

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

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

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

Eric Ward and Richard Bowling were absent.

Prayer was given by Vice Mayor Ray Harrington, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Remarks from District Attorney General- Barry Staubus

Mr Staubus stated the last time I was here was to get the Boards approval for the settlement. We did settle that and those monies have been paid out. I have been going to various meetings to discuss what I would like to see done and what I think a lot of other community leaders would like to see done with some of that money. The idea I have is that there is a prison facility near Roan Mountain that is closing down. It is in good shape. Our idea is we would like to get possession of that from the State, if they would give it to us. We would like to establish a long term rehabilitative regional facility. This means that in the counties that filed the lawsuit, the judges, who have drug court programs which only hold about 25 people, envision that they would take good candidates that may have criminal charges or criminal convictions and have drug addictions and let them go to that facility. Mr Staubus stated that some insurances pay up to 30 days and that is not going to work as opioid's are very addictive and it sometimes takes 12 to 14 months to overcome the addiction. They will also get vocational training during their stay. They will also have mental health counselling. This way we could have 200 to 250 people in the program instead of 25 people. We could not only get the program started but keep it going. That is the vision that I have for the monies from the settlement. We are just asking if you would be agreeable to contribute. There are no strings attached to the money, but what we are trying to find out through the counties and cities that were part of the lawsuit, if they are interested in this. Alderwoman Keith stated I love that vision, I think that would be wonderful. Mayor Wells stated I thought the regional meeting was very good, and that was explained real well. We need to help our own and not count on everybody else.

Discussion / Action – Mattern & Craig, Dave Wilson, Engineer

Mr Wilson was present to discuss getting the Rural Development Project back under way. We had a preliminary meeting on September 23 with Thomas Construction. Mr Wilson stated I anticipated they were going to be here this evening, but they have had an accident on the jobsite with injuries, and they are attending to that. They have indicated that the materials for the pump station have been ordered. They should be able to begin right away on the water line work using materials we had on hand, while waiting on the garage pump station materials to arrive. They had no problem with the schedule.

Mr Wilson stated we have a couple of other items outstanding, the man hole rebid and Chinquapin Booster. Mr Wilson asked if they had any questions. Mayor Wells stated you might want to let them know when the bid closes.

Mr Wilson stated October 14<sup>th</sup> and it is going to be our 3<sup>rd</sup> go around. Hopefully we will receive bids.

Discussion / Action – Thomas Construction – No one present

Citizen Comments – None

Discussion / Action – Betsy Carrier- Decided to wait until next meeting

Report from Mayor/City Manager- Irene Wells

Mayor Wells stated we have a lot of things going on in the city and we have been trying to get swings from Sullivan County. We do have money in the budget for swings if we don't soon find out something from them.

Report from City Attorney – Paul Frye

Mr Frye reported that we have collected a little over \$12,000.00 this month in delinquent property taxes.

Report from City Recorder/CMFO – Sharon Greene

Ms Greene presented the following fund balances as of August 31, 2021:  
General Fund-\$1,912,863.00, Sanitation Fund - \$31,870.00, Special Police Fund - \$13,810.00,  
Debit Service - \$107,284.00, Sinking Fund - \$3,094.00, Water/Sewer Fund - \$829,104.00.  
Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Alderman Broyles. Second by Vice Mayor  
Harrington. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice  
Mayor Harrington – Yes. Motion carried.

Comments from Board Members

Alderwoman Keith greeted everyone. Mrs Keith stated I was at a funeral service and someone said something nice about our town. They said you must really have a good board now, everybody must be getting along because I don't see Bluff City in the paper like I used to. Mrs Keith stated to the Board members, let's continue to stand up, speak up and speak out for what is right. Let's continue to work together. Let's get some things done.

Alderman Broyles thanked everyone for coming. Mr Broyles stated I would like to mention John Crawford who is at Vanderbilt recovering.

Vice Mayor Ray Harrington thanked everyone for coming out. Bluff City is moving in the right direction. We are getting a lot of good news from Barry (Staubus). We have just got to keep moving forward for Bluff City doing what's right.

Report from Chief of Police Greg Depew

Mayor Wells stated that Chief Depew is out of town, and she would be reading his report for September, 2021. Mayor Wells read the report. (SEE ATTACHED)

Report from Public Works Supervisor – Allen Moultrie

Mr Moultrie was at the water plant.

Report from Water Plant Operator -- Terry Banner

Mr Banner stated that we are keeping the water tank at an average of 48 to 46 feet at all times. We were down a couple of days at the very 1<sup>st</sup> of September, doing the State back washes.

Mr Banner stated we got the lead and copper test results back and no results were high on lead or copper.

Report from Sullivan County Commissioner – Hershhal Glover

Mr Glover stated I did receive your letter on the swings and playground equipment. Mr Glover stated they are still working on deed searches to show what belongs to the school system and what belongs to the county. I don't think anything has been decided on any of that yet. They will probably know in the next month or so. Mr Glover asked what kind of funding, cost wise, are you looking at for the swing sets if you purchase them out of your General Fund. Mayor Wells stated it was like \$20,000.00. We were hoping they would donate those.

Mr Glover stated Mr Staubus has worked very hard on the idea of a Rehabilitation Center as we do not have one in this area now. The Sullivan County Commission will have a workshop next Thursday at 6:00. On the 15<sup>th</sup> we have a Finance Committee meeting after our work session. Mr Glover stated I would encourage everyone to attend that meeting.

Mr Glover stated you mentioned Betsy Carrier. They are doing a phenomenal job with this museum. Mayor Wells stated she is so excited. Alderwoman Keith stated in reference to the swing set, you don't really know when you will have any information on that. Mr Glover stated no. Mayor Wells stated I have also sent letters to the School Board.

Old Business

Alderwoman Keith stated I want to see something happening about the swing set. I would like for all of us to meet sometime and look at the grounds where it's going to be. I don't know exactly where it's going to be. Mayor Wells stated that it has been hard to buy new things as they are on backorder. Alderwoman Keith stated we could put the bench down there. I want to see the grounds and see something done. Mrs Keith stated we could buy the swings. Mayor Wells stated if we can get those and put swings in 2 different areas. I already asked for some other things from the School Board.

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Mayor Wells stated Dave talked about Main Street and that is very important. Thomas Construction is supposed to start between the first to the middle of November and they don't think it will be a long drawn out process.

#### New Business

Alderman Keith stated we need to get together about bonuses too. Mayor Wells asked the Board if they had a problem with having the Workshop one day this week and have a Special Called Meeting immediately following. Alderman Broyles stated no. Mayor Wells asked what day they would want to have the Workshop and Meeting. The Board decided on the following Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote went as follows: Alderman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

  
Richard Bowling, Mayor/City Manager

Attest this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022

  
Sharon Greene, Recorder/CMFO



# Bluff City Police Department



MONTHLY REPORT  
2021 September

Year Month

| NUMBER OF:             | CITY | PINEY | COUNTY | TOTAL |
|------------------------|------|-------|--------|-------|
| CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S) | 85   | 79    | 0      | 164   |
| ISSUED CITATION(S)     | 105  | 113   | 0      | 218   |
| WARNING CITATION(S)    | 36   | 39    | 0      | 75    |
| PATROLED MILE(S)       | 2345 | 2773  | 0      | 5118  |
| ARREST(S)              | 20   | 14    | 0      | 34    |
| OFFENSE REPORT(S)      | 15   | 10    | 0      | 25    |
| ALARM(S)               | 6    | 8     | 4      | 16    |
| ACCIDENT(S)            | 8    | 4     | 0      | 12    |
| ANIMAL CALL(S)         | 3    | 0     | 0      | 3     |
| MSD REPORT(S)          | 15   | 13    | 0      | 28    |
| FUNERAL ESCORT(S)      | 2    | 1     | 0      | 3     |
| DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)    | 6    | 3     | 0      | 9     |
| 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)      | 5    | 3     | 0      | 8     |
| USE OF FORCE REPORT(S) | 0    | 0     | 0      | 0     |

Approved by: Asst. Chief J. A.

Date: 9/30/2021



# Bluff City Police Department



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*September 2021*

*Open Active Investigation cases – 22*

*New cases in September - 6*

*Cases closed in September – 6*

*Arrest Warrants issued from September cases – 2*

*Active Drug Cases – 4*