

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
July 2, 2019

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

Members present were: Carol Keith, Jeff Broyles, Ray Harrington and Richard Bowling.

Alderman Ward was absent.

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

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Action – Moore vs. Bluff City

City Attorney Paul Frye reported that the Moore's have demanded \$80,000.00 in full and final settlement of their lawsuit. Mr Frye recommended they make them an offer for \$77,986.50. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington- Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion – Dave Wilson – Engineer with Mattern & Craig

Mr Wilson updated the board saying the water and sewer project is ongoing and our USDA project has continued. Mr Wilson stated that we have not received another payment request for the work because of the way the dates have fallen. They have completed roughly 500 feet of the water services under State Route 44, and approximately 100 feet of sewer. The remaining work to be done is the water line in the mobile home park that they had discussed. Mr Wilson stated that they had to extend the work through the end of the month and may have to execute another change order if necessary if the work is not completed by that time. This will be discussed at the next progress meeting. Mr Wilson stated that he will be getting with Mrs Grindstaff , water plant operator in reference to contract 3. Alderwoman Keith stated the roads are terrible and she had received a phone call from a man that stated the roads are bad and if he has an accident on them he will sue. Mr Wilson stated that the last part of the work is to finish those with backfill and pave them but if she could let him know of the areas they need to pay extra attention to, he will let the contractor know during the progress meeting. Mrs Keith stated that he should take a look at Jonesboro Rd. up from the Rescue Squad. Mayor Wells stated that she had people complaining every day, but she would like to thank the citizens for their understanding and she explained that the last part of the project will be the roads. They are not happy because of the shape the roads are in, but most say they understand. Mrs Keith stated Mayor they say that they evidently don't get to talk to you, that is why they are calling me. Mayor Wells stated I won't go into that but the citizens know how many I talk to and the workers do also. That's your word. Vice Mayor Harrington asked when the next progress meeting was. Dave Wilson stated it should be next Tuesday, the 9th at 1:00 p.m. and he will let the contractor know ahead of the meeting.

Citizens Comments – First Session

David Vance of 1204 Timber Ridge Road, stated I would like to see microphones in front of every person up there so when they talk we can hear what's going on back here. Mr Vance stated

when somebody is up here speaking, not them set up there and talk backward and forward to each other. Mr Vance stated here is the qualifications of the Mayor and if anything she is over qualified. They say she is not qualified. I would like to see somebody else come up with it.

Discussion / Action – Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for the May 7, 2019 Regular Meeting was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Abstained stating I was not here at that time, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes for the May 20, 2019 Special Called Meeting was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells reported that the June 4, 2019 minutes were not completed. We will have to have those at the next meeting.

Motion to approve minutes for the June 28, 2019 Special Called Meeting was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Public Hearing on Ordinance 2019-003

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which amends the Town of Bluff City Zoning Ordinance 95-012, Article VIII: Area, Yard and Height Requirements. Mr Frye stated this is a housekeeping ordinance and we just no longer need it in the zoning regulations. Public Hearing was opened at 6:10 p.m. No comments. Hearing closed at 6:12 p.m. Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-003 on Second Reading was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Joint Prosecution and Common Interest Agreement

City Attorney Paul Frye reported that this is on the Opioid Lawsuit, Barry Staubus vs. Perdue Pharma and others. This is an agreement we have to enter into, for us to be able to talk back freely to all the attorneys on the Opioid Lawsuit so everything in our discussion remains confidential. This is authorizing me to enter into this agreement for the City. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderwoman Keith. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Report from Mayor / City Manager – Irene Wells

Mayor Wells stated that the work is finished at the boardwalk, and the only thing left to do is to put stain on it. The door cost was \$700.00 and they rushed getting it to us and people are able to use the pavilion bathrooms.

Report from City Attorney Paul Frye

Mr Frye reported last month we collected about \$5,000.00 in delinquent property tax and I would like to wish everyone in the city a safe and happy Independence Day.

Report from City Recorder / CMFO – Sharon Greene

Ms Greene reported the following fund balances for May, 2019: General Fund - \$1,573,406.00, Sanitation Fund - \$36,580.00, Special Police Fund - \$13,916.00, Debt Service Fund - \$102,189.00, Sinking Fund - \$3,095.00, Water / Sewer Fund - \$639,390.00. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Report from Chief of Police- Greg Depew – SEE ATTACHED

Chief Depew stated that we are getting back on our feet. We are getting some people trained which is an 8 and one half week process. Chief Depew introduced Ken Burchfield who will be doing code enforcement for us. He is retired from Johnson City P.D. after 33 years. He will be a real asset and have the same powers as a police officer.

Alderwoman Keith asked Chief Depew to elaborate more on the GPS's. Chief Depew stated that it monitors where the vehicle goes. Mrs Keith stated that sounds good. Chief Depew stated it keeps up with where it goes. Mrs Keith stated that's safety for everybody.

