

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Special Called Meeting
February 11, 2020

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

Mayor Wells welcomed everyone and stated that anyone wanting to comment has 3 minutes in the first session and 3 minutes in the second session. Come to the podium and give your name address and phone number. Board members do not have to comment during Citizen Comment's session, unless they want to. Board members raise your hands to be recognized as this will eliminate interruptions. No talking during the meeting. If you want to talk while the meeting is going on you must go outside or to the hallway. Others want to be able to hear. You can be asked to leave if you are out of order. Once the business session starts you will not be able to interrupt, you will need to wait until your second session. If you have a request for information you must come to the office at City Hall during office hours 8 am to 4:30 pm. Monday thru Friday and fill out the proper papers.

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

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

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Discussion / Action – 2018 – 2019 Audit Report

Curtis Morrison, Auditor with Rodefer Moss and Company stated I am giving unmodified opinions, which is the cleanest opinion I can give. Mr Morrison stated of the 70 some pages in the report I would focus on Management's Discussion and Analysis which begins on page 6. It is a good summary. It will give you the prior year numbers in a summarized form and the current year numbers. Mr Morrison stated that as part of an audit we test certain aspects of laws and regulations to make sure you are following them. We also look at your internal control.

Motion to approve the 2018-2019 Audit was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Ward. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington- Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments- First Session

Brian Hunt of 191 Lakeview Drive voiced concern as to why his water sample presented at the last meeting was not given to the Water Plant Operator. Mayor Wells stated that they have to come on site to do the sample. Mr Hunt asked when the firm hired to do the water and sewer lines was all work permitted to be done as they designed and directed or did the City have any influence on things that were to be altered. Mayor Wells stated if anything was changed it went before the engineers.

Vice Mayor Harrington asked City Attorney Paul Frye if Citizen Comments are supposed to be directly with the Special Called Meeting Agenda. Mr Frye stated any comments from the Board would be.

Man from the audience stated that they need to have a crossing guard at Tennessee Avenue. The school buses are going that way now. Vice Mayor Harrington stated they (Norfolk & Southern) did their study in the summer when there was not much traffic, instead of doing it during the school year. The man from audience asked if someone could call them. Mayor Wells stated I can call to see if they will re- review it.

Discussion / Action – Minutes for the Special Called Meeting, December 23, 2019

Motion to approve 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 Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Abstained. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – First reading on Ordinance 2020-001

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which amends the Bluff City Municipal Code Section 1-102, dealing with the Order of Business of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meetings. The change is there is one section of Citizen Comments at the beginning for 5 minutes and the City Recorder being the time keeper has been stricken from the ordinance. Motion to approve on first reading was made by Alderman Broyles. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – No, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington- Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – No. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – First Reading on Ordinance 2020-002

City Attorney Pau Frye read the ordinance which amends Title 8 of the Bluff City Municipal Code Dealing with Alcoholic Beverages. Mr Frye stated what this does changes the definition of beer under our ordinance to that of the state definition which has changed. It allows for on premises permits. Motion to approve on first reading was made by Alderman Broyles. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Abstained, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington- Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Approve \$4,000.00 to complete the Smoke Testing for the City. This is required.

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 Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments – Second Session

Sandra Madison of 312 Highland Dr stated Alderman Keith you stand. Don't let anybody run over you.

Alderwoman Keith stated I got a phone call from a citizen that lives out of the corporation and they have gotten a citation. Mrs Keith asked Chief Depew to look into it. Chief Depew stated he would look into it.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Ward. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington- Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Irene Wells, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 11th day of February, 2020


Sharon Greene, Recorder/ CMFO