

Minutes  
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
Special Called Meeting  
April 26, 2022

Vice Mayor Broyles called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Members present were: Carol Keith, Jeff Broyles, and Ben Adams

Members absent: Sandra Madison and Eric Ward

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

Vice Mayor Broyles opened the floor for the following:

**Citizen Comments**

Bryan Glover, 453 Shawnee Drive, was present to update the Board about the alleyway behind his house. Mr Glover reported that the trees they have talked about actually belong to someone that resides on Cherokee Drive. Mr Glover stated that he has talked to his neighbors and they have no problem with it. Mr Glover stated I would like to buy the entire strip at a fair market value. Mr Glover explained that the city would not need an easement if he purchased the entire strip of property. City Attorney Paul Frye stated there are no utilities in that alley. City Attorney Paul Frye explained what they would have to do to make the sale. Mr Frye stated we would have to declare that surplus property. After that Mr Glover would need to make the City a money offer and he would be responsible for any deeds or expense. Alderwoman Keith stated if the Board would go along with it, we would vote on it, correct. Vice Mayor Broyles stated yes. Alderman Adams stated the biggest concern I had was the tree issue and leaving us with just a little square liability. If the trees are not on that property and he is willing to buy the whole thing that alleviates a lot of what my concerns were. Vice Mayor Broyles explained if they vote yes the process will move forward. If you vote no we will respectively decline Mr Glover's offer. Motion to make the property surplus was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second was made by Alderman Adams. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

**Discussion / Action – Special Called Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2022**

Motion to approve was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second by Alderman Adams. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

**Discussion / Action – City of Bluff City-American Rescue Plan (ARP) Administration Agreement**

Ken Ray with First Tn. Development District explained that they are a Regional Government Organization and Mayors from 8 counties and 20 municipalities make up their board. We offer services to the local governments and have worked with Bluff City on several projects. Mr Ray stated there are to pots of funds. Mr Ray stated the first pot is the local ARP funds which Bluff City received half of the allotment. The second pot of money is through the State of Tennessee and is being administered by TDEC (Tenn. Dept. of Environment and Conservation). Those funds are a little over \$747,000.00 and must be used for water/sewer improvement. To determine the use of funds there is a document called a Utility Score Card and any utility has to complete this score card. We are encouraging communities to be on the front end of this.

There is a 15% match on these funds and you can use the first funds you received to pay the 15%. Mr Ray explained that their agency FTDD, would administer the funds for 3% of the total project cost. CMFO Sharon Greene stated this 3% agreement, is this for the TDEC. I thought it was just on the Federal money. We haven't discussed anything about the TDEC project. Mr Ray stated the main thing you will be using us for would be the TDEC because there are a lot of rules with it. We would not charge you on the local funds just on the TDEC funds. Vice Mayor Broyles stated we were under the impression you were talking about the initial funding and there has been no discussion by this board on the TDEC funding. Mr Broyles recommended that the board postpone this item. City Attorney Paul Frye stated I would need to review the contract too. Vice Mayor Broyles asked for a motion to postpone this item indefinitely. Motion was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second by Alderman Adams. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

#### Discussion / Action – Bid from Rice Construction for Sanitary Sewer Manhole Replacement

Vice Mayor Broyles stated this item was discussed in workshop in detail. Motion to approve bid in the amount \$14,378.00 was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

#### Discussion / Action – Nominal Payment Parcel

City Attorney Paul Frye stated Phil Addison, the man hired to do the negotiation to acquire the Right of way for a temporary construction easement. For the Moore property it is \$960.00 and for the Sharp property it is \$2,250.00. Vice Mayor Broyles stated the figures are less that previously viewed. Motion to approve the amounts was made Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

#### Discussion / Action – Resolution 2022-014

Vice Mayor Broyles stated I am the sponsor for this resolution and I withdraw it. We have run out of time with the Annual Session of the Tennessee Legislature and we will not be able to present this, this year. With your permission I will place this back on our workshop calendar and we will continue to work on the Charter Changes in the 2023 session.

#### Discussion / Action – Ordinance 2022-003

City Attorney Paul Frye read the Ordinance which is an ordinance to amend Ordinance 2021-008 known as the Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022. Mr Frye reported this is for the lawn mower they had discussed in previous meetings and the cost is \$12,319.00. Motion to approve was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second by Alderman Adams. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

#### Discussion / Action – Selection of an Engineering Firm for the TDOT Multi-Modal Grant

Vice Mayor Broyles stated this project would be managed by TDOT. Mr Broyles stated TDOT has a recommended list of engineering firms. They have suggested that Mattern & Craig manage

this. They would work directly for TDOT not us. There would be a different engineer other than Dave Wilson and the water and sewer folks. Alderwoman Keith asked if that was going to be in writing, because we have dealt with them for years and we have wasted so much money. Vice Mayor Broyles stated it will be managed by TDOT and everything is in writing. Alderwoman Keith asked City Attorney Paul Frye how he feels about this. Mr Frye stated TDOT is going to be managing it. They have managed other grants we have gotten and what they do is turn it over to us at the end of it. Motion to select Mattern & Craig as the engineering firm was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.


Discussion / Action - Renew employee's Health Insurance with United Healthcare as of May 1, 2022

CMFO Sharon Greene stated we went over this in the workshop. It is going to be an increase of \$31.97 per employee. That is a total of \$383.64 per year, per employee. Vice Mayor Broyles stated this is a minimal increase compared to bigger companies. Mr Broyles stated I have talked to employees and they really like the program and would like to stay on it. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Vice Mayor Broyles – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

With no other business Vice Mayor Broyles adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

  
Richard Bowling, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022

  
Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO