

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
October 1, 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.

Eric Ward was absent.

Prayer was given by Jeff Broyles, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Update in Networks

Clay Walker, CEO reported that there had been a lot in the news and misinformation about the future of our region in economic development terms. Mr Walker stated that they meet and work together and they find themselves collaborating with our neighboring counties far more than they find themselves competing. Mitch Miller the C.O. of Net Rep and I have regular meetings and discuss making a better way. Mr Walker stated that in reference to Net Reps, they are doing different things. Net Rep has taken on kind of a people attraction focus as well as tourism and events, and we are kind of doing different things could we be more effective if we were representing the same geography but different responsibilities. We have not come to a conclusion on that. Alderman Bowling asked if they could get a copy of their by-laws. Mr Walker stated yes. Mayor Wells stated I have a copy. Alderman Broyles stated he had been following this and there is something to be said about best practices and lessons learned from other folks in our region. It does not have to be a formalized thing but there is much to learn. I would encourage collaboration. Mr Walker stated I have worked in Economic Development for 25 years and I have not had one accomplishment that did not involve someone else helping along.

Citizens Comments – First Session

Kathy Leonard of 316 McClelland Lane read a statement voicing concern over the vehicles, campers, boats and trailers along the street. Mrs Leonard voiced concern about trash piles and rats that are nesting around there. Mrs Leonard stated that her dog had been bitten and had to go to the vet. Mrs Leonard stated that by not enforcing the ordinances of the city it affects her personally.

Alderswoman Keith asked the Mayor what it was going to take to get this problem – Mayor Wells stated we will be discussing this at the end of the meeting when the Police Chief talks. Mrs Keith stated that as long as the cars are tagged and registered, it's okay to be on your property. Mayor Wells stated that the Chief will bring more information.

Discussion / Action – Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for the Regular Meeting on August 6, 2019 was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderswoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles –Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes from Special Called Meeting on August 20, 2019 was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – abstained due to being out of town at the time, Alderman Broyles –Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes for the Special Called Meeting on August 27, 2019 was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith abstained due to being out of town at the time, Alderman Broyles –Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes for the Special Called Meeting on September 5, 2019 was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles –Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes for the Special Called Meeting on September 13, 2019 was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles –Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Report from the Mayor / City Manager

Mayor Wells stated that she would like to bring them up on the Black Diamond Market in Piney Flats. The completion date is going to be in the last part of November. The manufacturing company that is being built across from the Dollar Store on 19- E water and power has already been put up and they will be moving things in on November 1st. They manufacture wheels for remote control cars and the owner of the company has been in business for 30 years. We had a truck in the budget for \$25,000 and they were discouraged because of the prices. They got a 2019 truck for less than what was budgeted for.

Report from City Attorney

City Attorney Paul Frye reported that the delinquent tax letters went out today for the 2018 taxes. People are doing a good job paying their taxes as they only had 68 letters to send.

Report from City Recorder / CMFO

City Recorder / CMFO Sharon Greene reported the following fund balances as of August 31, 2019: General Fund - \$1,604,257.00, Sanitation Fund - \$35,745.00, Special Police Fund - \$12,526.00, Debt Service Fund - \$98,980.00, Sinking Fund - \$3,095.00, Water / Sewer Fund - \$629,538.00. Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderwoman Keith. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles –Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Comments form Board Members

Alderwoman Keith thanked everyone for coming and stated if there is anything I can do, that is right, I will stand with you. I will stand up, speak up and speak out for what is right. Be blessed.

Alderman Broyles stated it is always a pleasure to sit here and be a citizen of Bluff City. Mr. Broyles stated kudos to the town staff and every private citizen that had any involvement in Heritage Days. I thought it was a wonderful event. Mr Broyles stated three new businesses in a little bit of time, now tell me if that isn't good. Mr Broyles stated as a point of personal preference and pleasure, I want to remind everyone that on October 10th Governor Lee has asked us all of faith to join him in a day of prayer and fasting. There are ceremonies going on all over the tri cities.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming. We are moving forward. It has taken time and we are doing it.

Alderman Bowling stated I am glad to see everyone here and I wish we could have a stand up crowd. Things are going good but they are going slow.

Discussion – City Engineer

Dave Wilson, with Mattern & Craig Engineering, updated the board on the Water / Waste Water projects. Contract 2 was completed as of July 23rd and the final completion was August 23rd. Since that date we are in a one year warranty for that work. It came in on budget so we have the same amount of money available for the water treatment plant work. There is outstanding work that we are going to complete as a change for the water line along Main Street. They completed flow testing after the project was completed and had the best pressures and flows that we have ever had in the city. We are going to be doing smoke testing.

Report from Chief of Police

Chief Depew presented the monthly report for September, 2019. SEE ATTACHED

Chief Depew reported that if vehicles are tagged, tires up and drivable, you can have them on your property. Alderwoman Keith asked if the person needed to bring proof of the tag or anything. Chief Depew stated if someone has been addressed on an issue concerning vehicles, once they get them tagged and meet the code we will go back to them in that 10 day period and they can show us they have it, no citations will be issued.

Kim Birchfield stated I started last week working 3 days a week and he has 5 progress reports where people had been notified of violations. No citations, but violations. Alderman Broyles stated it's good to have you on board.

Report from Public Works Supervisor

Allen Moultrie presented the monthly report for September. SEE ATTACHED

Allen Moultrie reported that the pump stations are working well with no issues during the month.

The Staff has been flushing lines and they are finding baby wipes are being put down the toilets and most are not flushable. Mr Moultrie stated that there are also problems with cooking grease in the lines

The staff has been doing brush pickups and leaves are beginning to fall. Work orders will take priority.

They have fixed 4 leaks. The water is getting better but there is still work to do.

Vice Mayor Harrington asked if we could send out a flyer about pouring the cooking grease down the drains. Mr Moultrie stated that would be good. Some packaging says things are flushable but they are finding them throughout the system.

Mayor Wells stated that the boardwalk is complete except for the stain and the public works department will be working on the stain soon.

Mayor Wells stated we are doing training for the employees on Thursday, so we are going to close the office, and it may extend into Friday depending on how much they get done on Thursday. Alderwoman Keith asked what kind of training. Mayor Wells stated it's for the meters and the new system that we have. Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie stated that they have been changing out meters for the last 2 months totaling approximately 260 meters with approximately 120 more to replace. Mr Moultrie stated what he thinks is happening is all the meters were installed at the same time and now they are dying at the same time.

Mayor Wells stated we have to have the water tank inspected every 5 years and they had someone come in and give them a free quote. Mr Moultrie stated that they did find some small issues.

New Business

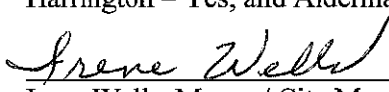
Mayor Wells presented 2 quotes for storage buildings for the Board to review. Mayor Wells asked CMFO Sharon Greene to speak on the cost. Ms Greene stated that they don't have assets in the General Fund as everything is expensed, but we do have the cash there and it would have to be pulled out of cash reserves instead of budgeting it within the year. Vice Mayor Harrington stated so we have the money to do it. Ms Greene stated we have the money in the cash reserves. Vice Mayor Harrington stated we need it. Alderwoman Keith stated if we did get one it would be better to get the biggest one instead of getting the small one and then later on have to get another one. Motion to request bids on 20' x 32' x 10' storage building pending code compliance was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments – Second Session – None

Alderwoman Keith asked if they could have a workshop. Vice Mayor Harrington asked what kind of workshop. Mrs Keith stated just general information. Mr Harrington stated you mean like for citizens

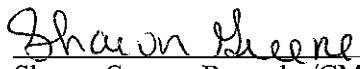
to ask questions of us. Mrs Keith stated and for us to ask questions. Mayor Wells asked do you have some specific people that you want to be here besides the citizens. Mrs Keith stated whoever wants to come. Vice Mayor Harrington stated a community workshop. Workshop was scheduled for October 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles –Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Irene Wells, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 1st day of October, 2019



Sharon Greene, Recorder/CMFO



Bluff City Police Department

MONTHLY REPORT



2019 September
Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	108	102	24	234
ISSUED CITATION(S)	31	26	0	57
WARNING CITATION(S)	26	28	0	54
PATROLED MILE(S)	2277	2600		4877
ARREST(S)	3	1	0	4
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	7	6	0	13
ALARM(S)	3	7	5	15
ACCIDENTS	4	5	0	9
ANIMAL CALL(S)	3	0	0	3
MSD REPORT(S)	11	4	0	15
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	2	1	0	3
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	0	0	1
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0	0	0	0

Approved by: Chief Greg Depew

Chief Greg Depew

CITY OF BLUFF CITY

Department Of Public Works Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly Report for September 2019

Sewer Department:

The sewer pump stations are operating well, with there being no issues regarding the pump stations in the month of September. Also the staff has been continuing flushing of our sewer lines throughout the system. The issues that we continue to see throughout town are: Customers are still flushing wipes down the toilet's, which most wipes are not flushable which could lead to clogged or slow drainage. We have also been running into issues of grease build up. When cooking please discard spent grease into trash receptacle rather than pouring down the drain.

Street Department:

The Staff has been working hard keeping up with the mowing, and brush pick up all throughout town. As the fall season arrive and leaves begin to fall we'll be using the same policy as the brush pick up, active work order's will be responded to first before all other's.

If you have any questions, please give me a call 612-4145. Thank you.

Allen Moultrie
Public Works Supervisor