

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
August 7, 2018

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were Sandra Madison, Jack Stratton, Ray Harrington and David Smith.

Members absent: Richard Bowling

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

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Discussion / Action – Thomas Construction Co.

Bill Thomas, Vice President with Thomas Construction stated that they were there to answer any questions. Alderman Smith asked what they were going to do about the 8 inch line coming down from the Middle School as it has been leaking for a couple of years. Mr. Thomas stated that they were going to cut that valve out and replace it. Vice Mayor Harrington asked what the ETA was on that. Sam Snyder, Superintendent of Construction, stated that they had been looking more at the stuff around the school first, but if it is priority they can jump on that. They may want to do it on the weekends or late in the evening so not to affect the school system and it should take approximately 6 to 8 hours. Alderman Smith asked about a broken sewer and gas line due to the construction and was informed that the sewer line was repaired promptly. Mr Smith asked if we knew that there was a gas line in there. City Engineer Dave Wilson stated that the gas line was marked on the street but it was not there, it was at the bottom of the embankment. Mr Wilson stated that their first status meeting will be next Tuesday. Mr Wilson stated that there had been approximately 1,200 feet of water line replaced to date. Alderman Smith asked Dave Wilson if they had received any bids on the Water Plant. Mr Wilson stated no they have not bid that job yet.

Citizen Comments- First Session

Amy Vance thanked them for parking the police cruiser near her house and it has made a big difference, but she would like speed humps to be placed on Parks Worley at Cherokee to slow traffic. Chief Depew stated that they have spent a lot of time up there and they are getting some data recorded for that area and presenting it to the Mayor.

Carol Keith of 305 Lakeview Circle stated that she was planning on having a praise service and asked police for extra patrolling where they will be having it.

Discussion / Action – Special Called Meeting Minutes – May 31, 2018

Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Stratton. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Alderman Stratton – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington- Yes, Alderman Smith – No. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Special Called Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2018

Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Stratton. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Madison – No, Alderman Stratton – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Smith – No. With a tie vote Mayor Wells voted - Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – First Reading on Ordinance 2018-006

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which adopts by reference the State Traffic Offences and Rules of the Road. Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-006 on first reading was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Stratton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Report from Mayor/ City Manager

Mayor Wells stated that things have been going pretty good. We had a citizen come to us and ask about fireworks and I called Bristol, Johnson City, and Kingsport and they now do not allow fireworks. Mayor Wells stated that she does not know what the board would like to do. Vice Mayor Harrington stated that the county has it up until midnight. Mayor Wells stated that they did not have it now. Alderman Smith stated that he had received a letter about the fireworks. Mr Smith stated that he would be in favor of the holidays. Vice Mayor Harrington stated doing away with them and just allow them on that holiday. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that he would have to research it and report back to them.

Report from City Attorney

City Attorney Paul Frye reported that the opioid suit that the state filed, the drug manufacturing companies sued all the cities in Sullivan County and sued Sullivan County. Mr Frye stated that the Chancellor dismissed the lawsuits today.

Comments from Board Members

Alderwoman Madison thanked everyone for coming and invited them to come again.

Alderman Stratton thanked everybody and said it is good to know we are getting things done for the city.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming and they are getting things done.

Alderman Smith thanked everyone for coming and asked that they come back again.

Report from Chief of Police

Chief Depew presented the monthly report for July 2018. (SEE ATTACHED)

Chief Depew thanked the officers and Bluff City Fire Department for the help they gave during the police officers funeral that went through town as it was a huge procession.

Report from Public Works Supervisor

Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie reported that for the month of July 2018, the pump stations are operating normal with there being one overflow at the worksite next to the schoolhouse.

Mr Moultrie reported that they still have some storm water issues but not as many.

In the Street Department we had a storm that knocked down some trees and the staff has been working hard to keep up with brush pickup.

Mr Moultrie thanked the board for the extra workers. Mr Moultrie reported that due to the repairs on the lines they are having small issues in other areas and they will need to get small parts to make repairs until the project is complete.

Alderman Smith asked if we ever got a backhoe operator. Mr Moultrie stated yes. Mr Moultrie introduced John Oliver who is our Water Plant Operator and stated that he is doing a great job. Mr Moultrie stated that the backhoe operator was able to run other equipment as well.

Report from Water Plant Operator

Water Plant Operator John Oliver reported that they had fixed 7 water leaks in the month of July. Mr Oliver reported that they need 2 new compressors to get the plant up and running. Alderman Smith asked when he thought they would be able to run the plant. Mr Oliver stated hopefully by the end of the month. Mr Smith asked if he was addressing the issues from the State. Mr Oliver stated yes and the new SCADA system will help. Mayor Wells stated that Mr Oliver saved them

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almost \$3,000.00 on the butterfly valve because he and Allen were able to install it.

Old Business – None

New Business

Alderman Smith asked for \$1,500.00 to be given to Allen Moultrie to stock up on parts and tools so they don't have to run to Lowes when they need something. Mayor Wells stated that they have already put it in the budget.

Citizen Comments- Second Session

Becky Buchanan of 750 Drybranch Road thanked Alderwoman Madison, Alderman Stratton, Vice Mayor Harrington, Mayor Wells and Paul Frye for showing respect for their town by showing their name plate to show people who you are. Mrs Buchannan thanked the City Employees.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderwoman Madison. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:38 p.m.


Irene Wells, Mayor/City Manager

Attest this 7th day of August, 2018


Sandy Harkleroad, Clerk



Bluff City Police Department



MONTHLY REPORT
2018 July

Year

Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	158	91	0	249
ISSUED CITATION(S)	75	52	0	127
WARNING CITATION(S)	17	14	0	31
PATROLED MILE(S)	3205	2214	0	5419
ARREST(S)	4	2	0	6
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	7	3	0	10
ALARM(S)	5	8	2	15
ACCIDENT(S)	5	2	0	7
ANIMAL CALL(S)	7	0	0	7
MSD REPORT(S)	15	9	0	24
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	2	0	0	2
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	1	0	0	1
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)	0	0	0	0
MISSING PERSON(S)	0	0	0	0
D.U.I.(S)	0	0	0	0
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	1	1		2
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0	0	0	0

approved by *Chief Greg Deper* 8/7/2018