

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Special Called Meeting
June 27, 2024

Mayor Broyles called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Members Present were Jerry Malone, Lori Staton, Carol Keith, Ben Adams and Lisa Arnold

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

Mayor Broyles opened the floor for the following:

First Session – Public Comments

Julie Venable 209 Smith Street Ext asked if South Fork Utility and Bristol Bluff City Utility merge, is that going to affect us any even though you have a contract with Bristol Bluff City. Mayor Broyles stated he has met with Tim Hamm who is the Assistant Manager and Mr Jerry Buchanan who is the Chairman of the Board for Bristol Bluff City Utilities. They advised me this was a possibility. Mayor Broyles stated that it was a recommendation of the Comptroller's Office that they merge with a system, but no decisions have been made. There would be no affect to our agreement. Ms Venable stated I was just curious if they might try to use it to their advantage. Mayor Broyles stated no.

Justin Widener of 364 Cedar Street stated I haven't been here for a while due to work but I want to come before you to let you know I am running for Alderman and I would love a counter-part. I am going to say Ms Keith. I feel that a younger generation should have their opinion on this board. Mr Widener stated I don't agree with all that you are doing.

Carolyn Payne 4818 Bluff City Hwy stated she had researched and found that an average person uses 3000 gallons of water a month and a family of 4 uses about 12,000 gallons. Ms Payne stated on sewage an average person uses 1500 gallons a family of 4 is about 6000 gallons. Ms Payne continued by discussing outside usage.

Discussion / Action: First Reading – Ordinance 2024-004

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which Sets Water User Rates for Customers inside and Outside the Corporate City Limits of the Town of Bluff City, Tennessee. Motion to approve on First Reading, was made by Alderwoman Staton. Second by Alderman Malone. Vice Mayor Keith stated we have been on the Board for a while and I say this again, I do not agree with this and when you are on the Board for 5 minutes and you make a major decision that is going to put the citizens in hardship. Alderman Malone stated I have something to read. Mr Malone read the following: State Law requires that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Bluff City set water rates in order to provide revenue with which to satisfactorily operate and maintain the towns water system. If we don't raise the water rate, we will be \$67,000.00 in the red. Mayor Broyles stated we are not under an order to do it, but our Charter and the Tennessee State Constitution states what we do.

With a Motion and a Second on the floor the vote went as follows: Alderman Malone – Yes, Alderwoman Staton – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – No, Alderman Adams – Yes, Alderwoman Arnold – No. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – First Reading – Ordinance 2024-005

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which Sets Sewer User Rates for Customers Inside and Outside the Corporate Limits of the Town of Bluff City, Tennessee. Motion to approve on First Reading was made by Alderman Malone. Second by Alderman Adams. Vote went as follows: Alderman Malone – Yes, Alderwoman Staton – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – No, Alderman Adams – Yes, Alderwoman Arnold – No. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – First Reading- Ordinance 2024-006

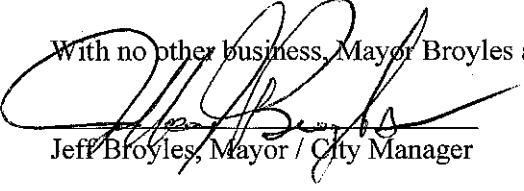
City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which Amends Section 17-111(1) of the Bluff City Municipal Code Regarding Garbage Collection Fees Within the Town of Bluff City, Tennessee. Mr Frye reported that the garbage collection fee will be \$22.00 per month. Motion to approve, on First Reading, was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Arnold. Vote went as follows: Alderman Malone – Yes, Alderwoman Staton – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – No, Alderman Adams – Yes, Alderwoman Arnold – Yes. Motion carried.

Second Session – Public Comments

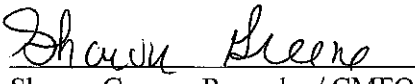
Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Hwy voiced concern about the Agenda she had stating it was different from the one they used. Ms Payne asked if they mean that everyone inside the city has to use and pay for the garbage. Mayor Broyles stated you are very good at researching and if you research the ordinance and it will tell you everything you need to know.

Todd Malone of 123 Hillcrest stated I would like to thank every one of the Board Members. I have been in your shoes. Making decisions for the city is not always easy. I do have a question about the garbage. I have heard that the increase includes a trash can. If so, I am against it because I feel that everybody should be responsible for their own property and be responsible for their trash. I appreciate your time and your efforts. Each one of you that sets on this Board, you've got a job and it is a big job. You're not serving one citizen you are serving all of them and you have to do what is right.

With no other business, Mayor Broyles adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm


Jeff Broyles, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 27th day of June, 2024


Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO