

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Special Called Meeting
September 5, 2019

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order 8:45 a.m.

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

Prayer was given by Carol Keith, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Citizen Comments – First Session

Citizen (Carolyn Payne) asked if she would be able to ask questions about the ordinances as they were reading them and discussing them or does she have to ask questions now. Mayor Wells stated you need to go ahead with your questions now.

Mayor Wells stated Discussion / Action on the First Reading on Ordinance 2019-007 to Amend Ordinance 2019-004 known as the Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

Citizen (Carolyn Payne) asked if she would be able to ask questions at that time. Alderman Broyles stated this is a public hearing. Mayor Wells stated yes.

Mayor Wells read the ordinance which explains that they need to replace water meters which means the Water/ Sewer Fund, line item 413, be amended as follows, \$955,752.00.

Citizen (Carolyn Payne) stated that the ordinance that is being amended was approved August 6 and Water/Sewer Fund was \$895,752.00 and are you saying it is now going to be \$957,552. Mayor Wells stated yes. Vice Mayor Harrington stated right because we are having an expenditure and it has to be added to what we are budgeting to be spent in water and sewer. Mrs Payne stated I thought appropriations were what we were going to bring in not spend out. Vice Mayor Harrington stated no this is what we are spending out. We are adding \$60,000.00 to it for what we are planning on spending. Mrs Payne asked what they expect to bring in. Mr Harrington asked City Recorder/ CMFO Sharon Greene if she had that figure. Mrs Greene stated the Revenues for the budget for Water/Sewer Fund is \$897,800.00 and our funds available, from our previous beginning balance, was \$3,154,896.00. Alderman Bowling asked about how many meters are we going to replace. Mrs Greene stated 350 and they have been having to manually read about 300 to 400 meters every month. Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-007 on first reading 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 Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – First Reading on Ordinance 2019-008

Mayor Wells read the ordinance which amends the Bluff City Municipal Code Title 18 Dealing with Water and Sewer Fees reflecting a \$50.00 connection fee and for renters there will be an additional \$200.00 security deposit. Alderwoman Keith voiced concern about people who can't afford it and asked if they could set up a way to make payments. City Recorder/CMFO Sharon


Greene stated if they leave with a large water bill you don't get paid. Mrs Greene stated the renters get their security deposit back minus their final bill. Mrs Greene explained that this ordinance is only changing the connection fee from \$150.00 to \$50.00.

Citizen (Carolyn Payne) asked when we have to start paying back the USDA Loan. City Recorder/CMFO Greene stated we have already started paying on the loan starting last October or November.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-008 on First Reading was made by Alderman Ward. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments – Second Session – None

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Ward. Alderwoman Keith stated that she wanted to thank Vice Mayor Harrington and Alderman Broyles for speaking up and answering questions. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 a.m.


Irene Wells, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 5th day of September, 2019


Sharon Greene, Recorder/CMFO