

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Special Called Meeting
October 24, 2023

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

Members present were 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 4818 Bluff City Hwy voiced concern about Ordinance 2023-016 which is to update the Zoning Ordinance that passed on first reading on August 1st 2023. Meeting on September 5th Public Hearing / Second Reading it did not pass because the Board Members had not received a copy of it. Mrs Payne voiced concern about new members voting on it.

Discussion / Action: Resignation of Alderwoman Julie Venable

Mayor Broyles asked for a motion to accept her resignation. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Vice Mayor Keith, stating since this is what she wanted, I second it. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – Yes and Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried. Mayor Broyles thanked Ms Venable for her service to the town. Vice Mayor Keith thanked Ms Venable stating she loved all the employees and was always there.

Discussion / Action: Board of Mayor and Aldermen Appointments

Mayor Broyles asked if any legitimate voting citizens of the Town of Bluff City interested in being appointed as a member of this Board. Mayor Broyles stated I will allow both candidates to come to the podium for up to 5 minutes and speak to the Board as to why you would like to join us. The first candidate came forward stating my name is Lisa Arnold and I was raised in Bluff City. Ms Arnold spoke of learning what is best for Bluff City. Vice Mayor Keith asked if she would stand up, speak up and speak out for what is right. Ms Arnold stated yes. Mayor Broyles called Carolyn Payne to speak. Mrs Payne stated I will first answer Vice Mayor Keith's question. I already stand up, speak up and speak out and I have been doing it from down here for a very long time. I ask questions because I know they need to be asked. Mayor Broyles asked if there were any other candidates that need to be recognized. There were none.

Mayor Broyles opened the floor for nominations. Alderman Adams nominated Lisa Arnold for the position. Second by Vice Mayor Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – Yes and Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Broyles put the meeting into recess and asked Ms Arnold to approach. Mayor Broyles swore Ms Arnold in as Alderwoman.

Discussion / Action: First Reading- Ordinance 2023-009: Updated Zoning Ordinance

Mayor Broyles stated that this comes with a positive recommendation from the Planning / Zoning Commission. We worked on the update for several months. Mayor Broyles stated that full ordinance is available for you to read at any time. Motion to approve on First Reading was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Vice Mayor Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes and Alderwoman Arnold – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action: First Reading – Ordinance 2023-010

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which Amends Section 12-401, The Bluff City Municipal Code Dealing With Standard Building Codes. Mr Frye stated this is adopting a newer version of the code as we have to, every 7 years, and this is the 2018 code. Motion to approve on First Reading was made by Vice Mayor Keith. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes and Alderwoman Arnold – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action: First Reading – Ordinance 2023-011 – Update - Property Maintenance Code

City Attorney Paul Frye stated this is an update from the 2012 to the 2018 Property Maintenance Code. Motion to approve on First Reading was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes and Alderwoman Arnold – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action: First Reading – Ordinance 2023-012- Amend Annual Budget

Mayor Broyles stated looking at this it is necessary for us to move \$13,200.00 to the Police Machinery and Equipment Line in the budget. We have a need to replace radar equipment in our police cars. Vice Mayor Keith asked how many are they looking at purchasing. Mayor Broyles stated at this time only 2, but most were purchased at the same time. Motion to approve on First Reading was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Arnold. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes and Alderwoman Arnold – Yes. Motion carried.

Second Session Public Comments

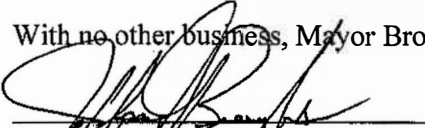
David Harmon of 200 Holston Drive stated I thought the police department got a bunch of money from a drug bust. Mayor Broyles stated that the money that comes through the DTF for the Drug Fund can only be used for drug related things, not for general purchasing for the Police Department.

Lori Staton of 4348 Bluff City Highway asked how many positions are open for alderperson. Mayor Broyles stated we now have 1 position open.

Shirley Clark of 932 Lona Lane stated when you have a new member on the board you might want to look at, they are not allowed to vote on Ordinances that are already proposed. They should just listen. I don't think it is appropriate for someone that has not been on the board be able to vote.

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Highway stated I just want to address the Agenda where it says Board of Mayor and Aldermen Appointment(s). I thought it was your intention to appoint 2 aldermen to the board. Alderman Adams stated that could be singular or plural. Mrs Payne voiced concern about the video of the work-session on September 28 at 4:00 pm not being posted on the web page because it has been recorded over. Mrs Payne voiced concern about closing down streets to allow the Family Committee to hold a Fall Festival. Vice Mayor Keith stated we had reserve officers down there and they did not get paid. I support the Family Committee. I saw a video of a booth there where they were taking donations for people in need.

With no other business, Mayor Broyles adjourned the meeting at 6:36 pm.



Jeff Broyles, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 24th day of October, 2023



Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO