

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
August 1, 2023

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

Members present were Julie Venable, Carol Keith and Ben Adams

Sandra Madison was absent

Prayer was given by Vice Mayor Keith followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, lead by Chief Greg Depew.

Mayor Broyles opened the floor for the following:

Recognitions, Proclamations and Awards

Mayor Broyles asked Chairman Randy Beckner to brief us on some wonderful news for the Town of Bluff City. Mr Beckner stated that they had the substantial completion inspection on the Water and Sewer Project. Mr Beckner stated some minor drainage erosion issues need to be taken care of and the surface paving on Main Street and that project will be ready to close out with Rural Development. Mr Beckner stated we got awarded 2 ARPA Grant Applications. One is for sewer replacement on Carter Street and the other one is for the Water Treatment Plant. We also submitted applications for asset management plans, one on the water side and one for the sewer side. We have not been notified by TDEC if we have or have not received them yet. Mayor Broyles thanked Mr Beckner for the work that has been done in bringing folks together and helping us. Mayor Broyles thanked Thomas Construction, USDA and TDEC

Discussion / Action – Special Called Meeting Minutes of June 30 and July 10, 2023

Motion to approve was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Venable. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Venable – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – No, Alderman Adams – Yes.
Motion failed.

Citizen Comments – First Session

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Hwy voiced concern about the location on the Agenda for the Second Session of Citizens Comments. She showed a copy of an Agenda from January 7, 2020 and stated it shows the second session right above adjournment. Vice Mayor Keith stated we got it back to 2 times for the citizens and we only have to do it once. Mayor Broyles stated we have amended it and can place those comments where ever the Board wanted to. Ms Payne stated I want it back right before Adjournment. Alderwoman Venable stated she is correct. That is the original place.

Brian Hunt of 191 Lakeview Drive voiced concern about the speeding on Lakeview Drive and stated they need speed bumps. Mayor Broyles stated that Chief Depew will address that.

Discussion / Action: First Reading- Ordinance 2023-016- Updated Zoning Ordinance

Mayor Broyles presented the ordinance changes, stating this comes to you with a positive recommendation from the Planning Commission. Motion to approve on First Reading was made by Alderwoman Venable. Second by Vice Mayor Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Venable – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – Yes and Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

Report from Mayor / Town Manager – Jeff Broyles

Mayor Broyles stated a year ago I became Mayor of this town. We had a product we needed to do some work on and this Board has always supported me as Mayor and Town Manager. Everybody had the same goal which was reunite, reform, and restore. Mayor Broyles stated I work with 24 of the best people in the whole world. We operate well together. I could talk all day about Allen and his guys and all the things they have done. The Police Department under Greg's leadership is a team that other people want to come and work with. We are turning down people who want to come here. In Greg's own words, we have the best team that he has seen in over 20 years of him being here. In Finance and Administration, under Sharon's leadership we have upgraded systems and put our records where they need to be. We have come on to the Watson System. Sharon and her team have had 2 audits with no findings. The credit goes to God first, then the Board and the team that works with me.

Second Session – Citizen Comments

Carolyn Payne stated I am just going to finish up. Mrs Payne stated Carol it is important where you all place this and you all voted to put it back to the way it is. Mrs Payne voiced concern about the vacant seat on the board. Mrs Payne stated get it on the Agenda.

Report from City Attorney- Paul Frye

Mr Frye reported that he has collected a little over \$7,000 in delinquent property taxes this month.

Discussion / Action: Financial Report – Sharon Greene

Ms Greene reported the following fund balances as of June 30, 2023: General Fund - \$2,330,537.00, Sanitation Fund - \$30,838.00, Special Police Fund - \$3,170.00, Debt Service Fund - \$115,330.00, Sinking Fund- \$3,094, Water / Sewer Fund - \$1,060,682.00. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Vice Mayor Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Venable – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – Yes and Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

Police Report - Chief Greg Depew

Chief Depew presented the monthly report for July, 2023 (SEE ATTACHED)

Chief Depew stated we do have speeding on small roads. Mr Depew stated that he would get a speed trailer from Sullivan County and utilize it in those areas. I will let the officer coming on duty know to be more visible in that area. Chief Depew stated I believe we have the best crew that I have ever worked with here.

Public Works – Allen Moultrie

Mr Moultrie presented the monthly report. (SEE ATTACHED)

Mr Moultrie stated that the water plant is working well. We had a power outage on July 29 due to a power outage due to the storm that came through, we were down 2.5 hours.

Mr Moultrie reported that during the rain event they received pump station alarms but we were able to maintain and did not overflow.

Mr Moultrie stated they have received shipment of the new chipper and thanked the Board for it.

Vice Mayor Keith asked about a tree. Mayor Broyles stated that they are working on a contractor now. Mr Moultrie stated the quote should be here tomorrow.

Finance and Administration – Sharon Greene

Ms Greene stated the girls are working hard to get materials ready for the Audit.

No County Commissioners were present

Board Member Comments

Alderwoman Venable stated I am glad we have a few more faces in here tonight.

Vice Mayor Keith stated I want to thank the board members. We are working together. Mrs Keith asked Rebecca Broyles (with the Family Committee) to stand and thanked her for the work she is doing. She stated that she had been to the yard sale and everybody she talked to had nothing but good things to say about our town.

Alderman Adams thanked everyone for coming out. I think we are making great progress. The Farmers Market – I really like the direction we are going in.

Old Business

Alderwoman Venable stated Mrs Payne is correct about the Second Section of Citizen Comments, it came after we talked and discussed everything. We need to fix it. We need to fill the seat on the board. Mayor Broyles stated (in reference to citizen comments) we voted and

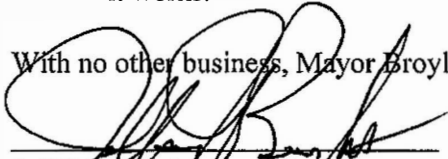
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amended those. We can stipulate that it can only be about items on the Agenda. We do not, we let people come up and say anything they want. We give you 2 sessions. We put it right after the business that we do. If we are not pleased as a Board we can amend and amend. Mayor Broyles stated we can have a workshop and discuss it, but for the public, we offer more that the law stipulates.

New Business


Vice Mayor Keith stated since the building is almost paid for, I would like to look into decreases. Mrs Keith stated she would like to get young people involved in coming to meetings and see how it works.

With no other business, Mayor Broyles adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.



Jeff Broyles, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 1st day of August, 2023



Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO



Bluff City Police Department
MONTHLY REPORT



2023 July
Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	105	125	16	246
ISSUED CITATION(S)	132	157	0	289
WARNING CITATION(S)	62	81	0	143
PATROLED MILE(S)	2369	3092	0	5461
ARREST(S)	20	24	0	44
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	15	25	0	40
ALARM(S)	3	4	6	13
ACCIDENTS	3	2	0	5
ANIMAL CALL(S)	3	0	0	3
MSD REPORT(S)	8	12	0	20
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	0	0	0	0
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	2	0	0	2
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)	0	0	0	0
MISSING PERSON(S)	0	0	0	0
D.U.I.(S)	3	2	0	5
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	5	4	0	9
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	1	0	0	1

Approved by: Chief Depew

CITY OF BLUFF CITY

Water Plant & Distribution System

Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly Report for July 2023

Water Plant:

The Water plant is operating normally, pumping an average of 260 thousand gallons per day. Our water tank level was at an average of 43.64 feet for the month. The minimum our water tank level got in July was 39.55 feet. While the maximum tank level for the month was 51.66 feet. The water plant operated flawlessly with no shutdowns during the month until July 29th, when we had power outage due to storm.

Distribution System:

In the distribution system, we are continuing to try to track leaks and repair leaks in the system. We made one; water tap installed for the month, and started another round of meter change out. We have installed 32 of the 140 meters set to be replaced in this round

Sewer Department:

Sewer Department is operating well with there being no overflows in the month of July. All pump stations in town are operating and performing great. During the last rain event we did receive pump station alarms due to I & I issues we have been experiencing. None of the events led to an overflow.

Streets Department:

City workers are working hard maintaining the brush pickup throughout town. Our designated day for brush pick up is on Wednesday and Thursday, with work orders being top priority.

If you have any questions please call City Hall at 538-7144. Thank you.