

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
February 9, 2012

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

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

Mayor Irene Wells, City Recorder Dulaney and City Attorney Paul Frye were present.

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

Motion to approve minutes for the regular meeting on January 12, 2012 was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Vice-Mayor Leonard. Mayor Wells stated that she had some changes to the minutes:

1. Page 5 paragraph 2 line 3 it should read Home Consortium instead of Eastern Eight Group.
2. Page 6 paragraph 2 line 4 reads that Ms. Dulaney stated that Mayor Wells had contacted the Auditor and told him not to come to the Board Meeting, Mrs. Wells stated that this was untrue and an unprofessional comment. Ms. Dulaney stated that she had talked to the auditor and this is what he told her.
3. Page 8 should note that the Vice-Mayor Leonard requested a workshop be scheduled, but Mayor Wells stated that nothing was mentioned to her about calling a workshop and no one asked her if she could be at the workshop. Alderman Miller stated that they were all at the meeting and he made it known that he could not attend the workshop and since she was present that would have been a good time to let everyone know if she could not attend.

Vice-Mayor Leonard retracted his second to the motion, and made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Second by Alderman Miller. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for Citizen Comments – First Section.

1. David Watson of 327 Mill Street thanked everyone who came to the auction for the Boys & Girls Club. Mr. Watson thanked Alderman Miller and Alderwoman Cornwell for all the time they put into making the auction a success.
2. Brenda Leonard of 508 Cedar Street stated that Mayor Wells should quit her whining and act like a Mayor.

Todd Wood, Bluff City's Storm Water Coordinator gave a power point presentation on Bluff City's storm water situation,

City Engineer Dave Wilson reported updates on the following:

- Mr. Wilson reported that the alternate water source connection on the 390 bridge and removal of the temporary water line were substantially complete on January 31, 2012 and is now in service.
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- Mr. Wilson reported that the Park / Pavilion Project is under way. Mr. Wilson presented the following changes to the park project for the BMA to consider:
- Mr. Wilson recommended to continuing with (3) three layers of block on the retaining wall at the park.
- Mr. Wilson reported that Bakers Construction is doing the project and submitted separate pricing in the amount of \$33,756.40 for the BMA to consider for the additional blocks for the retaining wall at the park and completely repave the parking lot.
- Mr. Wilson reported that the city had received (2) two bids for the park project with the low bidder being Bakers Construction in the amount of \$156,500.00 for repairs on the boardwalk and repair the posts under the boardwalk.
- Mr. Wilson reported that Baker's Construction Company submitted a quote to install gabion baskets around the shoreline at the park and this would bring the total for the park repairs to \$330,320.06. City Manager Dulaney clarified that this quote would cover all construction/repair from the ball park to the old train trestle. Motion to approve \$330,320.06 to make repairs/construction at the park was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Vice-Mayor Leonard. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Mr. Wilson submitted an estimate to the BMA for materials in the amount of \$9,360.00, and the city crew would do the work to correct the drainage problem on Highland Drive in Highland Subdivision .Motion to approve \$9,360.00 in materials and the city crew doing the work to correct the drainage problem in Highland Subdivision was made by Vice-Mayor Leonard. Second by Alderman Miller. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Completed the Water System Mapping and the Pavement Data Base field work. Ready to discuss and prioritize the future paving in the City.
- Completed Preliminary Engineering Report that will accompany the 2012 CDBG Application to be used for water system improvements, including a water tank at the treatment plant.
- Discussed upgrading computer system that monitors water level in tank to be able to automatically turn water plant off and on as needed and to turn booster pump on as needed. City Manager Dulaney stated that she had given the board a list of the problems they are addressing.
- Mr. Wilson stated that he had addressed everything on the list in the engineering report for the CDBG grant application, except for the filter media replacement which is an expensive item.
- Vice-Mayor Leonard made a motion to approve \$33,756.40 to complete the Boardwalk / Pavilion wall and parking lot. Second by Alderman Miller. All voted in favor Motion carried.

Roger Lambert with the Bluff City Rescue Squad requested the BMA to consider appropriating funds from the city in the amount of \$22,294.00 to purchase new equipment.

Chase Carrier, Chief of the Bluff City Volunteer Fire Department, stated that he appreciated the assistance that the Board has given the Fire Department. Chief Carrier presented a Plaque of Appreciation to the City as well as one to Police Chief Greg Depew.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for Public Hearing at 8:30 p.m. on Ordinance 2012-001, which is an ordinance to reclassify certain territory owned by Danny L. Bartley and Jerry Buchanan on Holston Drive from R1- to B-3. City Attorney Frye read the ordinance. No public comments. Public Hearing was closed at 8:32 p.m. Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-001 on second reading was made by Vice-Mayor Leonard. Second by Alderman Carrier. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells presented Ordinance No. 2012-002 to the BMA for consideration on first reading. Attorney Frye read the ordinance, which is to reclassify certain territory owned by C. Thomas Jarrell located adjacent to Jarrell Drive from R-1 to R-3. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2012-002 on first reading was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Alderman Mullins. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells opened the floor at 8:40 p.m. for Public Hearing on Ordinance 2012-003 which is an Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code by adding provisions making certain findings relative to synthetic marijuana, "Bath Salts" and similar compounds to be unlawful. City Attorney Frye read the ordinance. No Public Comments. Public Hearing was closed at 8:42 p.m. Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-003 on second reading was made by Vice-Mayor Leonard. Second by Alderman Carrier. All in voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells presented Resolution 2012-002 to the BMA for consideration. City Attorney Paul Frye read Resolution 2012-002, which is a Resolution approving the application for the (CDBG) Community Development Block Grant. Motion to approve Resolution No. 2012-002 was made by Vice-Mayor Leonard. Second by Alderman Carrier. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells presented Ordinance 2012-004 to the BMA to consider on first reading. City Attorney Frye read the ordinance, which is an ordinance to amend Code 4-214 regarding Holiday Leave to include Presidents Day. Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-004 was made by Vice-Mayor Leonard. Second by Alderman Miller. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Aldermen's Comments:

