

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
April 2, 2024

Mayor Broyles called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Members present were Lori Staton Carol Keith and Lisa Arnold

Ben Adams was absent

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

Mayor Broyles opened the floor for the following:

Recognitions, Proclamations, and Awards

Mayor Broyles stated today we are going to recognize the Sullivan East Middle School Robotics Team. Mayor Broyles invited them to come to the front of the meeting room. Mayor Broyles read and presented the team with a Proclamation along with a donation of \$500.00 to help with their trip.

Mayor Broyles introduced Clay Walker, CEO of Sullivan County NETWORKS Partnership. Mr Walker gave a briefing of projects they are working on.

Mayor Broyles recognized the presence of Nick Castle, representative of Senator Bill Hagerty.

Mayor Broyles introduced Austin Smith with Mattern & Craig. Mr Smith stated the drawings of the Main Street Water Project, Railroad Street Sewer and the Garage Pump Station have been delivered to the town and the project is now 100% complete. We have received 2 ARPA Grant Applications, one the Water Treatment Plant Improvements and the Sewer Line Replacement on Carter Street. The Carter Street Project is ready to advertise.

Discussion / Action: Meeting Minutes from February 19, March 4, and March 18, 2024

Motion to approve the Minutes from February 19th thru March 18th was made by Alderwoman Staton. Second by Alderwoman Arnold. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Staton – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith- Yes, and Alderwoman Arnold – Yes. Motion carried.

First Session – Public Comments

Jerry Malone of 372 Smith Street wished the Mayor Happy Birthday. Mr Malone thanked the Board Members that came to the museum. Mr Malone thanked the city for their donation. Mr Malone stated hopefully by the end of the month they will be open one day a week maybe two. Mr Malone asked that the traffic light be saved so maybe the museum can have it as the last red light in Bluff City.

State of OUR Town Address

Mayor Broyles presented a slide show along with a narrative. The purpose of the brief is to show the public the current state of affairs in the town of Bluff City, Tn. It is also to share our vision, goals and initiatives. Mayor Broyles continued with the description of the slides. This includes the good condition of the City's finances, the Multi Modal Sidewalk Grant and the upcoming citizen portal to allow payments to be made online.

Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie presented a list of his team and their positions. Mr Moultrie continued by discussing the Distribution System, discussing leaks that had been found and fixed. This means buying less water from Bristol Bluff City Utility. Mr Moultrie stated that we are having to change out a lot of meters due to the age of them.

Mayor Broyles asked Chief Depew to come to the podium and speak about the police department. Chief Depew recognized Deputy Chief Jamie Dunbar who is his assistant overseeing everything and all departments. Lt. Kevin Smith who is their CID person doing specialized operations and overseeing the night shift. Dalton Rogers has taken on a new responsibility helping fight drugs. Our Reserve program is a real asset to us as they help us and give an extra body in the car usually on night shift. It is at no expense to the City. Chief Depew stated Lt. Shane Watson has been over the Watson System (ticket writing) His dedication to the department is out of this world. Sgt. Bays has really grown since he has been here and he is over car maintenance and all the things patrol officers do. Chief Depew introduced Officer Hawthorne and Officer Bajuscak who have recently graduated the academy. Josh Holsclaw is the newest member of the police department. Mayor Broyles showed slides in reference to the police department including citations and arrests. Mayor Broyles commended Chief Depew for the job he is doing along with his officers. Officer Bays presented slides to recap 2023 with police department stats. Lt. Kevin Smith gave a report on the drugs they had confiscated and arrests they had made during 2023. Lt Smith reported that Detective Rogers had to step out but this past year he was awarded through the TSSO Safety Office's 2023 - DUI Officer of the Year. That is in the whole state of Tennessee.

Mayor Broyles introduced City Court Clerk Jeanann Sanders. Ms Sanders reported on the Watson System for ticket writing. Ms Sanders gave a presentation of the past 4 years of citations. Ms Sanders stated, that cuts down so much time for the officers on the side of the road. The time it takes to get into our system is about 15 minutes as the paper tickets had to wait until the officer was off duty that day. There is less spelling errors, as the Watson System is digital. It is a big improvement. Ms Sanders discussed the Defensive Driving School, stating that the maximum to attend is 25 and right now we have 2 classes a month because we were having to push them out to June. Ms Sanders stated that she has people call her back and tell her how good the driving school class was. Ms Sanders stated that the Citizen's Portal the Mayor was talking about, would help because of the people who are out of state could use that. This has reduced the amount of Failure to Appear. Mayor Broyles stated I can't say enough about the work of Jeanann, City Attorney Paul Frye, Judge Large and Chief Depew and his staff.

Mayor Broyles stated in the next few years we are going to invest in the infrastructure. Mayor Broyles stated we are going to do more training. We are going to find grants that don't drain our savings.

Mayor Broyles stated we are going to be as transparent as we can with the things we are doing here. You will see this again. I thank you for your attention.

Second Session – Citizen Comments - None

Report from Town Attorney – Paul Frye

Mr Frye stated I don't have a legal report tonight but people are wanting to move to Bluff City. It is all favorable comments I see online.

Discussion / Action: Financial Report – Sharon Greene, CMFO

Ms Greene reported the following fund balances as of February 29, 2024:
General Fund - \$2,394,840.00, Sanitation Fund - \$38,100.00, Special Police Fund - \$3,900.00,
Debt Service Fund - \$135,200.00, Sinking Fund - \$3,094.00, Water / Sewer Fund - \$744,670.00.
Motion to approve Financial Report was made by Alderwoman Arnold. Second by Vice Mayor
Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Staton – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith- Yes, and
Alderwoman Arnold – Yes. Motion carried.

Report from Police Chief – Greg Depew

Chief Depew presented the monthly report. (SEE ATTACHED)

Chief Depew thanked everyone for working so well with his department.

Report from Public Works Supervisor – Allen Moultrie

Mr Moultrie stated that the Water Plant has been operating in normal conditions. We were down a few days in March due to heavy rain. We have not been having any issues regarding any sewer pump stations. We just started our mowing.

Mr Moultrie stated it is a joy coming to work now and I thank you for all you have been doing for us.

Finance and Administration – Sharon Greene – CMFO

Ms Greene stated the ladies are courteous all the time. They are a great group of ladies.

Report from Sullivan County Commissioners - None

Board of Mayor and Aldermen Comments

Alderwoman Staton stated it was so good to hear all of this. It is so promising to live in this community and to know great things are happening and these people care so much. I enjoy being on this Board and I hope I can serve in the capacity you all deserve. Mayor Broyles stated you are a wonderful addition already.

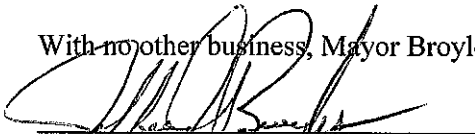
Vice Mayor Keith thanked everyone for coming. Ms Keith thanked the Police Department and Allen with Public Works for all they do. Ms Keith stated the last time I was over paying my water bill the ladies were so professional and nice and ready to serve. Ms Keith thanked CMFO Sharon Greene and her fellow board members.

Alderwoman Arnold stated I want to thank all of the teams of Bluff City. Ms Arnold stated I am excited about the citizen portal, but I will always come into City Hall to pay my water bill because I love seeing the ladies.

Old Business - None

New Business – None

With no other business, Mayor Broyles adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.



Jeff Broyles, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 2nd day of April, 2024



Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO



Bluff City Police Department

MONTHLY REPORT

2024
Year

MARCH
Month



NUMBER OF:				TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)				250
ISSUED CITATION(S)				290
WARNING CITATION(S)				83
PATROLED MILE(S)				10,336
ARREST(S)				30
OFFENSE REPORT(S)				31
ALARM(S)				10
ACCIDENTS				8
ANIMAL CALL(S)				2
MSD REPORT(S)				20
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)				3
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)				4
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)				0
MISSING PERSON(S)				1
D.U.I.(S)				3
DRUG VIOLATION(S)				13
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)				0

Approved by: Chief Depew

BLUFF CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

12-MONTH ANALYSIS 2023

TOTALS:

- ISSUED CITATIONS – 3,217
- ISSUED WARNINGS – 1,451
- ARREST – 332
- OFFENSE REPORTS – 385
- MSD (MEMO) REPORTS – 214
- ALARM CALLS – 89
- ACCIDENTS REPORTED – 67
- ANIMAL CALLS – 31
- DOMESTICS ASSAULTS – 19
- D.U.I. (S) – 32
- USE OF FORCE – 5
- TOTAL VEHICLE MILAGE – 72,812 MILES
- NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS – 82

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