

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Special Called Meeting
November 16, 2016

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Wells stated that she would like to remind everyone that this is business meeting not a court of law. Mayor Wells welcomed everyone. Mayor Wells stated that anyone wanting to comment has 3 minutes in the first session and 3 minutes in the second session, do not try to speak twice in any session as it will not be allowed. Mayor Wells stated that on Citizen Comments, the board members do not have to comment unless they want to. Anyone wanting to comment must come to the podium and give their name, address and phone number. Mayor Wells stated no talking during the meeting; if you need to talk you must go outside or to the hallway and you can be asked to leave if you are out of order. If you have a request for information you must come to the City Hall Office during business hours of 8:00 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday and fill out the proper request. Mayor Wells stated that you can go to www.bluffcitytn.org and review the meeting.

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 Session

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Hwy stated that on the agenda today is the approval of the River Bluff Sewer project in the amount of \$93,317.84. Mayor Wells stated that this is two bids. Ms Payne stated if you combine those two together. Vice Mayor Harrington stated that they were 2 separate bids. Ms Payne stated that is a big difference on bids there. She stated that it doesn't really matter because Moretz Construction Company, I don't know if it makes a difference but I don't think it is legal to even proceed with this and spend our money since they (Moretz Construction LLC) are operating under an inactive expired contractor license. Ms Payne stated that she has the paperwork and you can look it up on line if you like. Vice Mayor Harrington asked if it was Buchanan or Baker. Ms Payne stated Moretz who's building the homes is the contractor who has an expired contractor's license and you need to shut them down right now, stop the work and for sure don't put in a sewer line. Alderman Bowling asked where she got that information and she said on line and I compared it to the request forms and they have the same contractor license number, same expiration date of September 30, 2016 license number 27666. Mayor Wells asked City Attorney Paul Frye if he had a comment on that and he said no. Ms Payne asked if it was even legal for them to be up there building, they don't have a contractor's license it expired. Ms Payne asked that they shelve the voting on the River Bluff sewer project at least because she doesn't think you can vote on an expired contractor's license and let them proceed forward up there. Ms Payne stated that they need to go up there and shut them down, slap don't enter signs and be done with it. Mayor Wells stated that the State Inspector

has been inspecting the project and Mr Frye stated that this was up to the state inspectors and this would have nothing to do whether they have a contractor's license or not. Alderman Harrison asked if they would check the license. Alderman Bowling stated that the state would. Mr Frye stated that the inspector could do that. Alderman Harrison asked if they would do it now while the building is going on. Mr Frye stated that the building inspector could do it just turn it over the him. Ms Payne asked what the name of the state inspector is. Mayor Wells and Mr Frye stated that they could not remember. Ms Payne asked why our local inspector was not doing this. Mayor Wells informed her that her 3 minutes was up.

Carol Keith of 305 Lakeview Circle stated that the reason she was standing here today was she does not know what people think or whatever but as you know I'm about standing up for what is right. Mrs Keith stated that she had been targeted and she has lost great things, I stood up for the Mayor and lost my church, but that is okay I will continue to stand up for what is right because I know God will take care of me. Mrs Keith stated that a citizen called her today and her husband is really sick and his medication is going to cost \$500.00 out of pocket. Mrs Keith stated I talk about water bills because they can't afford it. Mrs Keith asked if there was anything we can do to help the citizens. Mrs Keith stated if you needed help Mr Frye or anybody else you know I would stand up for you as long as it was right. Mrs Keith stated I am standing up for the citizens asking if there is anything they could do to cut these water bills because they are crying out for help. Mrs Keith stated that she would like to say to the board and she is sure they already know and it is public knowledge, that she stood up for someone and got targeted again as someone went and got copies of her water bill stating how many gallons she used, which she thought it was tasteless and cheap. Mrs Keith stated that they missed the whole point as she is not talking about the gallons she is using she is talking about the price a gallons costs. She stated that is what I'm talking about and nobody is going to answer her question. Mrs Keith stated maybe you will answer this one, could you tell me when is the time to go fill out a form to run in the next election. Aldermen Harrison and Vice Mayor Harrington stated that they thought it was February and they have to pick it up and get 25 signatures.

Minutes for the October 24, 2016 Special Called Meeting were approved with a motion by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor.

Discussion / Action – Resolution 2016-016

City Attorney Paul Frye stated that this is a resolution authorizing the issuance, sale and payment of Capital outlay notes not to exceed \$72,698 to purchase 2 2017 Ford Explorers for the Police Department. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Aldermen Harrison. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Approve bid for River Bluff Sewer Project.

Mayor Wells stated that there are 5 lots that need to have sewer made available to them. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that the board had decided to wait until we had collected most of the tap fees on the development to finish the project and this is all that remains of the project. Alderman Bowling asked if he had paid those tap fees. Mayor Wells stated that he had paid \$12,500.00. Vice Mayor Harrington asked if he could make a motion stating that they accept Buchanan Construction pending the license of Moretz Construction is current. City Attorney Paul Frye stated no because that would have nothing to do with our finishing this sewer project. Motion to approve Buchanan Construction's bid of \$16,500.00 was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Madison- Abstained, All others in favor. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments – Second Session

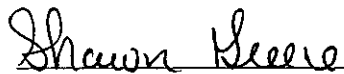
Carol Keith 305 Lakeview Circle, thanked the board members and Vice Mayor Harrington and Harrison for speaking out and asking questions (in reference to Moretz Construction's contractor's license) and letting them know what is going on, and being concerned and not just taking one person's word, but wanting an investigation to find out if we can do that., so she just wants to say thank you.

With no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Harrison. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.



Irene Wells, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 16th day of November, 2016



Sharon Greene, City Recorder/ Finance Officer