1. Alderman Carrier thanked everyone for coming.
2. Alderman Mullins stated that he appreciated everyone for coming out and he has not been able to be there due to working second shift.
3. Alderman Miller thanked everyone for coming out and thanked Mr. Wood for keeping the BMA up to date on storm water issues and also Mattern & Craig for making sure we are doing things right. Thanked the Rescue Squad and the Fire Department.
4. Vice-Mayor Leonard thanked everyone for coming out. Thanked the Rescue Squad and Fire Department along with the Police Department.

5. Alderwoman Cornwell thanked everyone for attending the auction for the Boys & Girls Club at La Campina and they raised \$2,600.00 for the sales and \$400.00 from the restaurant proceeds. Alderwoman Cornwell reported that the Boys & Girls Club were going to have a car show on March 31, 2012 on Main Street in Bluff City and a Beauty Pageant on April 14, 2012 to be held at Northeast State and invited everyone to attend.

Mayor Wells reported that she gave each one of the BMA a packet. Mayor Wells stated that she had attended a meeting at the First Tennessee Development District which is contained in the packet. Mayor Wells stated that First Tennessee Development District would like the city to send a letter to the Governor asking them not to close the Johnson City Mail Processing Center. Mayor Wells thanked everyone for coming.

City Attorney Frye reported that he looked into the Teen World Account that had been started years ago. Mr. Frye reported that this is a for profit corporation organized in August 1986 and dissolved in 1989 for failure to file annual reports. Mr. Frye stated that the question would be who has the authority to get the funds out of the bank because the Corporation is dissolved.

City Attorney Frye reported that a letter attached to the Audit indicated that the city needed to develop a Red Flag program which is on identity theft and that the staff had to be trained on it.

Report from City Manager/ Recorder:

1. Ms. Dulaney reported that a CPR class had been set for all employees.
2. Ms. Dulaney reported that she was going to meet with a sound equipment company to look into the sound equipment.
3. Ms. Dulaney reported that future lateral water lines would be installed with copper pipe as the copper has a long life and is stronger.
4. Ms. Dulaney presented the financial report to the BMA. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Vice-Mayor Leonard. Second by Alderwoman Cornwell. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Report from Public Works Director Ron Miller:

1. Repaired some leaks one big one was in the creek at Weaver Branch due to a fallen tree.
2. Lakeview Drive project is coming along.
3. Repaired some water damage on Mill Street.
4. Fixed hole on Smith Street Ext.
5. Pittsburg Tank fixed the needed repairs on the water tank and have noticed an 8 to 10 pound increase in water pressure in town. Water line across bridge was on due to cold weather to keep the line from freezing.

Report from Chief of Police Greg Depew:

1. Chief Depew stated that the EMS and Fire Department do an outstanding job.
2. Chief Depew reported that the Neighborhood Watch meeting was a success and encouraged everyone to participate.

3. Chief Depew presented his monthly report for January 2012. (SEE ATTACHMENT I) Vice-Mayor Leonard stated that he noticed that the mileage was up. Chief Depew stated that the officers have been trying to spend more time patrolling.

Report from County Commissioner Dwight King:

1. Mr. King reported that Sullivan County was on the back side of their budget and some departments are doing well and others may have a hard time getting thru the end of the fiscal year.
2. Fire Departments and Rescue Squads are doing a great job.
3. Talked to Chad Baker and Ron Ramsey about entrance to Flea Market. The entrance will have to be moved and he is working on this.
4. Bath Salts are a number one priority in the State Legislature and it should be completed by mid-March and then there would be a State Law.

Old Business:

1. Alderman Carrier requested that the lake bed be cleaned up before the lake comes up. Alderman Mullins stated that the Boone Lake Association normally does that.
2. Alderwoman Cornwell asked if the BMA would consider closing down a section of Cedar Street if needed for the car show. Motion to approve was made by Vice-Mayor Leonard. Second by Alderman Miller. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Alderman Miller stated that he could come to the workshop dealing with the charter on February 21, 2012. Mayor Wells scheduled the workshop for February 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Mayor Wells stated that some Hillcrest residents asked if they were ever going to be able to get on Bluff City Water. City Manager Dulaney stated that it depended on two things. One is the money to purchase the water lines and if the city gets the CDBG to install a storage tank. Mayor Wells stated that they wanted more street lights and sidewalks and streets repaved. Vice-Mayor Leonard asked if they had looked at those streets. Ms. Dulaney stated yes.
3. Alderwoman Cornwell reported that they would be having a Boys and Girls Club meeting on February 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. and encouraged everyone to attend.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for Citizen Comments – Second Section.

1. David Watson 327 Mill Street stated that Smith Street Extension stops within one foot of his property and he wanted to know if the city could purchase an easement to make the street come to his property.
2. Julie Venable Carty of 309 Smith Street Extension stated that the problem with Smith Street Ext. started long before Mr. Watson moved in. Mrs. Venable stated that she hoped that the city would give the Rescue Squad the money they are requesting.
3. Lillian Cutten of Union Park Subdivision) thanked Judy and the Board for working together and getting along.

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Mayor Wells adjourned the meeting at 830 p.m.

Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest: This 9th day of February, 2012

Judy Dulaney, City Recorder