

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
April 11, 2013

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members present were Melvin Carrier, Robert Miller and Lon Gene Leonard.

Bryan Mullins and Sheena Cornwell were absent.

Prayer was given by Bryan Boling followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for the February 14, 2013 regular meeting were approved with a motion by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Carrier. All in favor.

Minutes for the March 21, 2013 Special Called Meeting were approved with a motion by Alderman Miller. Second by Vice-Mayor Leonard. All in favor.

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

1. Lillian Cutten asked Mayor Wells if she ever took the books from City Hall home when her husband was Mayor. Mayor Wells stated no. Mrs. Cutten stated that the mess in town is ruining the value of homes and the taxes should be lowered. Mrs. Cutten stated that she likes the library but they never come to meetings until they wanted money. Mrs. Cutten stated to Mayor Wells that no one had ever said she was not a good woman and her husband was a wonderful Mayor, but she hasn't been a good Mayor for Bluff City.
2. Joan Williams stated that Mrs. Cutten was right and she should come to meetings and people needed to go vote. Mrs. Williams stated that the Library was just asking for money for this year only.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2013-001 at 7:15 p.m. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is the Municipal Flood Plain Zoning Ordinance. There were no public comments. Hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2013-001 on Second Reading was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Carrier. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells presented Ordinance 2013-002 to the BMA for consideration on first reading. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which updates the OSHA program. Motion to approve on first reading was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Carrier. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells presented Ordinance 2013-003 to the BMA for consideration on first reading. City Attorney Paul Frye said that the Mayor had read the ordinance which is an ordinance to rezone a section of property from Map 111 parcel 16.00, (Adjacent to Baker's Flea Market) from B-3 and R-1 to M-1. Alderman Carrier made a motion to approve. Alderman Miller asked what the purpose for the rezoning was. Mr. Frye stated that it was to move the concrete plant from one side of the road to the other due to

the entrance being cut off by the new interchange. Second was made by Vice-Mayor Leonard. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells presented Change Order No. 4 for the Bluff City Boardwalk Rehabilitation Project for consideration. City Engineer Dave Wilson reported that they BMA had requested a price for an extension of the stabilization work that was ongoing by Bakers Construction and Excavation, to go an additional 400 feet and Baker's Construction held to the cost that was quoted last year of \$42,444.00. Alderman Carrier asked if they were going to finish it this year or next year. Mr. Wilson stated that he hoped it would be this year. Vice-Mayor Leonard made a motion to wait until next budget year. Second by Alderman Miller. All in favor.

City Engineer Dave Wilson reported the following:

1. Had meeting about the bathrooms rehab at the Park and made revisions and it should be ready for review by the Public Works Director. Mr. Wilson stated that Vice-Mayor Leonard had been very helpful with this project. City Manager Dulaney stated that they had spoken to the Job Corp and they had agreed to construct it. Mr. Wilson stated that the itemized estimate for the city was a little over \$18,000.00. Ms. Dulaney stated that very shortly they would be getting another resolution on the Childs trust which will be around \$16,000.00. Ms. Dulaney stated that the funds are designated for the park anyway. Ms. Dulaney reported that there was a lot of damage being done to the old bathrooms. Motion to approve the funds for the park bathroom rehab was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Carrier. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Mr. Wilson stated that the sewer lift station application for Rural Development should be ready by the next meeting.
3. Mr. Wilson reported that the Railroad Street project notice of award had been delivered to Tipton Construction and he is waiting receipt of their performance and payment bonds and their certificate of insurance to perform the work. When those are received there will have a pre-construction meeting and then authorize Tipton to begin work.

Mayor Wells reported the following:

1. She attended the Planning Zoning Meeting on March 12, 2013 and they approved a section of Chad Bakers property to be rezoned from B-2 to B-1.
2. Attended the First Tennessee Development Rural Planning Organization meeting. Commissioner John Schooner was present and discussed state funding for TDOT.
3. Spoken to five businesses this month. Industrial Products stated that Bluff City is an ideal place for their business and they currently employ 6 and they look to hire 1 more employee. Lyon Roofing is doing good and is looking to hire 2 additional employees. Piney Bluff Daycare reported that business is still growing. Papa Bear pizza has 5 employees and not planning to hire more at this time. Other business owners hope the economy will improve.

4. The First Tennessee Development meeting was March 27 and they discussed the financial statement. The three star program was discussed.

City Attorney J. Paul Frye had no report.

Comments from Aldermen:

Alderman Carrier thanked everyone for coming.

Alderman Miller thanked everyone for coming.

Vice Mayor Leonard thanked everyone for coming and invited them back.

