

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor & Aldermen
January 9, 2014

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

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

Prayer was by Deacon Fred Lowry, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. David Smith 200 Highland Circle heard that the dump truck was going up for auction this spring. Wants board to consider fixing the dump truck. Ms. Dulaney stated it was going to cost a lot to fix the truck. Ms. Dulaney stated she would have a list of repairs for the BMA to review.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for Discussion/Action- Alternate Board Member to add to the Signature Cards for all bank accounts

City Manager Dulaney stated that she put this on the agenda after talking to the auditor and comptroller's office. With only two signatories for check signing could prevent a problem down the road if one of the signatory's was sick or in the hospital or incapacitated. The Comptroller wants to get Alderman involved in looking at all the financial documents, bank statements and invoices. Ms. Dulaney recommended Vice Mayor Harrington as the alternate signature on the bank accounts.

Ms. Dulaney recommended that Alderman Bowling also be approved to review all of the bank statements, reconciliations and other financial records along with Alderman Leonard.

Alderman Leonard made motion for Vice Mayor Harrington to be third signatory on checks and for Alderman Bowling to review reconciliations, bank statements and other financial documents. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Wells reported the following:

Attended the Two Networks Meetings.

Mayor Wells stated that she had received two quotes on two Veterans memorial for the Aldermen to look at. Mayor Wells said they won't be able to tie anything down till a decision has been made as to where it is going to be located. Alderman Leonard stated the BMA had discussed the location on several occasions and Mr. Frye has reported back to us so what's the hold up. Mr. Frye stated he would discuss his findings in his report.

(See Attached Report From Mayor)

Mr. Frye reported that the Mayor had done some research on the property located at the ball park at the picnic tables and he did some research on it and looked at the State of Tennessee GIS and register of deeds office and the bank at the park is private property. Mr. Frye stated that in looking at the GIS the other side seemed to have ample space to put it there. The Pavilion and the Boardwalk is a leased area and there is a lot of space there. Alderman Leonard stated that maybe the BMA should walk around

down there and see what they think. Mr. Frye stated that he would get an aerial map for the BMA to view.

Comments from Alderman:

Alderman Harmon stated that he had already committed on what he wanted.

Vice Mayor Harrington stated that he wanted to thank everybody for coming out and at least it is warmer than it has been.

Alderman Leonard stated that he wanted to thank everyone for coming out and it was good to see everyone and to come back as much as they could.

Alderman Bowling stated he was glad to see everybody out on this cold night and thanked them for coming out.

City Manager Dulaney reported the following:

Ms. Dulaney that the BMA wanted her to look into the old City Hall building and she had talked to Ron Ramsey and he had agreed to hold the auction free of charge. Ms. Dulaney asked to board to consider picking a couple of days that they might want to have the auction as it had to be advertised Mr. Ramsey needed to make sure he was available. Ms. Dulaney stated that she had asked Mr. Frye to look into if the city would have any liability even if anyone going into the old city hall would sign a waiver. Mr. Frye is in the process of doing that. Ms. Dulaney stated that she was concerned about the cost of the Cedar Street drainage problem. Ms. Dulaney said that the cost for the engineers to design the drainage system would cost \$6,600.00. Ms. Dulaney stated that she is getting the engineers to look and see if an alternate repair for the drainage problem could be done as the city cannot afford this. Ms. Dulaney reported that the water tank valve busted and the city had to purchase water all night from Bristol-Bluff City Utility as well as all day until the valve was repaired. Ms. Dulaney said that thanks to Mr. Glover with Blountville Utility he had a valve that he brought to us and he and two of his employees assisted us in repairing the valve. Ms. Dulaney stated that the tank is in the process of filing up and everyone should have water at this time.

1. General Fund (operating Account)110-11211	\$165,394.70
2. General Fund II (Saving) 110-11213	\$144,698.39
3. Sanitation Fund 130-11211	\$7,250.00
4. Special Police Drug Fund 143-11214	\$3,898.13
5. Sinking Fund 211-11311	\$3,094.75
6. Debt Service Account 211-11321	\$185,265.53
7. Water/Sewer Fund 413-11216	\$265,578.45
8. FHA Reserve Account 413-11221	\$690.67

Ms. Dulaney reported that the city has only collected 47.1 percent of the total revenue in the General Fund and the reason is that property taxes are not coming in like they normally do. Ms. Dulaney reported that expenditures exceed the revenues by 3 percent. Ms. Dulaney presented the financial

reports to the board for consideration. Ms. Dulaney stated that Alderman Leonard had signed all the checks and reviewed all the invoices, bank statements and all financial documents. Mayor Wells wanted to know if the city had gotten the problem straightened out at the bank on the account. Ms. Dulaney stated she had taken care of that and that it was a \$660.00 transfer that the bank made without authorization.

Motion to approve the financial reports was made was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Alderman Harmon. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Public Works Director Ron Miller was absent – No report.

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

There were no County Commissioners present.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for Old Business:

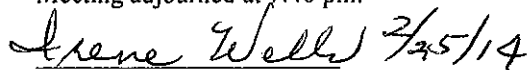
Alderman Leonard asked if the BMA needed to go ahead and set a date for the auction and should they do it in this kind of weather. Ms. Dulaney said that Ron Ramsey said to just give him a couple of dates to make sure he could do it. Alderman Leonard wanted to know if the city would still have a starting bid. Ms. Dulaney stated that Ron Ramsey could help us come up with a starting bid amount. Alderman Leonard asked if there was some way that the Cedar Street Drainage tile could cross Cedar Street and then take it down Main Street. Ms. Dulaney stated that the engineers are going to look at that again but they are afraid that water would go on someone else.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for New Business: There was none.

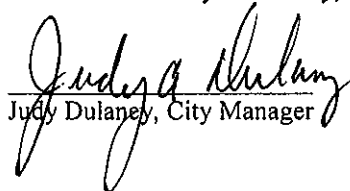
Mayor Wells opened the floor for the second section of citizen comments:

1. David Smith 200 Highland Circle stated that he and Alderman Bowling had went to the park and looked where the war memorial was going to go. It is down in a hole. He said that it needed to be brought up to grade. It is a little bit steep. I think we need to wait on this and just go with the military equipment that the military has offered us. Maybe put up a flag pole and get some more things later on. Pour a concrete pad and put solar lightning and that would be beautiful.
2. Ms. Dulaney asked how many people sat on the war memorial board. Ms. Dulaney said that she thought there should be about five people. Board stated they did not know. David Smith stated that Mr. Miller nominated Judy King, Mr. Cross and a couple more people that have not been coming in a long time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.


Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest: This 9th Day of January, 2014


Judy Dulaney, City Manager