venable of 209 Smith Street Ext. stated at the last meeting water is all that was discussed, nothing about the sewer. The sewer is already outrageous. A lot of people living here are on a very strict income. I don't think that was right. Mayor Broyles stated those particular ordinances were postponed so they weren't open for discussion.

Shirley Clark of 932 Lona Lane stated a couple of years ago we had discussed adding money for speed bumps on the road next to where they were going to put the playground. At that time

Mayor Wells stated there was no more money available for that and she would look at that the next year and try to get some money allocated for that. Mrs Clark stated I don't ever know what happened with that. That is a very dangerous road. Mayor Broyles stated allow me to look into that and respond to you personally.

Discussion / Action / Public Hearing – Ordinance 2022-006

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is To Provide for the General Revenue of the Town of Bluff City, Tennessee for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Mr Frye stated the amount would be \$1.179 cents for each \$100.00 of assessed value. Public Hearing opened. No comments. Public Hearing closed. Alderwoman Keith stated I just want to verify that is no increase in property taxes. Mayor Broyles stated no increase in property taxes. Motion to approve on Second Reading was made by Alderwoman Madison. Second by Alderman Adams. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes and Alderman Adams. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – First Reading- Ordinance 2022-007

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is The Appropriations Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes and Alderman Adams. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action- First Reading – Ordinance 2022-008

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is an Ordinance Amending Section 17-111(1) of the Bluff City Municipal Code Regarding Garbage Collection Fees within the Town of Bluff City, Tennessee. Mr Frye stated the rate would be \$12.50 per month. Alderman Adams stated this increase is not coming from the City. It is coming from the provider which is Cox Disposal. This increase is due to the cost of gasoline being passed along. We did take another bid which is higher than that. Mayor Broyles stated due diligence to Former Mayor Bowling and Sharon for running this to ground. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes and Alderman Adams. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – First Reading Ordinance 2022-009

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is Establishing Sewer Rates for Customers Inside and Outside the Corporate Limits of the Town of Bluff City, Tennessee. Inside City Limits sewer rates will be charged \$24.89 for the first 2000 gallons and \$13.27 for each additional 1000 gallons used in excess of 2000 gallons. Customers outside the city limits will be charged \$37.66 for the first 2000 gallons and \$20.02 for each additional 1000 gallons in excess of 2000 gallons. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – No, Alderwoman Madison – Yes and Alderman Adams. Motion failed.

Discussion / Action- First Reading Ordinance 2022-010

City Attorney Paul Frye read the Ordinance which Establishes User Rates for Customers Inside and Outside the Corporate Limits of the Town of Bluff City. Mr Frye stated customers inside the corporate limits shall be charged \$19.61 for the first 2000 gallons of water used and shall be charged \$7.64 for each 1000 gallons of water used in excess of 2000 gallons. Customers outside the corporate limits shall be charged \$35.62 for the first 2000 gallons of water used and shall be charged \$11.42 per each 1000 gallons of water used in excess of 2000 gallons. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – No, Alderwoman Madison – Yes and Alderman Adams. Motion failed.

Discussion / Action – Agreement with First Tennessee Development District concerning existing and potential American Rescue Plan funding and grants

Mayor Broyles stated this is something we have discussed in 2 workshops. Mr Broyles stated First Tn. Dev. District will help us through the red tape. They would do all the administrative work for us and report to TDOT and all the state entities for us. With these grants we would afford them a very nominal fee of about \$24,000.00 out of the grant potential of \$750,000.00. Motion to approve was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second by Alderman Adams. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes and Alderman Adams. Motion failed.

Discussion / Action – Appointment of the Vice Mayor

Mayor Broyles stated according to our Charter we are required to have a Vice Mayor that can act in my place in the event that I am disabled in any way. The Vice Mayor has no authority over the staff unless they are serving as Mayor and Town Manager. The Vice Mayor and the Signatory are two different entities. They can be the same person, but we will vote on them separately. Alderman Adams stated I will take the spot. Mayor Broyles stated we are talking about it and we are not in the nomination phase. Motion to nominate Alderman Adams for Vice Mayor was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes and Alderman Adams. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Appointment of Signatory

Mayor Broyles stated a signatory has the ability to sign checks and other bank documents for the town. We are required to have 3, and at this point the Recorder and I are the only 2 that can do so. Motion to appoint Vice Mayor Ben Adams as a signatory was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes and Alderman Adams. Motion carried.

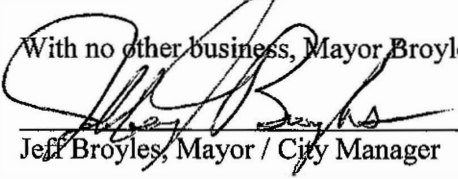
Mayor Broyles asked if the board members had anything else to add.

Alderwoman Keith stated speaking for myself we are not playing games. This is serious and this is hard work and you are dealing with people's lives. Alderwoman Keith asked City Attorney Paul Frye to explain people having to send in resumes and all that. Is that something we need to vote on? Mr Frye stated you can do it any way you want to. Mrs Keith stated shouldn't we have a

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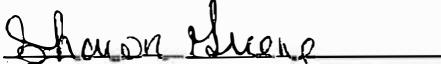
meeting before we decide on doing something like that. I want us to be a team. Mayor Broyles stated it will be on a workshop and a future agenda. Alderwoman Keith stated it just takes 3 to call a Special Called Meeting. As soon as possible I would love to get our seats filled. I hope my fellow board members are in agreement Mayor Broyles stated we all are, and what I would like to do if okay with the Board, is to have a Special Called Meeting next Tuesday. The Board agreed.

With no other business, Mayor Broyles adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:08 p.m.



Jeff Broyles, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 9th day of August, 2022



Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO