

Minutes  
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
Special Called Meeting  
June 30, 2023

Mayor Broyles called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members present were Julie Venable, Sandra Madison, Carol Keith and Ben Adams

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

Mayor Broyles opened the floor for the following:

First Session Public Comments:

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Hwy stated Kingsport did not raise their taxes and hoped the board would consider that tonight. Ms Payne stated I thought you all were agreeing on 4% for water and 4% for sewer but I read in the paper it was 8% for each.

Shirley Clark of 932 Lona Lane stated I did attend the last work session and I heard the CMFO add up Alderwoman Venables bill. You added up her water and her sewer amount and you multiplied it times 8% not 16%. To me that means it's 4% water and 4% sewer. Mayor Broyles stated they will both increase 8%.

CMFO Sharon Greene stated we added the 2 figures together times 8%. If you go 8% times the water and 8% times the sewer, it's still the same. Mrs Clark stated so that's the answer to the citizens, just the total of 8% not 16%.

David Harmon of 200 Holston Drive stated it's 8% on water so if your water bill says \$20 its going up \$1.60 and then sewer is \$40 it's going up \$3.20 making the total bill go up \$4.80. Mayor Broyles stated without calculating, approximately.

Discussion / Action: First Reading – Ordinance 2023-05

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is an Appropriation Ordinance and Real and Personal Property Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024. The amount would be \$1.30 per hundred. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Venable. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Venable – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – No, Alderman Adams – Yes.  
Motion carried.

Discussion / Action: First Reading – Ordinance 2023-06

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which sets Sewer Rates for Customers Inside and Outside the Corporate Limits of the Town of Bluff City. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Venable. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Venable – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – No, Vice Mayor Keith – No and Alderman Adams – Yes.

With there being a tie vote, Mayor Broyles voted Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action: Public Hearing and Second Reading – Ordinance 2023-04

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which approves Payment of an Outstanding Balance (Town's Responsibility) of \$106,889.41 for the USDA Rural Development Project, Phase III from the Water / Sewer Fund. Public Hearing opened at 4:20 p.m. No comments. Hearing closed at 4:21 p.m. Motion to approve on Second Reading was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Vice Mayor Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Venable – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – Yes and Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action: Public Hearing and Second Reading– Ordinance 2023-07

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which Sets Water Rates for Customers Inside and Outside the Corporate Limits of the Town of Bluff City. Public Hearing opened at 4:22 p.m. No comments. Hearing closed at 4:23 p.m. Motion to approve on Second Reading was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Venable. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Venable – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – No, Vice Mayor Keith – No and Alderman Adams – Yes. With there being a tie vote, Mayor Broyles voted Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action: Public Hearing and Second Reading- Ordinance 2023-08

Mayor Broyles read the ordinance which Sets Garbage Collection Fees within the Town of Bluff City. Public Hearing opened at 4:24 p.m.

Shirley Clark of 932 Lona Lane stated I do agree with this ordinance. I called and spoke with Cox Disposal. I believe he had no choice but to increase his fees. If people can't afford that they can take it to the dump site on Raytheon Road and it is \$1.00 per bag.

Justin Widener of 364 Cedar St stated with this increase I would like for them to respect our property more. I have gone thru 4 trash cans in the last year because they throw them and they break.

Alderwoman Venable stated it (garbage fee) is quite a bit higher but you would have to keep it a month to make it worthwhile to go to the dumpsite. As for the garbage cans, on my street they lean it against the bank and sometimes the wind will blow it into the street.

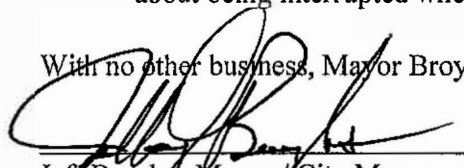
With no other comments, Public Hearing was closed at 4:27 p.m. Motion to approve on Second Reading was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Venable – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – No, and Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

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Second Session – Public Comments

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Hwy stated if you look around and see how many people attend these meetings, I attend these meetings to represent the citizens that don't come. Ms Payne voiced concern about being interrupted when she is speaking.

With no other business, Mayor Broyles adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.



Jeff Broyles, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023



Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO