

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Special Called Meeting
February 19, 2024

Mayor Broyles called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm

Members present Carol Keith, Ben Adams and Lisa Arnold

Sandra Madison was absent.

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 wanted to thank Sandra Madison for her service on the Board. Mrs Payne stated that she hopes the distribution of funds for TDEC Carter St and Water Plant Grants

Discussion / Action: First Reading – Ordinance 2024-001

City Attorney Paul Frye read the Ordinance which is to Create a Four Way Stop at the Intersection of Main Street and Holston Drive and Summit Drive. Motion to approve on First Reading was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Arnold. Vote went as follows: Vice Mayor Keith – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes, and Alderwoman Arnold – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action

Mayor Broyles presented the request for Board Authorization for Staff to Account for, Receive, and Distribute Funds from the TDEC Carter Street and Water Treatment Plant Grants, totaling \$1,204,400.00, with a 10% match from the City. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Vice Mayor Keith. Vote went as follows: Vice Mayor Keith – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes, and Alderwoman Arnold – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Broyles stated I will change the order of the next 2 items on the Agenda

Discussion / Action: Resignation of Alderwoman Sandra Madison

Mayor Broyles stated that he would like to recognize the excellent and continued service of Sandra Madison. She spent about 2 terms on the Board. She has always advocated for the citizen first. Alderwoman Madison wishes to resign as she has moved to Bristol, Tennessee and is not qualified to serve on the Board. Motion to accept her resignation was made by Alderwoman Arnold. Second by Vice Mayor Keith. Vote went as follows: Vice Mayor Keith stated I would like to say this first about Alderwoman Madison. She cared about the people and stood up for them. Vice Mayor Keith – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes, and Alderwoman Arnold – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Broyles stated in accepting Alderwoman Madison's resignation we now have 2 open positions on the Board. The first vacancy we will fill is that of Alderwoman Sandra Madison. Her term will expire in November 2026. Mayor Broyles asked if the Board had any suggestions for appointments to the Board. There were no discussions about appointments to the Board.

Second Session of Public Comments

David Harmon of 200 Holston Drive voiced concern about where the money was coming from to pay the 10% matching Grant.

Lori Staton of 4348 Bluff City Hwy stated I thought you were going to discuss the position open on the Board as she is very interested in the position of Alderwoman. I have lived her for nearly 30 years and I love this city. If you think I would be a good fit I hope you would consider me.

Carolyn Payne 4818 Bluff City Hwy voiced concern about the change in the Agenda. Mrs Payne stated to Mayor Broyles, first you stated the people had the right resumes for it. Then we went back to the way it was. Mrs Payne asked if we had purchased a DVR as we do not have the video of the work session of 2-2-2024 up yet.

Julie Venable 209 Smith Street Extension voice concern about the Board acting like Sandra Madison still lived in the City and being active on the Board. Ms Venable voiced concern about Mrs Arnold's job sometimes keeping her from coming to meetings.

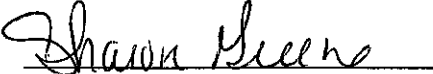
Mayor Broyles stated to City Attorney Paul Frye, the Board has indicated that the Discussion and Action Piece of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen Appointments were not able to be properly considered. Mayor Broyles asked Mr Frye if we were able to back up to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen Appoints. Mr Frye stated prior to adjournment you can.

Mayor Broyles stated as a point of my personal pleasure as Mayor, it is my Agenda and we will return to the Discussion / Action: Board of Mayor and Aldermen Appointments. Motion to appoint Lori Staton to the Board was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Vice Mayor Keith. Vote went as follows: Vice Mayor Keith – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes, and Alderwoman Arnold – Yes. Motion carried. Mayor Broyles recessed the meeting to get a copy of the oath of office. Mrs Staton was sworn in by Mayor Broyles.

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


Jeff Broyles, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 19th day of February, 2024


Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO