

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Special Called Meeting
August 16, 2022

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

Members present were Carol Keith, Sandra Madison and Ben Adams

Prayer was given by Ben Adams, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Broyles opened the floor for the following:

Mayor Broyles stated I would like to congratulate our Town Attorney Paul Frye who was selected as President of the Tn. Municipal Attorney's Association recently.

Citizen Comments

Heather Moritz of 257 Main Street stated I have lived there for over 30 years. I am also a registered voter. I want to be considered as an Alderwoman for Bluff City. I would love to see the City grow and move forward.

Julie Venable of 209 Smith Street Ext. stated I don't have a problem with the water raising or the sewer. Mrs Venable voiced concern about the sewer increase not being mentioned at one of the meetings. Ms Venable stated keep in mind what Chief Depew wanted to do about working together with other departments. I think we would benefit from that.

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Hwy stated I did research and the inflation rate and gas prices are going down. Mrs Payne voiced concern about the proposed water / sewer increase. Mrs Payne stated that they should use some of the covid relief fund monies toward the water plant, which was scheduled for 2015-2016 project. Mrs Payne asked if there was an audit performed when Mayor Wells passed away before Richard came into office. Mrs Payne stated there should have been an audit when Jeff became Mayor.

Discussion / Action – Alderman Vacancy Interviews and Potential Appointments

Mayor Broyles stated before the Board members are letters of intent or resumes that were submitted in the last few days. Alderwoman Keith stated in reference to what Mrs Payne stated, I understand your concern but most of the things you said happened was when none of us were on the board. We are trying to go back and get things straightened out.

Mayor Broyles stated to keep this fair, what I would like to do is grant each candidate, whether you submitted a resume or letter or not, to come up and speak to the Board about your interest in becoming an elected official in this Town.

Mayor Broyles stated I will be calling up each individual that turned in a request to become an Alderman. Mr Broyles stated lets go in alphabetical order. Mayor Broyles called Shirley Clark up to speak. Mrs Clark thanked the Board for their time and consideration for filling this vacant seat. Mrs Clark gave a brief description of her background. Mrs Clark stated we really love living here, and are really glad that the lake is back. I am proud to say that during my working years I always strived to be a team player as well as a leader. I strive to improve and advance in every position I had in my career. Sometimes that meant stepping out of my comfort zone. I have never worked in this capacity but I am willing to listen and learn in order to make the best decisions I can.

Heather Moritz stated I have lived in Bluff City all on my life. I have 2 nephews that live with me and we want to watch the City grow and get better. I am a call center representative or supervisor. This is something I want to learn and do to help the community.

Carolyn Payne stated I started school in Bluff City in 4th grade and graduated from Sullivan East High School. I got married and my husband was in the military and we moved away. I have done numerous jobs. I am 70 years old and have a grown daughter, a beautiful grandson and the best son-in-law any mother could ask for. I moved back to Bluff City in 2002 into my daddy's house. My daddy was Nathaniel Lee Harris. I became very interested in the Board down here. I checked on items on agendas so I could be well versed in asking questions. It is my desire to represent the citizens of Bluff City. I want to be part of the team and work together and move us forward.

Mayor Broyles opened the floor for nominations for 1 candidate. Alderwoman Keith made a motion to nominate Heather Moritz. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Broyles opened the floor for nomination for a second candidate. Vice Mayor Adams made a motion to nominate Shirley Clark. Motion failed for lack of second nomination.

Mayor Broyles recessed the board meeting to swear in Heather Moritz.

Discussion / Action – Public Hearing on Ordinance 2022-008

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which Amends Section 17-111(1) of the Bluff City Municipal Code Regarding Garbage Collection Fees within the Town of Bluff City. Mr Frye explained that \$12.50 would be charged monthly to each residential customer inside the corporate city limits. Public Hearing opened at 6:31 pm. With no comments, hearing closed at 6:32 pm. Motion to approve on Second Reading was made by Vice Mayor Adams. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Adams - Yes and Alderwoman Moritz – Yes – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – First Reading- Ordinance 2022-009

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which establishes Sewer Rates for Customers Inside and Outside the Corporate Limits of the Town of Bluff City. Mr Frye stated new rates will be as follows: Customers inside the corporate limits shall be charged \$24.89 for the first 2000 gallons and shall be charged \$13.27 for each additional 1000 gallons. Customers outside the corporate limits shall be charged \$37.66 for the first 2000 gallons and \$20.02 for each additional 1000 gallons. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Adams. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – No, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Adams – Yes, Alderwoman Moritz – Yes. Motion carried.

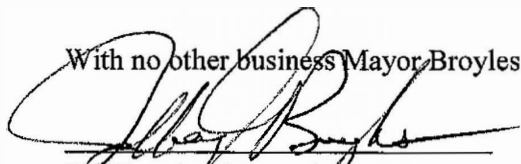
Discussion / Action – First Reading – Ordinance 2022-010

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 new rates will be as follows: Customers inside the corporate limits shall be charged \$19.61 for the first 2000 gallons and \$7.64 for each additional 1000 gallons. Customers outside the corporate limits shall be charged \$35.62 for the first 2000 gallons of water used and \$11.42 for each additional 1000 gallons. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Adams. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – No, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Adams – Yes, Alderwoman Moritz – Yes. Motion carried.


Discussion / Action – Establishment of a Community Relations Committee

Mayor Broyles read the draft which establishes a Community Relations Committee. (SEE ATTACHED) Motion to approve was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second by Vice Mayor Adams. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Alderwoman Moritz – Yes and Vice Mayor Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

With no other business Mayor Broyles adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.


Jeff Broyles, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 16th day of August, 2022


Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO