

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
January 5, 2021

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

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

Eric Ward arrived later.

Prayer was given by Alderman Broyles followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Harrington opened the floor for the following:

Discussion – Mattern & Craig Engineering

Dave Wilson with Mattern & Craig presented a project update. Mr Wilson stated that we have gotten the approval from the Railroad. Thomas came back at \$429,125, which left us with a shortfall of \$53,125 for that line item. Mr Wilson stated due to changes they should be able to stay in the overall budget. Mr Wilson stated he has no reason to believe that USDA won't concur with the budget amendment. Mr Wilson stated that the Railroad has asked for Licensing Fees of approximately \$14,000.00 which is included in the figures he just quoted them. Mr Wilson stated that he thought the City and other municipalities should get together with our Representatives to see if we can't get with the Railroad and see if they will relax the licensing fee requirements. Mr Wilson stated I would like to notify Thomas and I will prepare the paper work for the Mayor's signature for about January 25th for the USDA approval. City Attorney Paul Frye stated the Board would have to vote on that. Mr Wilson stated that it was a change order they had already authorized.

Alderwoman Keith voiced concern over the overflows. Mr Wilson stated this project should help reduce the flow. Vice Mayor Harrington stated with this contract you are going to be pulling off some of the excess from the igloo pump station. Mr Wilson stated we will be, with the garage pump station re-done. Alderman Broyles asked Mr Wilson what is the estimated time frame of completion. Mr Wilson stated it would hinge on the pumps for the garage being installed which is approximately a 4 month period from that time. Mrs Keith voiced concern over how long overflows have occurred.

Citizen Comments – No comments

Discussion / Action – Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for the Regular Meeting on September 1, 2020 was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes for the Regular Meeting on October 6, 2020 was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Abstained, due to absence at that meeting, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes for the Special Called Meeting on October 30, 2020 was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Ward. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Abstained, due to her absence at that meeting, Alderman Broyles – Abstained, due to his absence at that meeting, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes for the Special Called Meeting on December 8, 2020 was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Ward. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Abstained, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action Mini Excavator- Case, Bobcat or Kubota

Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie reported that the perks of the Case by far outweighed the Bobcat or Kubota. Mr Moultrie stated that this item came up being \$43,900, the Kubota was \$49,900 and it is a size smaller. The Bobcat came out at \$42,000. The Case was a heavier duty piece of equipment. Mr Moultrie stated this is a piece of equipment they really need as they take up a smaller work area and would make their work in town a lot easier. Alderman Ward asked if they have a trailer and truck they can haul it with. Mr Moultrie stated yes. Vice Mayor Harrington asked if CMFO Sharon Greene if we have the money for it. Ms Greene stated yes we have cash for it and it is a capital asset. Alderman Ward stated when they did the budget they only had \$800 to the good and they weren't going to spend any money. Ms Greene stated this is a capital asset not an expense and we will have to appropriate the money for it. Alderman Broyles asked if they did a demo of the equipment. Mr Moultrie stated they did. Mr Moultrie stated that they are working with old equipment that needs to be replaced. Whenever we run into a problem with the backhoe we have no alternate means of getting anything done. City Attorney Paul Frye stated they could vote on it now and amend the budget later. Motion to approve the purchase of the Bobcat for \$42,135.14 was made by Alderman Ward. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Report from Mayor / City Manager- Irene Wells –Not Present

Report from City Attorney Paul Frye

Mr Frye stated he is working toward having a workshop on liquor stores and liquor by the drink. Vice Mayor Harrington asked about the Employee Handbook. Mr Frye stated that MTAS is working on it now.

Financial Report from City Recorder / CMFO- Sharon Greene

Ms Greene reported the following fund balances as of November 30, 2020: General Fund - \$1,762,466.00, Sanitation Fund - \$26,990.00, Special Police Fund - \$13,965.00, Debt Service Fund- \$128,514.00, Sinking Fund - \$3,094.00, Water / Sewer Fund- \$758,824.00. Alderman Bowling asked what the difference was in this total and last month's total. Ms Greene stated she does not have a copy of that but it did go up in General and Water/Sewer funds. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Broyles. Second by Alderman Bowling.

Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Comments from Board Members

Alderwoman Keith stated I pray that everybody had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It is good to see everybody. I hope we can all work together.

Alderman Broyles stated Happy New Year to everyone. Even in a terrible year overall this Board was able to accomplish much.

