

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
August 11, 2011

Mayor Irene Wells called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were Melvin Carrier, Sheena Cornwell, Lon Gene Leonard, Robert Miller and Bryan Mullins

Prayer was given by Mayor Wells, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wells presented the minutes for the July 1, 2011 Special Called Meeting to the board for consideration. Alderman Carrier made a motion to approve the July 1, 2011 minutes. Second by Alderman Miller. Mayor Wells requested that the minutes for the July 1st Special Called Meeting reflect that she as Mayor / City Manager refused to gavel the meeting to order as she felt that it was called illegally. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that the comment could not be included in the July 1, 2011 minutes because it was not an official record of the meeting of the July 1st meeting. Mr. Frye stated no because the meeting was not called to order by Mayor Wells so it was not an official record of the July 1, 2011 meeting. Mayor Wells requested that her comment to refuse to call the July 1, 2011 meeting to order be reflected in this meeting.

Roll Call Vote:	Alderman Carrier	yes
	Alderman Mullins	yes
	Alderman Miller	yes
	Vice-Mayor Leonard	yes
	Alderwoman Cornwell	yes

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the first section of citizen comments:

1. Martin Papp of 416 Dogwood Trail in Piney Flats stated that Lyons Roofing located at 5600 Highway 11-E is using location for storage. Mr. Papp presented copies of letters that had been sent to the business in December stating that the business must be brought into compliance immediately. Mr. Papp stated that the business was still conducting improper use of land. Mr. Papp asked if the man had been taken to court or is the man was paying the fifty dollar a day fine. The board stated that they would look into it.
2. Wanda Lunsford, a Bristol resident and property owner at 359 Mill Street complained about water running into the yard of her rental property on Mill Street. Mrs. Lunsford stated that she had requested a curb but thinks that a curb will not stop the runoff as the road is slanted. City Manager Dulaney stated that they were supposed to get asphalt the next week and would see if a higher curb would take care of the problem.
3. Melanie Leger, of 261 Lakeview Circle requested that the board take action in regarding Lakeview Trailer Park. Mrs. Leger stated that she felt that the housing is sub-standard and that there may be health issues in Lakeview Trailer Park. Mrs. Leger stated that she had photos if the board would like to see them. Alderman Carrier stated that they are going to do something.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for appointment to the Networks Partnership. Alderman Miller asked if anyone was interested in that appointment. Alderman Miller made a motion to appoint Alderman Lon Gene Leonard to the second seat of the Networks Partnership Board. Second by Alderman Carrier.

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Roll Call Vote:	Alderman Carrier	yes
	Alderman Mullins	yes
	Alderman Miller	yes
	Vice-Mayor Leonard	abstained
	Alderwoman Cornwell	yes

Mayor Wells opened the floor at 7:25 p.m. for Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2011-013, an ordinance to amend Chapter 4, Section 4-410 of the Bluff City Municipal Code dealing with take home cars. City Attorney Paul Frye read Ordinance 2011-013. There was no public comment. Mayor Wells closed Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Mayor Wells presented Ordinance No. 2001-013 to the board for consideration on second reading. Alderman Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance 2011-013. Second by Alderman Mullins.

Roll Call Vote:	Alderman Carrier	yes
	Alderman Mullins	yes
	Alderman Miller	yes
	Vice-Mayor Leonard	yes
	Alderwoman Cornwell	yes

Mayor Wells opened the floor for public hearing at 7:29 p.m. on Ordinance 2011-014, an ordinance to create a four way stop at the intersection of Cedar Street and Summit Drive. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance. There were no public comments. Mayor Wells closed the public hearing at 7:31 p.m. and opened the floor for Second Reading on Ordinance 2011-014. Motion to pass Ordinance 2011-014 was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for public hearing at 7:31 p.m. on Ordinance 2011-015, an ordinance amending and clarifying Section 1-102 of the Bluff City Municipal Code and Ordinances 93-007 and 96-003 dealing with Citizen Comments at board meetings. City Attorney Paul Frye read Ordinance 2011-015. There were no public comments. Mayor Wells closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Wells presented Ordinance No. 2011-015 to the board for consideration on second reading Motion to pass Ordinance 2011-015 was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Leonard.

Roll Call Vote:	Alderman Carrier	yes
	Alderman Mullins	yes
	Alderman Miller	yes
	Vice-Mayor Leonard	yes
	Alderwoman Cornwell	yes

Mayor Wells presented Ordinance 2011-016 to the board for consideration on first reading. City Attorney Paul Frye read Ordinance 2011-016, an ordinance amending Section 16-113 of the Bluff City Municipal Code regarding skateboards, etc. prohibited on streets, sidewalks and other public places. Alderwoman Cornwell stated that she strongly disagrees with Ordinance No. 2011-016 as some of the city streets are too dangerous for children to play in the middle of the road. Alderman Miller stated that the municipal

code reads if a child is riding a bicycle, tricycle, etc. on the road it is illegal. Alderman Miller stated that he feels that, in residential areas where the primary traffic is citizens from the immediate area, children should be able to play in the safety of their neighborhood. Alderwoman Cornwell stated that three times last year she contacted the Bluff City Police Department because children would stand in the middle of the curves and did not care that cars were coming. Alderman Miller stated in that situation we can't legislate poor parenting. Alderman Miller stated that he would like to have is where kids can play safely and responsibly and are not penalized for the mistakes of unsupervised children. Alderman Miller made a motion to open the floor for public comments on this matter. Second by Alderman Mullins.

Roll Call Vote	Alderman Carrier	yes
	Alderman Mullins	yes
	Alderman Miller	yes
	Vice-Mayor Leonard	yes
	Alderwoman Cornwell	yes

Mayor Wells opened the floor for discussion/action on renewing the contract for garbage collection for city from Cox Disposal Inc. Alderman Miller made a motion to approve the five-year contract with Cox Disposal Inc. beginning November 11, 2011. Second by Vice-Mayor Leonard

Roll Call Vote	Alderman Carrier	yes
	Alderman Mullins	yes
	Alderman Miller	yes
	Vice-Mayor Leonard	yes
	Alderwoman Cornwell	yes

1. Martin Papp, Piney Flats stated that you have to protect yourself and if a kid gets run over by a car you are going to get sued. Mr. Papp stated that as a parent of a 3 or 6 year old you are not going to let your kid go out in the road.
2. Lillian Cutten of 204 Duty Drive stated that they don't have the children in Union Park, but they have the adults coming down Duty Drive at 60 to 70 mph.
3. Karen Taylor of Jonesborough Drive stated that she lives where most of the children play. Mrs. Taylor stated that she has a fenced in yard where her daughter plays but the other kids don't have anywhere to play. Mrs. Taylor stated that the cars fly down through there. Mrs. Taylor stated that someone hit their fence and had it not been for the poles concreted into the ground the car would have gone through the yard where her daughter plays. Mrs. Taylor stated that the older kids will not get out of the way.
4. Pat Gouge of 5129 Bluff City Highway stated that she and her grandson were down at the pavilion and 4 boys ranging from age 13 and up were skateboarding around the tables and on the boardwalk making a nuisance of themselves. Mrs. Gouge stated that she told one of them that she did not think they were supposed to be there and he called her the B word and told her to mind her own business if she knew what was good for her.
6. Brenda Leonard of 508 Cedar Street stated that kids need some place to play. Mrs. Leonard asked if we had money from the cameras can we not do something for our kids in Bluff City. Alderman

7. Miller stated that the camera money could be used for that. Mrs. Leonard asked that they needed to look at different places where the kids could skate.
8. Melinda Davis of 297 Jonesboro Drive stated that she was appalled at hearing the complaints about the children in the road on Jonesborough Drive as she has seen them playing there but they have always moved for her. Mrs. Davis stated that we have to give kids something they can do.
9. Karen Taylor of Jonesborough Drive stated that she had seen kids almost get killed up there.
10. Richard Boling of 4534 Bluff City Highway stated that he goes to Bluff City Baptist Church and they have caught skateboarders going down the steep steps at the church. Mr. Boling stated that they have asked them not to go down the steps they are going to get hurt. Mr. Boling stated that due to loose and damaged bricks they have had to pay \$2,300.00 to get steps fixed.
11. Jim Cross asked where the kids are going to play they need somewhere to play.

Alderman Miller made a motion to pass ordinance 2011-016. Second by Alderman Carrier.

Roll Call Vote:	Alderman Carrier	yes
	Alderman Mullins	yes
	Alderman Miller	yes
	Vice-Mayor Leonard	yes
	Alderwoman Cornwell	abstained

Mayor Wells presented Ordinance 2011-017 to the board for consideration on first reading. City Attorney Paul Frye read Ordinance 2011-017, an ordinance adopting a social media and internet posting policy. Motion to approve Ordinance 2011-017 was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Leonard.

Roll Call Vote:	Alderman Carrier	yes
	Alderman Mullins	yes
	Alderman Miller	yes
	Vice-Mayor Leonard	yes
	Alderwoman Cornwell	yes

Mayor Wells opened the floor for discussion/ action on setting an hourly salary for the Storm Water

Coordinator Todd Wood. Motion to set the rate at one hundred dollars (\$ 100.00) per hour was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderwoman Cornwell.

Roll Call Vote:	Alderman Carrier	yes
	Alderman Mullins	yes

Alderman Miller	yes
Vice-Mayor Leonard	yes
Aldерwoman Cornwell	yes

Mayor Wells opened the floor for discussion / action with regard to sending a letter to TDOT requesting a study on Highway 11E on the section of road where the Tri Cities Flea Market is located... Motion to send letter was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Leonard.

Roll Call Vote:	Alderman Carrier	yes
	Alderman Mullins	yes
	Alderman Miller	yes
	Vice-Mayor Leonard	yes
	Aldерwoman Cornwell	yes

Mayor Wells presented Resolution 2011-002 to the board for consideration, a budget amendments resolution for fiscal year 2010/2011 Motion to approve Resolution 2011-002 was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Leonard.

Roll Call Vote:	Alderman Carrier	yes
	Alderman Mullins	yes
	Alderman Miller	yes
	Vice-Mayor Leonard	yes
	Aldерwoman Cornwell	yes

Mayor Wells stated that she had attended the Networks meeting and the First Tennessee Human Resources meeting.

City Attorney Paul Frye reported that he was working on the Debit Policy for the City Managers review.

Patrolman McClintock presented Plaques of Appreciation to Reserve Officers Anthony Housewright and Shawn Jenkins.

Comments from Aldermen:

1. Alderman Carrier commented that he was glad to see everybody out.
2. Alderman Mullins commented that he appreciated everyone for coming out and for them to tell everyone when meetings are.

3. Alderman Miller thanked everyone for coming that some good ideas came out and he hoped board would be able to act on them.
4. Vice-Mayor Leonard thanked everyone for coming out tonight. Mr. Leonard reported that a lot of work was getting done and he thanked the city workers and the police department.
5. Alderwoman Cornwell thanked everyone for coming.

Acting Chief of Police Depew presented the Police report for July 2011. (SEE ATTACHMNET 1)

City Manager Dulaney stated that the financial reports and cash balances had been included in the board's packets. City Manager Dulaney reported that the water loss was at 30%.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for old business:

Alderman Miller stated that with the water loss down to 30% that was a 15% improvement. Alderman Miller stated that the city does not have enough money in the Water fund to complete the water line replacement project under the bridge but the board can do everything they can to prepare for that work. Alderman Miller made a motion to bid the project to replace the water line under the state bridge and apply for as many of the permits possible. Second by Alderman Mullins.

Roll Call Vote:	Alderman Carrier	yes
	Alderman Mullins	yes
	Alderman Miller	yes
	Vice-Mayor Leonard	yes
	Alderwoman Cornwell	yes

Alderman Carrier stated that the city needed a generator for the men to use so that they did not have to keep renting one. Vice-Mayor Leonard asked if it was a generator or air compressor they needed. Alderman Carrier stated whatever we need. Alderman Leonard stated he has found some air compressors but had not had the opportunity to talk to Ms. Dulaney about them. Alderman Carrier stated that he wanted to take David Nelson off the 911 Board and put Terry Jones on it. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that Mr. Nelson would have to resign.

Alderman Carrier stated that there was a trailer on Cedar Street at Hill Street that needed to be looked at as it is a bad mess.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for new business.

Vice-Mayor Leonard stated that Lakeview Trailer Park has sub-standard housing and the board needed to pursue whatever avenues they can to correct it. Vice-Mayor Leonard stated that he felt that the speed limit from Hwy. 11-E on 19-E to Elizabethton should be increased to 55 mph from 45 mph.

Vice-Mayor Leonard requested City Attorney Paul Frye to prepare an ordinance to remove the stop sign on Summit at Smith Street and move the stop sign to Cedar Street at Summit.

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Alderman Miller stated that the board needed to look into traffic control devices for Jonesborough Road and the sub- division and consider what would be the most appropriate way to slow down drivers in that area.

Vice Mayor Leonard stated that in reference to the Lakeview Trailer Park if the ordinances do not cover it could the board have Mr. Frye research sub-standard housing. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that he believes that the city has things on the books to cover it.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the second section of citizen comments. There were no comments.

Mayor Wells adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Mayor Irene Wells

Attest: This 11th Day of August, 2011

Judy Dulaney, City Recorder