

Minutes  
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
Special Called Meeting  
August 23, 2022

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

Members present were Carol Keith, Sandra Madison, Ben Adams and Heather Moritz

Mayor Broyles presented a prayer that was uttered by Abraham Lincoln to the Legislator in 1801, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Broyles introduced Nick Castle, representative for our Senator Bill Hagerty and Cody Woods, representative for our Congresswoman Diana Harshbarger. Mr Castle and Mr Woods both thanked the board for having them and stated if there was anything they could help with, let them know.

Mayor Broyles opened the floor for the following:

Citizen Comments

Shirley Clark of 932 Lona Lane asked if they had followed up on the speed bumps she had asked about. Mayor Broyles stated I have a meeting with the Municipal Transportation Authority coming up soon. We will discuss that in a public forum. Mrs Clark asked to speak when they get to the open alderman spot. Mayor Broyles stated you are on the schedule Mrs Clark.

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Highway stated on the agenda for the votes to increase the water and sewer rates, was the water rate 4% also, so it would be a total of 8% increase. Mayor Broyles stated we are not required to answer questions, just hear comments. Mrs Payne asked why the Budget was first on the agenda unless everyone already knows that the increase for 009 and 010 are going to pass. Mrs Payne stated the \$5,000.00 going to the pump station every month, how many months have we been paying that. Alderwoman Keith stated I understand your concern about the water issue. This is not the Boards fault. These things have taken place back through the years. We are working hard to fix what should have been fixed a long time ago.

Julie Venable of 209 Smith Street Ext stated the water that we do have to buy has an odor and taste. Mrs Venable stated we should have never torn down the sewer plant.

Jerry Malone of 372 Smith Street thanked the Board for the dedication they gave to Mrs Green (Martha). We can do stuff like that every month. Mr Malone thanked the board for their support of the museum.

Discussion / Action – Alderman Vacancy Interviews and Potential Appointments

Alderwoman Madison asked if they could hold off on this or do they have to do it tonight.

Alderwoman Keith stated if we could table it because I would love to look over this. Motion to postpone was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith- Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Adams – Yes and Alderwoman Moritz – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action/ Public Hearing / Second Reading – Ordinance 2022-007

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is known as the Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023. Public Hearing opened at 6:17 pm. No comments. Hearing closed at 6:18 p.m. Motion to approve on Second Reading was made by Vice Mayor Adams. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith- Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Adams – Yes and Alderwoman Moritz – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion/ Action /Public Hearing – Second Reading – Ordinance 2022-009

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which Establishes Sewer Rates for Customers Inside and Outside the Corporate Limits of the Town of Bluff City. Public Hearing opened at 6:20 p.m. Julie Venable asked about the higher water rates outside the city limits. Mayor Broyles stated we are voting on the sewer rates. Mrs Venable stated okay outside sewer rates. Mayor Broyles stated it is not applicable outside the corporate limits. Hearing closed at 6:22 p.m. Motion to approve on Second Reading was made by Vice Mayor Adams. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith- No, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Adams – Yes and Alderwoman Moritz – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion /Action / Public Hearing – Second Reading – Ordinance 2022-010

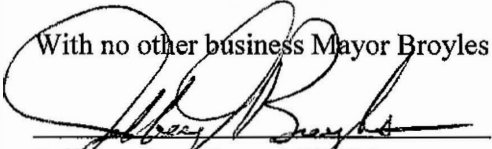
City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which Establishes User Rates for Customers Inside and Outside the Corporate Limits of the Town of Bluff City. Public Hearing opened at 6:23 p.m. No Comments. Hearing closed at 6:24 p.m. Motion to approve on Second Reading was made by Vice Mayor Adams. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith- No, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Adams – Yes and Alderwoman Moritz – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Ceremony for Former Mayor Irene Wells

Alderwoman Keith asked Mayor Broyles if he received the text in reference to the invitation. Mayor Broyles stated I remember the text. Alderwoman Keith stated is it going to be okay or if the Board is going to want to be a part of it. Did that meet with the Boards approval? That way we can go forward with that. Mayor Broyles read the text. Alderwoman Keith stated I wanted the Board to be included if they wanted to be included on it.

Mayor Broyles stated in regard to my position on the Board, yes absolutely. Alderwoman Keith stated when I get it together I will bring it before the Board. We can plan it all together. Alderwoman Keith asked if there could be a ground breaking ceremony. Mayor Broyles stated it could but the playground equipment is not going to be down there until about October 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Keith stated I know that but why can't there be a ground breaking. Mayor Broyles stated in my role as Town Manager, the Town Manager is in full support of your effort and the staff will be glad to help us.

With no other business Mayor Broyles adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.



Jeff Broyles, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2022



Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO