

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
May 3, 2016

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m. Mayor Wells stated that she wanted everyone to know that it is videoed in here and this is a business meeting and needs to be handled like a business meeting and no accusations toward anyone because it is not a court of law.

Members present were Sandra Madison, Jack Stratton, Ray Harrington, John Harrison and Richard Bowling.

Prayer was given by Ray Harrington, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Randy Beckner from Mattern & Craig Engineering Firm reported that Dave Wilson the previous representative had taken a position in their North Carolina office. Mr Beckner stated that Cody Mcelroy is still working on the cities projects and he would be managing Cody. Mr Beckner stated that he is familiar with our projects. Mr Beckner stated that they had received bids on the pump station replacements and the low bid was Iron Mountain Construction from Mountain City with a total bid of \$342,000.00. Mr Beckner stated that they had worked with them on projects before and they are a very good contractor. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr Beckner stated that he had the water and sewer line replacements specs for review and should have them in TDECS hands by the end of the week. Alderman Bowling asked how long he thought it would be before they get started once the bids are awarded. Mr Beckner stated that on the pump station contract he did not think it should be more than 30 to 45 days before they start but the contract was for 150 days. The Water and Sewer line projects should be wrapped up by approximately next summer, to early Fall.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Minutes from the April 5, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved with a motion by Alderman Harrison. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor.

Minutes from the April 7, 2016 Special Called Meeting were approved with a motion by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor.

Minutes for the April 19, 2016 Special Called Meeting were approved with a motion by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor.

Citizen Comments – First Section- – Audio including Citizen’s Comments available upon request for a fee of \$3.00

Report from Mayor / City Manager

Mayor Wells welcomed everyone and reported that she had attended 6 meetings representing the city.

Report from City Attorney- No Report

Aldermen comments:

Alderwomen Madison thanked everyone for coming and thanked the police and invited everyone to come back again.

Alderman Stratton stated that he was glad to be a new alderman to help Bluff City and its people.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming and stated that they are now moving forward since they had approved the pump stations project.

Alderman Harrison thanked everyone for coming and asked that they be patient with them to get things going like it used to be.

Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for coming and stated give them time to get everything going.

Discussion / Action Financial Report- Sharon Greene/ City Recorder

Ms Greene reported that the fund balances as of March 31, 2016 were as follows;

General Fund – \$385,465.00 , Sanitation - \$11,166.00, Special Police Acct.- \$3,219.00, Debt Service-\$174,516.00, Sinking Fund- \$3,095.00, FHA Reserve – \$ 691.00,
Water / Sewer - \$311,778.00.

Motion to approve the financial statement as read was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor.

Report from Police Chief Greg Depew: (SEE ATTACHED)

Chief Depew stated that everything is going smooth and they are still working on in-service and hope to finish it up in the next month or so. Mayor Wells thanked the Police Department and the Reserve Officers. Chief Depew thanked the Mayor and stated that he felt that the city was very fortunate to have the Reserve Officers that they have as they are very helpful and give a lot to the city and get nothing in return for it. Vice Mayor Harrington stated that he liked to see the patrolled miles in the city as there is a lot going on. Alderman Harrison asked what he had found out about the cars. Chief Depew stated that the bids would finish up tonight and right now the bids are around \$2,500.00. Vice Mayor Harrington asked about the new cruiser. Chief Depew stated that they are working hard on that and they have 3 bids and are waiting on the 3rd to finish up. Chief Depew stated that they are going to Ford Dealerships.

Report from Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie.

Mr Moultrie presented the March and April reports. (SEE ATTACHED)

Mr Moultrie stated that flushing of the lines will be addressed in the areas that needed to be addressed. Mr Moultrie stated that the staff had been working hard on the brush and there had been 3 speed humps installed. They had put some of the benches out and repaired areas on the boardwalk. Vice Mayor Harrington stated you are doing a great job.

Report from Water Plant Operator Dean Fields.

Mr Fields reported that the plant is in compliance. Mr Fields stated that they had a sanitary survey, which is like a state inspection, on May 17th and they have been working on getting ready for it. Mr Fields reported that the CCR Report (water quality report) is complete and has been sent to the state and posted on the city's web page. The distribution flushing program is 100% complete as of April and the flow testing on fire hydrants are completed.

No Sullivan County Commissioners were present

Old Business: Mayor Wells reported that we had gotten the street lights repaired that were out.

New Business:

Mayor Wells reported that there were 2 trees on Main Street and 1 on Railroad at Union Street that were rotten and we have to have them taken down. Mayor Wells asked the board to view the 2 estimates. Vice Mayor Harrington which of the two had the most experience. Mayor Wells stated Country Aire Construction. Mr Harrington stated they are the ones that are \$100.00 cheaper. Mayor Wells stated yes. Motion to approve the bid for Country Aire to remove the trees was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Harrison. All in favor. Motion carried.

Alderman Harrison asked about fire hydrants down near Lady and Son. Mayor Wells stated that she would have information for them by the next meeting.

Mayor Wells stated that there had been a request for a new street light in Jarrell's Mobile Home Park. Motion to have a street light installed in the new section of Jarrell's Park was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Harrison. All in favor. Motion carried.


Mayor Wells stated that they were having a problem with parking at the Boardwalk as people are using it from the Little League Park. Vice Mayor Harrington made a motion to install a sign

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saying Parking for Pavilion Use Only. Second by Alderman Harrison. All in favor. Motion carried. Alderman Harrison suggested that they make more parking available in front of boardwalk. Mayor Wells stated they could look into that.

Citizen Comments – Second Section (Audio including Citizen’s Comments available upon request for a fee of \$3.00)

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Irene Wells , Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 3rd day of May, 2016



Sharon Greene, City Recorder/ Finance Officer