

Minutes
Special Called Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
December 12, 2013

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

Members present were Melvin Carrier, Ray Harrington, Lon Gene Leonard and Richard Bowling.

Prayer was given by Richard Bowling followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

John Harrison asked about his ditch problem. Mr. Harrison was informed that it could be discussed at the regular meeting at 7:00.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for action /discussion about the resignation of Brian Mullins from the BMA. Alderman Leonard stated that he felt that this is a waste of time as a Special Called Meeting is for a situation that is detrimental to the operation of the city and something that adversely affects the citizens and this falls in neither category. Mr. Leonard stated that this could have been put on the Regular Meeting's Agenda. Alderman Leonard proceeded to nominate Robert Miller to fill Mr. Mullins seat and stated that he is versed in city politics and he would be an asset. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that they needed to accept the resignation first. Motion to accept Brian Mullins resignation was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Resignation accepted.

Alderman Leonard stated that his motion for Mr. Miller stands. Failed for lack of Second.

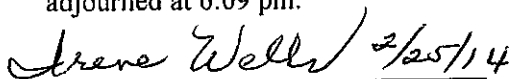
Alderman Carrier made a motion to nominate David Harmon to complete Mr. Mullins' term. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderman Leonard abstained, all others in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells introduced David Harmon as the new Alderman. Alderman Harmon stated that he would try to do good for Bluff City.

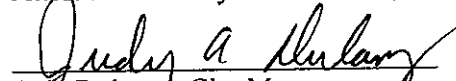
Mayor Wells opened the floor for Citizen Comments- Second Section.

Julie Venable Carty of 209 Smith Street Extension stated that she was glad they did not vote Mr. Miller back in as it would have been the same thing the other board did when they brought Don Weaver back.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.


Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest this 12th day of December, 2013


Judy Dulaney, City Manager

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor & Aldermen
December 12, 2013

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

Members present were Alderman Carrier, Alderman Harmon, Vice Mayor Harrington, Alderman Leonard and Alderman Bowling.

Prayer was given by Deacon Sid Burnette, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wells stated that there was going to be a change in the agenda that Tom Parum with the SBK Animal Board will speak right before the minutes. He is also alderman with the City of Kingsport.

Tom Parum with the SBK Animal Board: Reported the following:

Three years ago the County's and the Cities in Sullivan County came together. We asked MTAS and CTAS to do study and see how we do our animal care as Counties and Cities had been providing service for 20 years but not very efficiently and with a lot of emotion and turn over and the MTAS and CTAS came back and said guys yall need to get out of business. That's how the Sullivan County, Bluff City, and Kingsport Animal Shelter business got started. So each of us kick in a portion of the share and the study identified that we are saving the Cities and Counties about \$80,000.00 dollars a year by combining and being more efficient and that's why we are in business. We have found a piece of property on East Stone Drive going toward Bristol and the owner has offered us at a good price to build a combined shelter that would work more adequately

Minutes for the August 27, 2013 special called meeting were approved with a motion by Ray Harrington. Second by Melvin Carrier. Vote went as follows: Alderman Carrier -yes, Alderman Harmon -yes, Vice Mayor Harrington -yes, Alderman Leonard-yes, and Alderman Bowling-yes. Motion carried.

Minutes for November 14, 2013 regular meeting were approved with a motion made by Melvin Carrier. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote went as follows: Alderman Carrier -yes, Alderman Harmon - yes, Vice Mayor Harrington -yes, Alderman Leonard-yes, and Alderman Bowling-yes. Motion carried.

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

1. John Harrison 206 Main Street asked what was going on with his drainage problem. Ms. Dulaney stated it's up to the board if they want to put it out on bid. Dave Wilson with Mattern & Craig stated that would cost in an excess of \$6,000.00 dollars. Ms. Dulaney stated that the motion needed to be that the engineers prepare the documents to put it out to bid and for you all to approve at the next meeting to put it out for bid. Alderman Harrington made motion to let Dave Wilson prepare documents. Second by Alderman Harmon. Vote went as follows: Alderman Carrier -yes, Alderman Harmon -yes, Vice Mayor Harrington -yes, Alderman Leonard-yes, and Alderman Bowling-yes. Motion carried.
2. Karen Morrell 691 Riverside Road stated that she was there on behalf of Sherry Grubb as she wanted let the BMA know she is still interested in the old City Hall building. She wanted to know if there had been any discussion on it. Mayor asked City Attorney if he had done anything on it. Mr. Frye said he had not done anything on it he thought that they were getting an engineer.

Mr. Frye stated he thought they had decided on auctioning it the old city hall building. Ms. Dulaney stated that the board had actually voted to tear it down and then came back and decided to auction it off.

3. Vice Mayor Harrington made a motion to put a bid document in the paper. Second by Alderman Harmon. Vote went as follows: Alderman Carrier -yes, Alderman Harmon -yes, Vice Mayor Harrington –yes, Alderman Leonard-yes, and Alderman Bowling-yes. Motion carried.
4. Lillian Cutten 204 Duty Drive I have been here 21 years I have never seen such a kangaroo court in my life than what we have right here. I will tell you this, to do what you did tonight and not let the people in Bluff City know what you were doing. Had a meeting earlier where no one could speak and nobody had any idea what was going on. I think it's doing a disjustice to the people that live in Bluff City. Mayor said she would like to say to all the citizens that I set up the special meeting where the new alderman would be able to take over at the next meeting. I set the meeting at 6:30 pm but I knew that there may be a lot of people that would like to make comments. I stand by my decision to call a special called meeting.
5. David Mast 2425 Joanna Lane West Paducah Kentucky stated that he was with American Traffic Solution and they have your traffic camera system. Mr. Mast said that he just wanted to come and wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Ms. Dulaney said she would like to thank Mr. Mass and ATS for their gracious contribution to the City of Bluff City which allowed the city to give the \$10,000.00 dollars to the public library. Ms. Dulaney reported that ATS donated the \$10,000.00 dollars. David Mass stated they did not seek public recognition for that and that was very kind.

City Engineers Mattern & Craig presented the following:

1. Dave Wilson with Mattern & Craig Engineering stated that the bids for the Lakeview Drive Drainage Project were open November 20, 2013. The low bid was from Buchanan Construction Company for \$8,000.00. Mr. Wilson stated that he recommended the work be awarded to Buchanan Construction. A motion was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Alderman Leonard. Vote went as follows: Alderman Carrier -yes, Alderman Harmon -abstained, Vice Mayor Harrington –yes, Alderman Leonard-yes, and Alderman Bowling-yes. Motion carried.
2. While the TDOT project was progressing on 11E and 19E (Judy said she had given the board all the information and the letter she would be sending and the survey of the project showing that the sewer line was never shown as a conflict). Mr. Wilson stated his only concern is to give the contractor direction as the hole still remains open where Summer's & Taylor broke the sewer line and he guessed the City is maintaining the sewer service and making sure that it is plugged. Ms. Dulaney stated they have had the City's sewer collections operator keeping constant check on it and Ron has as well. It is a 10 inch line and the City has no documentation or nothing on their mapping or anything showing they were going to be on top of that line. I don't know why they think we should repair something that they did.

3. Dave Wilson stated that he had come across a generator that would adequately run the water plant I there was a power failure. Mr. Denton gave a quote for \$5,000.00 and I think that is negotiable. Mr. Wilson wants a certified technician to look at it and make sure that it is ok. Mayor asked what the board thought about checking into it. The BMA wants Buddy Carrier to check it out to see if it would work.
4. Mr. Wilson reported that he had been in constant state of studying on the catastrophic leak last month. He said that they had broadened their overview of what the city wants to do for the rural development application and are putting that together. As a result of that they are meeting with the folks that currently operate the water plant. Donna Lawson and Teresa Nidiffer and they gave us a two track report with items that might be suitable for purchase later. We would try to be reimbursed for. We hope to be submitting the application at the first of the year. Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Miller if there is still work to be completed on the park restrooms. Mr. Miller the public works director stated that he would give a report on that during his report but most of the work would probably be done during winter. Dave Wilson stated that the city is still in contract with Bakers Construction to come back and redo the parking lot and make improvements to the gabion baskets.

Mayor opened public hearing on Ordinance No. 2013-011 at 7:42pm. There were no public comments. Hearing was closed at 7:44pm.

Ordinance No. 2013-011 Second Reading. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which amends title 15 chapter 8 section 15-805 known as the traffic control photographic system of the Bluff City municipal code. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-011 was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote went as follows: Alderman Carrier abstained, Alderman Harmon abstained, Vice Mayor Harrington –yes, Alderman Leonard-yes, and Alderman Bowling-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor opened public hearing on Ordinance No. 2013-012 at 7:45 pm. Mayor Wells asked if there were any comments: Alderman Harmon asked how many accidents have they been on that road in the last year. Police Chief Greg Depew stated that there had been none in the last year but he has had complaints of speeding. Alderman Carrier stated that they tried that back in 1983 and had to put in back. Hearing was closed at 7:49pm.

Ordinance No. 2013-012 Second Reading. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which makes a portion of Railroad Street a one way street. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote went as follows: Alderman Carrier- no, Alderman Harmon-no, Vice Mayor Harrington –yes, Alderman Leonard-yes, and Alderman Bowling-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells presented the following for consideration:

RESOLUTION No 2013-04: Appropriation Thomas Memorial Library in amount \$10,000.00. City Attorney Paul Frye read the resolution. No public comment and motion to approve was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote went as follows: Alderman Carrier- yes, Alderman Harmon-yes, Vice Mayor Harrington –yes, Alderman Leonard-yes, and Alderman Bowling-yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION No 2013-05: Appropriation Bluff City Community Chest in amount \$500.00.
City Attorney Paul Frye read the resolution. No public comment and motion to approve was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote went as follows: Alderman Carrier- yes, Alderman Harmon-yes, Vice Mayor Harrington –yes, Alderman Leonard-yes, and Alderman Bowling-yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION No 2013-06: Appropriation Bluff City Rescue Squad in amount \$1000.00.
No public comment and motion to approve was made by Alderman Harmon. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote went as follows: Alderman Carrier- yes, Alderman Harmon-yes, Vice Mayor Harrington –yes, Alderman Leonard-yes, and Alderman Bowling-yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION No 2013-07: Appropriation Children’s Advocacy Center in amount \$1000.00.
No public comment and motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Harmon. Vote went as follows: Alderman Carrier- yes, Alderman Harmon-yes, Vice Mayor Harrington –yes, Alderman Leonard-yes, and Alderman Bowling-yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION No 2013-08: Appropriation Bluff City Boys and Girls Club in amount \$2000.00.
No public comment and motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Carrier. Vote went as follows: Alderman Carrier- yes, Alderman Harmon-yes, Vice Mayor Harrington –yes, Alderman Leonard-yes, and Alderman Bowling-yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION No 2013-09: Appropriation Bluff City Fire Department in amount \$10,000.00.
No public comment and motion to approve was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote went as follows: Alderman Carrier- yes, Alderman Harmon-yes, Vice Mayor Harrington –yes, Alderman Leonard-yes, and Alderman Bowling-yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION No 2013-010: Appropriation Bluff City Senior Citizens in amount \$1000.00
No public comment and motion to approve was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote went as follows: Alderman Carrier- yes, Alderman Harmon-yes, Vice Mayor Harrington –yes, Alderman Leonard-yes, and Alderman Bowling-yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION No 2013-011: Appropriation Second Harvest Food Bank in amount \$500.00.
No public comment and motion to approve was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote went as follows: Alderman Carrier- yes, Alderman Harmon-yes, Vice Mayor Harrington –yes, Alderman Leonard-yes, and Alderman Bowling-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells reported the following:

Attended the Networks Meeting on November 26 and also on December 5.

Bluff City Rescue Squad Lifetime Members recognition reception.

(See Attached Report)

Mayor Wells wanted to thank everyone for coming out tonight. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

City Attorney Paul Frye did not have a report but wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Comments from Alderman:

Alderman Carrier thanked everyone for coming out all year. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope you have good health.

Alderman Harmon was glad to see everyone here. This is the most I have seen since I have been coming to the meetings. Happy Holidays to everybody.

Vice Mayor Harrington wanted to thank everybody for coming out and wish everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and continue to come.

Alderman Leonard I want to thank everyone for coming and come back to next meeting. Merry Christmas to you all.

Richard Bowling I want to thank everybody also for coming out. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everybody and again everybody stay warm.

City Manager Dulaney reported the following:

December 10, 2013 Fund Balances Are As Follows:

1. General Fund (operating Account)110-11211	\$116,792.44
2. General Fund II (Saving) 110-11213	\$145,471.89
3. Sanitation Fund 130-11211	\$10,560.00
4. Special Police Drug Fund 143-11214	\$4,422.08
5. Sinking Fund 211-11311	\$3,119.83
6. Debt Service Account 211-11321	\$216,120.81
7. Water/Sewer Fund 413-11216	\$265,578.45
8. FHA Reserve Account 413-11221	\$690.61

City Manager Dulaney stated that she had submitted the financial reports for all funds and cash balances to the BMA 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, Alderman Leonard who also has cosigned all checks with the city manager for the month of November. Ms. Dulaney presented the Financial Reports for consideration by the BMA for approval.

Motion to approve the Financial Reports was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote went as follows: Alderman Carrier- yes, Alderman Harmon-yes, Vice Mayor Harrington -yes, Alderman Leonard-yes, and Alderman Bowling-yes. Motion carried

Public Works Director Ron Miller presented a written report to the BMA
(See Report)

Chief Greg Depew presented a written report to the BMA.
(See Report)

County Commissioners were not present.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for Old Business:

Mayor Wells wanted to talk about the veteran's war memorial. Mayor Wells requested that they look into the park area as well as at City Hall area to locate the memorial.

Alderman Carrier stated that the board needed to do something about the old City Hall building because these people here want it. Alderman Carrier said that they need to start it pretty soon and start out with an opening bid of 15,000.00 or so. Don't you think that's right Judy? Judy stated that the board had already voted on that. Alderman Harmon asked when were they going to do that and when was it voted on to be put up for auction.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for New Business:

Vice Mayor Harrington stated that the city needed a sign placed out in front of City Hall and wanted to get quotes. City Manager Dulaney stated that she has copies of signs that previous boards have reviewed and she can present them to this board.


Mayor Wells asked if they would look into a light for the trailhead.

Citizen Comments-Second Section:

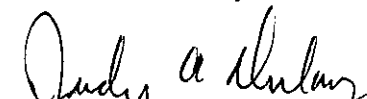
John Harrison asked if they might be going to close the swinging bridge. Mayor Wells stated that there had been some problems with damage on the bridge. Mayor Wells stated that Mayor Godsey stated that if it continues to happen, they are not going to risk someone losing their life as they are loosening the Bolts. City Manager Dulaney stated that right now they are not closing it as they are doing work to fix up the Sullivan County side of the bridge.

Joan Williams of 225 Woodland Drive thanked everyone for all that was done for the library.

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Leonard. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.


Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest: This 12th Day of December, 2013


Judy Dulaney, City Manager