Alderman Ward stated I hope everybody had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year, and staying safe.

Alderman Bowling stated I am glad everyone is being safe and staying in. I hope we can all stick together the way we are doing now. We are making progress.

Report from Police Chief Greg Depew

Chief Depew presented the Monthly Report for December, 2020. (SEE ATTACHED)

Chief Depew reported that we are able to start back with a detective as we had in the past. One of the officers is going to be working some drug work for us.

Chief Depew reported that we had wrecked 2 cars. One was totaled and one can be repaired. We purchased one under \$15,000.00 that is equipped. All we have to do is install the radio in it. The other one is in the shop. Alderman Ward asked about how long it would be to get the one fixed. Chief Depew stated they said it would take about 6 weeks to get the parts. Chief Depew reported that no one was hurt in the accidents and there was no other property damage.

Report from Public Works Supervisor – Allen Moultrie

Mr Moultrie presented his monthly report. (SEE ATTACHED)

Mr Moultrie reported that we are continuing to see massive amounts of wet wipes in the sewer and they do not tear up easily like toilet paper. They get tangled up in the impeller pump. Mr Moultrie stated that this is seriously an issue. City Attorney Paul Frye asked about putting pictures on the mailer sent to citizens. Mr Moultrie stated he could do that.

Mr Moultrie asked that citizens, who park along the roadway, have their vehicles well off the roadway to make snow plowing and salting safer for us and their property.

Alderman Broyles asked how the first round of snow removal went. Mr Moultrie stated it went okay but they ran into issues about the speed in which they got it done, as they only have 1 truck.

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Report from Water Plant Operator – Terry Banner

Mr Banner stated that everything is running smooth. We are doing 2 backwashes a month, which is what the State wants us to do. Mr Banner stated they had replaced some lines at the plant.

Lab-Tronics replaced a photo cell in one of their meters. Mr Banner stated they were going to be doing some more calibrations. Mr Moultrie stated it is scheduled for January 27th.

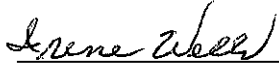
No County Commissioners were present

Old Business – None

New Business

Alderwoman Keith stated that we need to focus on getting that fixed down there. It needs to be done.

With no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. 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 6:54 p.m.



Irene Wells, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 5th day of January, 2021



Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO



Bluff City Police Department
MONTHLY REPORT



2020 December
Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	98	107	0	205
ISSUED CITATION(S)	42	35	0	77
WARNING CITATION(S)	22	23	0	45
PATROLED MILE(S)	1636	2105	0	3741
ARREST(S)	15	10	0	25
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	4	3	0	7
ALARM(S)	5	6	5	16
ACCIDENTS	4	7	0	11
ANIMAL CALL(S)	1	1	0	2
MSD REPORT(S)	20	11	0	31
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	0	0	0	0
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	5	2		7
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)	0	0	0	0
MISSING PERSON(S)	0	0	0	0
D.U.I.(S)	1	0	0	1
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	1	1	0	2
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0	0	0	0

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approved by: *Chester May* 1/4/2021

CITY OF BLUFF CITY

Department Of Public Works Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly Report for December 2020

Sewer Department:

The sewer pump stations are operating well, with there being no issue with the pump station. We are continuing to see massive amounts of wet wipe in the sewer wet well. These wet wipe are wrapping around the impeller causing the pumps to be less efficient. To help improve the situation we have been pulling the pumps more frequently to help keep the pumps pumping as efficiently as possible. We also had issues on duty drive that was caused by wet wipe that clogged the sewer line.

Street Department:

The Staff has been working hard keeping up with the brush pick up all throughout town. Now that the winter season is upon us we would like to ask citizens that park along the roadways, to make sure all vehicles are parked well off the roadway to make snow plowing and the salting of streets safer for us and your property. We recently enquired about the purchasing of a mini excavator that we like to have. This equipment will allow us to be able to get more accomplished in tighter more restricted areas in town and is greatly needed. We ended up with quotes from 3 different companies: Case, Bobcat, and Kubota. If request is granted we would like to make a purchase on the Case mini excavator. Of the other's listed the Case is more heavy duty, its one size larger than the rest to be within this price range. It will give us the ability to dig down up to 10ft rather than the 7ft capacity the others have.

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

Allen Moultrie
Public Works Supervisor