

Minutes  
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
Regular Meeting  
April 6, 2021

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

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

Carol Keith and Eric Ward were absent.

Prayer was given by Richard Bowling, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Citizen Comments- No comments

Dave Wilson with Mattern & Craig was delayed

Discussion / Action – Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for the Regular Meeting on March 2, 2021 was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderman Broyles – Yes. Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling- Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes for the Special Called Meeting on March 23, 2021 was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderman Broyles – Yes. Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling- Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes for the Special Called Meeting on March 30, 2021 was made by Alderman Broyles. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderman Broyles – Yes. Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling- Yes. Motion carried.

Report from Mayor / City Manager - Irene Wells

Mayor Wells stated they have a lot going on. We did have the lady from Play World in Franklin Tennessee come up and made drawings and is going to get them back to her.

Mayor Wells reported that due to illness City Attorney Paul Frye will not be here tonight.

Discussion / Action- Dave Wilson with Mattern & Craig Engineers- 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase of Contract

Mr Wilson talked to Louis with USDA. He advised to talk with Thomas Construction and propose the attached time frame of work and ask if they could complete the job. Mayor Wells stated that it was up to the Board to make a decision, but they need to take into consideration how long we have been dealing with this situation. Mayor Wells stated that she does not feel that Thomas is concerned about the City of Bluff City as they should be. Alderman Bowling stated if we get a new bid it is going to be just as long as if we wait on Thomas. Mayor Wells stated are we sure it's going to do that. Alderman Broyles stated that he recommended they give them until Friday at closing time. Motion to give Thomas until 5:00 p.m. on Friday to give a written answer was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote was as follows: Alderman Broyles – Yes. Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling- Yes. Motion carried

Report from City Recorder/ CMFO- Sharon Greene

Ms Greene reported the following fund balances as of February 28, 2021: General Fund - \$1,718,294.00, Sanitation Fund - \$30,084.00, Special Police Fund - \$13,874.00, Debt Service Fund- \$152,104.00, Sinking Fund - \$3,094.00, Water/Sewer Fund - \$721,150.00. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling- Yes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing- Ordinance 2021-002

Mayor Wells read the ordinance which Amends Ordinance 2020-004 known as the Appropriations Ordinance for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021. This is to purchase 87 Badger water meters at a cost of \$17,465.34. Public Hearing opened at 6:26 p.m. There were no comments. Hearing closed at 6:27 p.m. Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-002 on second reading was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling- Yes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing – Ordinance 2021-003

Mayor Wells read the ordinance which amends Ordinance 2020-004 known as the Appropriations Ordinance for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021. This is to purchase a Sewer Pump Truck for \$33,231.18. Public Hearing opened at 6:28 p.m. There were no comments. Hearing closed at 6:29 p.m. Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-003 on second reading was made by Alderman Broyles Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderman Broyles – Yes. Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling- Yes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing – Ordinance 2021-004

Mayor Wells read the ordinance which is an Ordinance to establish an Updated Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan. Mayor Wells stated we have to revise this program every 6 years. Public Hearing opened at 6:31 p.m. There were no comments. Hearing closed at 6:32 p.m. Motion to approve on second reading was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderman Broyles – Yes. Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling- Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Contract with Cintas for Uniform Rental

CMFO Sharon Greene stated the contract with Cintas ended March 31st. We had sent a letter in stating that we would not be renewing it because it costs too much at \$13,580.00 per year. Ms. Greene stated that they came back with a figure of \$5,494.84. Motion to approve Cintas Contract was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote was as follows: Alderman Broyles – Yes. Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling- Yes. Motion carried.

Comments from Board Members

Alderman Broyles stated it is good to see Commissioner Glover here tonight. Alderman Broyles reported that he had received calls about buzzards in our area.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming.

Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for coming and hopes things can get back to normal soon.

Report from Police Chief- Greg Depew

Chief Depew presented the monthly report. (SEE ATTACHED)

Report from Public Works Supervisor- Allen Moultrie

Mr Moultrie presented the Monthly Report for March 2021- (SEE ATTACHED)

Report from Water Plant Operator – Terry Banner

Mr Banner presented the Monthly Report for March, 2021- (SEE ATTACHED)

Report from Sullivan County Commissioner- Hershhal Glover

Mr Glover stated that he hoped everyone was doing well through the covid stuff. Mr Glover stated that the county had given Bluff City Fire Department and Bluff City Rescue Squad a one time check for \$2,500.00 for some help through the covid stuff. The county is working on a 5% increase for the rescue squads and fire departments. Mr Glover stated that there would be a tax increase of 12 cents to fund the new jail. Mr Glover stated there would be reappraisals this year. Mr Glover stated I understand you are asking for \$7,500.00 for the boardwalk. Mayor Wells stated we are really asking for \$10,000.00. Mayor Wells stated that the city was looking into putting in swings and a merry go round at the boardwalk for the children.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderman Broyles – Yes. Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling- Yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

  
Irene Wells, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021

  
Sharon Greene, Recorder/ CMFO



# Bluff City Police Department



MONTHLY REPORT  
2021 March

Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	102	126	0	228
ISSUED CITATION(S)	75	78	0	153
WARNING CITATION(S)	35	41	0	76
PATROLED MILE(S)	2384	2325	0	4709
ARREST(S)	12	20	0	32
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	11	6	0	17
ALARM(S)	5	7	5	17
ACCIDENT(S)	4	7	0	11
ANIMAL CALL(S)	3	0	0	3
MSD REPORT(S)	18	10	0	28
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	2	1	0	3
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	2	0	0	2
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)	0	0	0	0
MISSING PERSON(S)	0	0	0	0
D.U.I.(S)	0	1	0	1
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	2	2	0	4
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0	0	0	0

Approved by: Chief Amy Depu Date: 4-6-2021

# **CITY OF BLUFF CITY**

## **Department Of Public Works Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly Report for March 2021**

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### **Sewer Department:**

The sewer pump stations are operating well, with there being no known issues regarding the pump stations. During the last storm we did receive the high well level alarm but avoided overflowing. We had to haul a couple of loads with the assistance of Captain Septic and Blountville Septic. Given the amount of rain we did receive during the month it does seem like the sanitary sewer system has improved but still indicate we still have a lot of work to do to improve our operations.

### **Street Department:**

The Staff has been working hard keeping up with the brush pick up in town, just as a reminder work orders will be completed first before all non-work order jobs. Now that the mowing season has arrived we'll be out mowing in town and along the highway, so as you pass the staff please be mindful of possible debris flying to avoid accidents and/ or injury. We have numerous paving projects that are coming in the near future, some projects I strongly feel the staff can accomplish, and some that may require being contracted out due to equipment needed for job.

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

Allen Moultrie  
Public Works Supervisor

City of Bluff City  
Water Plant  
Board of Mayor and Alderman

April 6, 2021

Water Plant Activity for March

Water plant is pumping normally. It ran an average of 47 feet in the tank this month, with the high being 50 feet.

In addition to normal daily operations and monitoring, five backwashes were completed at the plant. The bleach tanks were filled by ADC during March and all calibrations were completed for the state.

The plant was shut down two times during the month of March because of high raw turbidity due to excessive rainfall during the month. We also repaired a sewer line on Bluff City Hwy. A walking check for water leaks was also completed.