

Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
May 4, 2021

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

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

Richard Bowling was absent.

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

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Citizen Comments –

Kathy Leonard of 316 McClelland Street, Mrs Leonard stated that she has owned the property for 25 years and she had built her home where it is. Mrs Leonard stated and I choose to keep it clean. I choose to keep my neighbors trash and other things off my property. There was such nasty stuff that had blown onto my property, I called up here and reported it. Then the questions got asked, why did I choose to build down there to start with. Nobody controls us and it is my property. I don't tell anybody what to do and I work on my property every day that I can. I don't appreciate anybody telling false statements about me. Enough has been said and I am sick of it. I don't bother anybody and don't want any trouble, but I am not going to take no mouth or trouble from people either. Mrs Leonard stated leave me alone and I will leave you all alone if that's what it's got down to.

Julie Venable Carty of 209 Smith Street Extension, commented on Mrs Leonard's statement saying she leaves everybody alone and that is a lie. Mrs Carty stated that when she first moved in before she started building her house she had let her land grow up and had a camper on it. Mrs Leonard got a petition going so my husband could not build his building. Mrs Carty stated that her husband's property on McClelland Street was zoned M-1. Mrs Carty stated what I don't understand, if the trash is so bad, all that have lived or had our property before you built your house there, you could have sold that property and built somewhere else.

Sandra Madison of 312 Highland Drive, stated that Mr Wells (resident on McClelland Street) has had a lot of trouble and his tires have been getting cut. Someone stuck a knife in his tires. Somebody's got to do something.

Discussion / Action- Dave Wilson with Mattern & Craig – Not Present

Discussion / Action- Regular Meeting Minutes, April 6, 2021

Alderman Broyles reported that on the second line of the minutes Alderman Bowling's last name is not capitalized. Mayor Wells stated we will take care of it. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote was as follows. Alderwoman Keith stated I was absent so I abstain. Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Ward stated abstain, I was not here. Motion failed. Minutes not approved.

Discussion / Action- Public Hearing – Ordinance 2021-005

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which amends the Municipal Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Bluff City for the purpose of making addition to the text for clarification of Alcoholic Beverages. Public Hearing opened at 6:11 p.m. There were no comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:12 p.m. Motion to approve on second reading, was made by Alderman Broyles. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Ward – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Public Hearing – Ordinance 2021-006

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which amends Title 8 of the Bluff City Municipal Code dealing with Alcoholic beverages. Public Hearing opened at 6:13 p.m. There were no comments. Hearing closed at 6:14 p.m. Motion to approve on second reading was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Ward – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Northeast Tennessee /Virginia Home Consortium, Board Decision

Mayor Wells stated that this was for the City of Bluff City to decide if they want to remain a part of the Home Consortium Board. Mayor Wells suggested that they stay with them. Motion to stay was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderwoman Keith. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Ward – Yes. Motion carried.

Report from Mayor Irene Wells

Mayor Wells stated I would like to mention to you that in reference to the railroad crossing on Holston Drive, there was approximately 6 people from the railroad came to look at the crossing. Last week they called and stated that it had been approved to update that crossing. Mayor Wells stated it had been brought up that the Board take a second look at closing the crossing on Tennessee Avenue. They are going to make a second offer.

Mayor Wells stated she had met with the people about the swings and merry-go-round. She is in the process of doing the drawings and will send them so they can take a look at them.

Report from City Attorney – Paul Frye – No Report

Report from City Recorder/ CMFO Sharon Greene – Financial Report

Ms Greene reported the following fund balances as of March 28, 2021.
General Fund - \$1,770,671.00, Sanitation Fund - \$20,866.00, Special Police Fund - \$13,844.00, Debt Service Fund - \$149,560.00, Sinking Fund - \$3,094.00, Water / Sewer Fund- \$716,224.00. 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, and Alderman Ward – Yes. Motion carried.

Comments from Board Members

Alderwoman Keith asked Mayor Wells what she thought the time frame is for the swings and all that. Mayor Wells stated I don't really know until we get the drawings back, as they may want to add or take away something. Mrs Keith stated that some people are wanting to have concerts and use the pavilion. Mrs Keith stated that would be okay for her to do on her own if she wanted to rent it. Vice Mayor Harrington stated speaking of that the preacher at the Methodist Church is looking at doing that as well. Mayor Wells and Alderwoman Keith stated that sounds wonderful.

Alderwoman Keith stated that she is thankful they have a board that is trying to work together and can agree to disagree. Mrs Keith stated I am honored to be working with you guys.

Alderman Broyles thanked everyone for coming out and those who are watching. Mr Broyles stated that our Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony will be on May 29th at noon. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Alderman Ward thanked everyone for coming out. Mr Ward stated it looks like we are getting the lake back. Keep an eye on the little ones around the water.

Report from Chief of Police Greg Depew

Chief Depew presented the monthly report for April, 2021. (SEE ATTACHED)

Chief Depew stated that the arrests were up. Chief Depew stated that they have closed out about 5 cases for the month and they have about 5 open cases.

Chief Depew stated he would still like to get some vehicles when we can. Alderman Ward asked what they needed to do to help get them cars. Mayor Wells stated they would have to wait on the budget. City Recorder/CMFO Sharon Greene stated we need to put it in the budget beginning July 1st.

Member of the audience asked Chief Depew how he felt about closing the railroad crossing as it had been discussed before. He said the church wanted it closed because of the whistle. Mayor Wells stated it wasn't the church calling. The railroad was closing crossings all across the United States. Member of audience stated when it snows you can't come down Carter Street. We need that crossing open. Mayor Wells stated that the Board will have a chance to vote on it. Mayor Wells stated let's have the person from Bristol do a traffic study on it now before school is out. Chief Depew stated that school buses use that crossing going to the elementary school.

Report from Public Works Supervisor – Allen Moultrie

Mr Moultrie presented the monthly report. (SEE ATTACHED)

Mr Moultrie stated that there were no current issues with the pump stations, other than the garage pump station needing maintenance. We are now operating the septic hauler truck when needed.

Mr Moultrie reported that the staff has been working hard keeping up with the brush pickup.

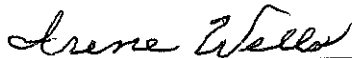
Mr Moultrie stated in the Water Department – Operator Terry Banner is currently in Murfreesboro to take an exam. I will be taking my exam in Johnson City because I would rather take the electronic exam. The water plant has been working good, and the current tank level is 51 feet. The only time it was down this month was to do backwashes. Vice Mayor Harrington asked how the tank was holding. Mr Moultrie stated the tank is holding pretty good. We are currently buying 25 gallons per minute from BBCUD. I hope sometime in the near future we will be looking into building another holding tank. Alderman Broyles asked Mr Moultrie if there was time in his schedule for leak detection. Mr Moultrie stated that the current water plant operator is the distribution guy so he technically should be out checking for leaks and time can be made for that.

Old Business

Mayor Wells stated we have been having problems with the red light on Main Street. Depending on what the quote is we have 2 choices. We can make it a 4 way stop or if possible and they can replace it with LED lights. If they can't replace the lights they might have to replace the whole system.

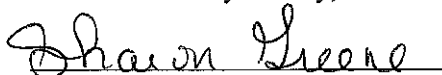
New Business – None

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Ward – Yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



Irene Wells, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 4th day of May, 2021


Sharon Greene, Recorder/CMFO



Bluff City Police Department



MONTHLY REPORT
2021 April

Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	102	110	0	212
ISSUED CITATION(S)	86	92	0	178
WARNING CITATION(S)	35	31	0	66
PATROLED MILE(S)	2306	2469	0	4775
ARREST(S)	23	15	0	38
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	12	10	0	22
ALARM(S)	6	8	2	16
ACCIDENT(S)	5	8	0	13
ANIMAL CALL(S)	3	0	0	3
MSD REPORT(S)	16	8	0	24
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)	1	1	0	2
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	6	3	0	9
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0		0	0

Approved by Chief Mark Rippe Date: 5-4-2021

CITY OF BLUFF CITY

Department Of Public Works Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly Report for April 2021

Sewer Department:

The sewer pump stations are operating well, with there being no issues currently regarding the pump stations, other than the garage pump station needing maintenance. We have received, and are currently operating the septic hauler truck. Scott Elliot is the operator of the Septic hauler and currently holds all license required to operate the vehicle. Lights that were out on the truck have been replaced with LED lights along with other small equipment that are needed for operation.

Street Department:

The Staff has been working hard keeping up with the brush pick up in town. Brush pick up will be prioritized by work orders first before all non-work order jobs. We will begin paving and patching around town as soon as weather permits.

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

Allen Moultrie
Public Works Supervisor