City Manager Judy Dulaney reported the following:

1. SCADA System has been installed at the water plant and is working well.
 2. Thanked Vice Mayor Leonard for helping with the Park bathroom rehab as he is the one who approached the Job Corp to do the labor.
 3. Recently hired two employees for the Public Works Department which brings it up to a full staff.
 4. Presented financial reports to the board. Fund balance as of April 9th are as follows: General Fund-\$350,666.16, Second Account in the General Fund - \$145,634.24, Sanitation Fund - \$4,320.27, Special Drug Fund - \$1,945.25, Sinking Fund - \$3,346.06, Debit Service - \$197,476.91, Water / Sewer Fund \$320,214.99.
 5. No meeting in March due to the lack of a quorum but financial reports for February had been given to the board. Mayor Wells asked how much they have in the camera fund. Ms. Dulaney stated that the camera revenue was combined into the General Fund. Mrs. Wells asked if she knew how much of the money was from the camera fund by itself. Ms. Dulaney stated that since the first of the year they had received \$334,000.00 in camera tickets, but both accounts were combined so there is not a Camera Fund Account separate from the General Fund. Alderman Miller stated that it shows how much camera money was deposited into the account but as it is withdrawn it is withdrawn from the General Fund and there is no way to know how much was from camera revenue or tax revenue. Mayor Wells stated that it is sad that they cannot tell how much is in the camera fund alone. Alderman Miller stated that there is no camera fund alone to determine what money is in it.
- City Manager Dulaney stated that she had submitted the financial reports for all funds and cash balances to the BMA for February and March 2013 prior to the meeting for their review. All of the bank statements, reconciliations, deposits, invoices and journal entries are reviewed by the Board's designee, Vice-Mayor Leonard who also has cosigned all checks with the city manager for the months of February and March. Motion to approve February and March Financial Reports was made by Vice-Mayor Leonard. Second by Alderman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Ron Miller reported the following:

1. Report reflects 2 months since they did not have a meeting last month. (SEE ATTACHMENT)
2. Chief of Police Greg Depew reported the following: Chief Depew reported that his department had a good month. Officers are doing well and improving. (SEE ATTACHMENT II)
3. Sullivan County Commissioner Dwight King apologized for not attending BMA meetings but he had to attend the county budget committee meetings, which falls during the same time as Bluff City's meetings. Mr. King reported that most of the county departments are right on the money for this time of year. Mr. King stated that sales tax looks like it will be down approximately \$200,000.00. Mr. King stated that it did not look like it would be a good year and they may have to do some cuts. Mr. King stated that he feels that if the city wanted to make a commitment to the library they may want to wait until the county works out their budget but he is pretty sure that they are not going to close it. Mr. King stated that he had a complaint from Stratford Glen for the missing drain cover. Ms. Dulaney stated that she would have someone look at it but the road is not ours.

In Old Business Mayor Wells asked about paving. City Manager Dulaney stated that they needed to wait until the Railroad Street Project due to cash flow. Mayor Wells asked Ms. Dulaney if she had heard anything from the railroad about that property. Ms. Dulaney stated that they will not work with them.

In New Business Alderman Carrier wanted City Manager Dulaney to look into adding pavement near Rescue Squad where people park to keep them out of the mud. Ms. Dulaney stated that she would have to go through the state as it is a state route.

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

1. Lillian Cutten asked City Manager Dulaney if she did not reflect on paper the amount of revenue from the cameras each month and give it to the Mayor. Ms. Dulaney stated that she does give a list of the revenues and expenditure's each month. Mayor Wells stated that she wanted to go on record that she was not against the cameras.
2. Julie Venable Carty of 209 Smith Street Extension stated that Mrs. Cutten stated earlier that everybody needs to get along but continues to blame the Mayor for anything and everything. Mrs. Carty stated that common sense tells you that the longer the traffic cameras are up the less revenue they will make because people know they are there and are paying attention. Mrs. Venable urged everyone to vote. Mrs. Venable stated that someone is vandalizing the fence at the

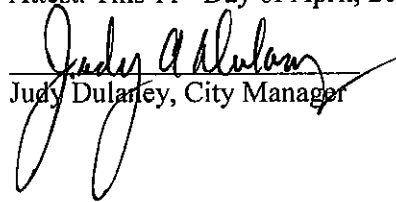
3. park. Mrs. Venable asked that the BMA keeps the library in mind. Mrs. Venable raised concern about the absence of Alderwoman Cornwell and Alderman Mullins.

Mayor Wells adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.



Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest: This 11th Day of April, 2013



Judy Dularney, City Manager