Comments from Board Members

Alderwoman Keith thanked everyone for coming and thanked Vice Mayor Harrington for his support and welcoming me here and helping me to understand some of these things. Mrs Keith stated I would like to thank Sharon for explaining things like the budget. You explained it very well and I want to thank you. Mrs Keith stated I just want the citizens and the employees to know that if you need me for anything all you have to do is let me know. I will continue to stand up, speak up and speak out for what is right. Mrs Keith stated someone said something about the Mayor being over qualified. We are not talking about the Mayor being over qualified. We are talking about City Manager. Thank you for coming and have a blessed evening.

Alderman Broyles thanked everyone for being there. Mr Broyles stated I some exciting thing I want to share with you. First of all a boy from your little town has been picked as the team leader for the TN. Governmental Prayer Lines. It is non- profit and it is an organization that gathers people in prayer for folks like us that are concerned and for our nation. Mr Broyles reported that he had left brochures for anyone that may be interested. Alderman Broyles stated that in reference

to the Patriot Trail, unfortunately schedules have not meshed up for the National Park Service, the County and all the folks involved in the Patriot Trail. Mr Broyles stated that they will probably be meeting next week or the week there after to discuss the way ahead on the Patriot Trail Project. Mr Broyles stated that he will share a more detailed presentation. Mr Broyles stated that they are moving forward on the Veterans Memorial. Mr Broyles stated that he is satisfied with the rate the projects are going, but he knows everyone is frustrated because we want the paving to come, but the town's water pressure is better than it has ever been.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming. Mr Harrington stated like Jeff (Alderman Broyles) said we are moving forward with everything, but it takes time. We are getting there. I hope everyone has a safe and happy 4th.

Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a safe and happy 4th.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Citizen Comments – Second Session

Kathy Leonard of 316 McClelland Lane, stated we have so many varmints down there, would the board consider hiring an exterminator to come in and do something about them. Mrs Leonard that there needs to be something done about the rats down there. Mrs Leonard stated they are cleaning up little by little but the varmint issue is getting bigger every day.

Julie Venable Carty of 209 Smith Street Ext. stated that she sat down there for about an hour a week and a half ago and she did not see anything but a possum, 2 raccoons, 1 mouse. I am not exaggerating like you are. I sat there and waited for the home owners to come home, (sentence interrupted) from audience. Mayor Wells stated hey, hey! Mrs Carty stated my turn. Chief Depew stated that's enough. Mrs Carty stated I asked Ms Carla Malone if she had been seeing big rats and she no. The only thing that she has been having problems with was the people that lived in the house next to her left a cat with kittens and she is trying to feed them. Mrs Carty stated that Pat Souder passed away and some of her cats were being looked after by the neighbor Mr. Smith. I have asked if the people there have seen an increase of rats and they said no, they do see them occasionally along with the cats.

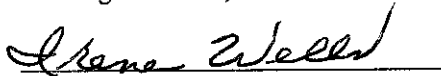
David Harmon of 200 Holston Drive asked if he was talking about a war memorial. Alderman Broyles stated that it is in the concept stage and they are looking at sites around town. Mr Harmon asked why don't they work on a playground for the children. Mayor Wells stated that they have talked about swings and they have considered it this year in the budget. Mayor Wells stated they had run out of money because doing the boardwalk had cost more money than what they thought it would cost. Mayor Wells stated we will have it in the budget next year. Mr Broyles stated that is an excellent suggestion Mr Harmon.

Wes (?) of 182 Holston Drive stated I happen to be Pat Souder's family and the cats that she had are our cats too and they are being taken care of.

Julie Venable Carty asked if she could speak to that. Mayor Wells stated okay. Mrs Carty stated about 4 years ago I got together with everyone on Holston Ave and McClelland Street and I had 39 cats spayed and neutered. Mrs Carty stated the ones that got fixed then their ears are tipped. Audience member stated we already know that, thanks for the information.

Mayor Wells stated that she will be bringing some information to the citizens, some things that have gone on in the past and I have set and let people beat me up and not say anything, but they are going to hear about it all. Look forward to the future.

With no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Broyles. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.


Irene Wells, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 2nd day of July, 2019


Sharon Greene, Recorder/ CMFO



Bluff City Police Department



MONTHLY REPORT
2019 *JUNE*

Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	88	74	28	190
ISSUED CITATION(S)	19	12		31
WARNING CITATION(S)				
PATROLED MILE(S)	1456	1151		2615
ARREST(S)	4			4
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	4	3		7
ALARM(S)	3	2		5
ACCIDENT(S)	5			5
ANIMAL CALL(S)	1			1
MSD REPORT(S)				
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	1			1
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	1	5		6
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)				
MISSING PERSON(S)				
D.U.I.(S)				
DRUG VIOLATION(S)				
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)				

approved by: *Chief Mary Ryan* Date: 7-1-2019