

Minutes
Special Called Meeting
March 4, 2010

Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were Melvin Carrier, J.C. Gentry, Robert Miller and Irene Wells. Mark Weaver was absent.

Mayor Malone had prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Malone said that he would be resigning as the Mayor effective at the adjournment of the meeting. Mayor Malone said that he would like to thank the citizens, city staff and board members for their support throughout his time as an official of Bluff City. Mayor Malone said that his resigning had nothing to do with any board member, city staff or citizen it is strictly personal.

Mayor Malone opened the floor for discussion/action of the temporary emergency line across the swinging bridge. Mayor Malone said that this was the reason why the agenda was made because originally the quote was \$28,557.50 to lay the waterline across the swinging bridge and that has changed. Mayor Malone said that the board had voted for up \$22,000.00 and some change. Mark Hill said that the original thought was around \$22,000.00 and the bid price came in at \$28,000.00 and they thought that was high so they called the contractor and get his reasons for it. Mr. Hill said that the reason was three deducts. Mr. Hill said that the city should take two of them and the other one they did not think the city should take. Mr. Hill said that one of the line items is a meter and that particular meter is a compound meter and is expensive and the Bristol-Bluff City Utility District wanted that in there so the contractor put it into his bid price but as it turns out Bristol-Bluff City has one of those meters and they are willing to give it to us for that side of the river. Mr. Hill said that the other deduct was the tapping method of the lines on both sides and by eliminating the hot tap this would reduce the price and that gets the price back down to \$20,000.00 and change. Mr. Hill said that the other item was to change the type of pipe from PVC SDR17 to SDR21 but they did not recommend that because the pressure rating on that pipe is lower and the savings is only \$300.00. Mr. Hill said that the quote now was \$20,360.00. Mr. Hill recommended that the city take the first two deducts and ignore the third. Mayor Malone said that if he was correct they would not have to re-vote on this. City Attorney McDaniel said no that the BMA had appropriated enough money for this. Alderwoman Wells asked how many quotes they got. Mr. Hill said that they solicited three quotes and Tipton was the only one who quoted. Alderwoman Wells asked what you usually had to do in an instance like that do you have to send out for more quotes. Mr. Hill said that the city had met the procurement laws simply requesting three quotes.

Mayor Malone presented Resolution No. 2010-7 which would authorize for budget amendments to the 2009/2010 budget. City Attorney McDaniel read the Resolution. Recorder Dulaney said that the BMA had voted to install the emergency waterline but they did not appropriate funds for this project. Recorder Dulaney proposed that instead taking the funds from unappropriated funds in the water/sewer fund that two salaries and benefits be moved from the water/sewer fund and put in the general fund for the remainder of the year and this is justified because these two employees also perform work in the general fund. . Alderman Carrier made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-7. Second by Alderman Miller.

Roll Call Vote:	Alderman Carrier	yes
	Vice-Mayor Gentry	yes
	Alderman Miller	yes
	Alderwoman Wells	yes

Mayor Malone said that he had talked to the Stormwater Coordinator today on the phone and when he hired her they had talked about the amount of hours in which she thought it would take to bring the stormwater in compliance with the permits and what needed to be done and she was originally working 20 hours a week at \$17.00 per hour. Mayor Malone said that they had discussed that once she got the program into compliance that she would be reducing her hours. Mayor Malone said that she had already made one step back as she has been working 16 hours a week. Mayor Malone said that she wanted to work 16 hours a month as she feels like she can maintain the city's stormwater permit with this many hours but she is asking \$560.00 monthly and anything above and beyond that she wants \$35.00 per hour. Mayor Malone said that he asked her today at which point did she think that she would be going above and beyond the 16 hours. Mayor Malone said that she said the only thing that she could think of was when the permit came due she may have to spend a few hours in doing that but she also stated that the new permit is going to require more due to big projects but she did not think that would be a big change in what our city is doing as far as a stormwater permit and the other thing would be heavy amounts of rainfall where she would have to come in and visit the sites as the permit requires. Mayor Malone said that she felt like she could handle this in 16 hours month vs. 16 hours per week. Mayor Malone said that the city would be saving right at \$500.00 per month. Mayor Malone opened up the floor to the board for discussion. Alderwoman Wells asked if there was no maximum number of hours at the \$35.00 per hour. Mayor Malone said not as of right now as she had not really set a max and the only thing that she

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told him today was that this would be approved through the city manager before any additional work would be done. Alderwoman Wells said that the only thing that concerned her was how much time might be involved when she starts working on the permit. Mayor Malone said that he had asked her about that and she said that she felt like she could do the permit within the 16 hours a month. Mayor Malone said that this was something that the board could either take action on tonight or they could wait until the next meeting if they want to look at other options or whatever as this is just a proposal. Alderman Miller asked if Ms. Ketron would be open to coming to the next meeting and addressing the board and answering questions. Mayor Malone said that he thought she would as she could tell the board more about what she had done. Alderman Miller stated that he was not so concerned with her reducing her hours but if something came exactly how much time are we talking about at that higher rate. Mayor Malone said that Sarah did not want to put the city in a situation where she would be freelancing and he felt like it would be in the best interest of the city to cut her hours if she felt like she could do the work in that amount of time. The board verbally agreed to put this on the next agenda.

Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Todd Malone, Mayor

ATTEST:

This 4th Day of March, 2010

Judy Dulaney, City Recorder