

Minutes
Special Called Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
June 21, 2016
11:30 A.M.

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

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.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Citizen Comments – First Section –Audio including citizen comments is available at City Hall for a fee of \$3.00

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2016-004:

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is an ordinance to Adopt a Continuing Budget and Tax Rate. Hearing was opened at approximately 11:35 a.m. Comments followed. Public Hearing closed at approximately 11:40 a.m. Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-004 on Second Reading, was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Madison – No, All others in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Ordinance 2016-005:

City Attorney Paul Frye read the Ordinance which names 2 existing streets, William J. Private Drive and Daffodil Lane. Motion to approve on first reading was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Madison – No, All others in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Approve hiring another lawyer to represent Bluff City against M & M Appliance:

City Attorney Paul Frye stated that this is a property maintenance issue and he has a conflict of interest due to representing the actual property owner, so the Mayor is asking to have the authority to hire, if we have to, a substitute City Attorney in the amount of up to \$150.00 per hour. Mayor Wells stated that she has talked to the owner of the business and he has asked that she give him until Friday afternoon to take care of the problem and she has agreed to allow that time. Mayor Wells stated that we have been promised before to have all those appliances removed and therefore she wants the motion in case they do have to go with an outside attorney so she won't have to come back to the board and ask permission. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Harrison. Second by Alderman Bowling.

Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Madison voted- No. All others in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Budget:

Mayor Wells read the proposed revenues and appropriations. Copy available at City Hall.

Motion to approve \$500.00 donation to Boone Lake Association was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderwoman Madison. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve \$10,000.00 donation to the Bluff City Fire Department was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderwoman Madison. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells asked if they agree to leave the donation to Piney Flats Fire Department at \$3,000.00. Motion to leave it at \$3,000.00 was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. City Recorder/ Finance Officer Sharon Greene asked if they were making a motion to approve all of these. Mayor Wells stated no they don't have to if they are not going to change it. Ms Greene asked if they are not going to change it do they have to make a motion. Mayor Wells asked City Attorney Paul Frye if that was correct. Mr Frye stated that they are not doing voting right now on the actual budget. Ms Greene stated unless they are changing what we have they do not need to make a vote. Alderman Bowling stated he would not think so. Mr Frye stated that this is traditionally done in a workshop.

City Recorder/Finance Officer Sharon Greene reported that the transfers they discussed previously about putting money back into Debt-Service, whereas they only put \$5,000.00 in last year, to keep our balance at around \$120,000.00 that is after their Debt Service payments, we need to go back to \$8,000.00 per month. Ms Greene stated that in reference to the special drug fund it is reported in the General Fund and then at the end of the year we need to transfer it to the Special Drug Fund as this is the money to buy drug related equipment.

Mayor Wells explained that the garbage fee from the provider increased from \$10.50 a month to \$12.00 and asked if they wanted to pass that increase along to customers or keep it as is. City Recorder / Finance Officer Sharon Greene reported that if we did not increase it we would be paying out more than we have coming in. City Attorney Paul Frye asked if they were going to have a workshop and if so this can be discussed at that time and they will do ordinances at that time. Mayor Wells asked if he was saying that they can't make the changes and then have the first reading at a Special Called meeting. Alderman Bowling stated if we are going to have a workshop we don't need to do it. Mr Frye stated if you are going to have a workshop they can discuss it in the workshop. Mayor Wells stated that if we can get the board's okay on what way they want to go as they are trying to get the budget out on time, and get it exactly the way that

they want it and then have a meeting. Mrs Wells asked if they could decide if they wanted the city to pay the extra \$8,000.00 or pass it on to the citizens, as they have everything else taken care of. Alderman Harrison stated that he felt that it will be too much on the older people as we are going up on water and this too. Alderwoman Madison stated that she felt the same way as a lot of people can't afford it and she feels we should leave it at \$10.50. Alderman Stratton stated that he agreed with the statement she (Alderwoman Madison) just made. Mayor Wells stated so we are going to leave it at \$10.50.

Mayor Wells asked if they could meet on Friday for a Special Called Meeting. Decision was made to meet Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that he needs the figures by Thursday.

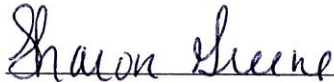
Citizen Comments – Second Section – None

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Harrison . All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.



Irene Wells, Mayor/ City Manager

Attest this 21st day of June, 2016



Sharon Greene, City Recorder/ Finance Officer