

Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
December 1, 2015

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

Members present were John Harrison, Ray Harrington and Richard Bowling.

Members absent were Sandra Madison and Tanya Cordle.

Prayer was given by Reverend Ron Whittaker with the First Christian Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Minutes for the November 19, 2015 Special Called Meeting were approved with a motion Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor.

Mayor Wells thanked the Hickory Tree Union Church Youth Group for their help in delivering meals at the Thanksgiving event that was sponsored by the Bluff City Police Department.

Citizen Comments – First Section – No citizen comments

Discussion / Action – Engagement of Bond Council for Issuance of Not to Exceed \$1,182,000 Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Bonds to the USDA.

City Attorney Paul Frye reported that this is the engagement of bond council for second issue on the water / sewer project. Mr Frye stated that it had to be done in 2 issues. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Harrison. All in favor.

Report from Mayor Wells.

She reported that she had attended several meetings. One meeting was with the President of ETSU and it was held at the Bristol Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was to discuss the additional needs of the cities. Part of the discussion was to find ways to assist the students that have graduated from college to find jobs.

Report from City Attorney Paul Frye.

Mr Frye reported that we have collected about \$1700.00 in delinquent taxes this month and the second notice letters will be going out tomorrow. Mr Frye wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Comments from Board Members.

Alderman Harrison thanked everyone for coming and thanked the kids that helped with the Thanksgiving meal delivery.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming and special thanks to the youth group for delivering the Thanksgiving baskets to the families in need. Mr Harrington wished everyone a Merry Christmas and said to remember the true meaning.

Alderman Bowling thanked the youth group that helped with distributing the meals and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Report from Sharon Greene -- City Recorder/ Finance Officer.

Ms Greene reported that the fund balances as of October 31<sup>st</sup> were as follows: General Fund - \$278, 203.00, Sanitation Fund - \$10,467.00, Special Police Fund- \$3,955.00, Debt Service- \$203,343.00, Sinking Fund \$3,095.00, FHA Reserve- \$691.00, Water / Sewer Fund- \$311,349.00. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Report from Chief of Police -- No report

Report from Public Works Director, Hugh Thomason

Mr Thomason was not present. Mayor Wells read the report which reflects problems with the Igloo Pump Station and they are doing everything possible to keep it running until it can be replaced. Staff is keeping up with brush and leaf pickup. The Christmas lights were installed. They have the dump truck back and it is running great. They have had some turbidity problems at the water plant. They are still looking for leaks.

No Sullivan County Commissioners were present.

Old Business -- None

New Business

Mayor Wells mentioned Vice Mayor Harrington had given her a name of someone with the railroad and she talked to them today and discussed having a crossing gate at the crossing behind the First Baptist Church and they told her it looks like it will be approved.

Mayor Wells stated that the Electric Company has not contacted her back yet in reference to the street light being installed at the swinging bridge.

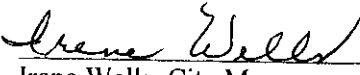
Alderman Bowling stated that he had the report on Community Aid and with the amount of money given out it helped 58 families. The totals were- \$2,572.00 for electric bills, \$50.00 for rent, and \$570.00 for water bills to be paid. The offerings current balance is \$5,801.68.

Citizen Comments -- Second Section -- None

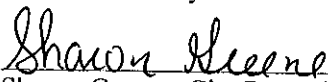
Mayor Wells wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thanked the youth group.

Alderman Harrison thanked his wife, Richard (Bowling), the police and everybody that helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner.

With no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

  
Irene Wells, City Manager

Attest this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2015

  
Sharon Greene, City Recorder