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Regular Meeting  
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
August 9, 2012

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

Members present were Melvin Carrier, Bryan Mullins, Lon Gene Leonard and Sheena Cornwell.

Robert Miller was absent.

Prayer was given by Sid Burnette, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for Citizen Comments- First Section. There were none.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2012-009 at 7:04 p.m. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which amends section 12-401 of the Bluff City Municipal Code Dealing with Standard Building Codes. There were no public comments, Mayor Wells closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-009 on second reading was made by Vice Mayor Leonard. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2012-010 at 7:06 p.m. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which establishes the Minimum Regulations Governing the Conditions and Maintenance of all Property, Building and Structures. There were no public comments, Mayor Wells closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-010 on second reading was made by Alderwoman Cornwell. Second by Alderman Mullins. Alderman Carrier abstained. All others in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2012-011 at 7:09 p.m. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which creates an Appeals Board for the Property Maintenance Code. There were no public comments, Mayor Wells closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m. Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-011 on second reading was made by Alderwoman Cornwell. Second by Vice Mayor Leonard. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells presented Ordinance 2012-012 to the BMA for consideration on First Reading. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance, which was the Appropriation's Ordinance for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2012-012 was made by Vice Mayor Leonard. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells presented Ordinance 2012-013 for first reading. City Attorney Paul Frye read Ordinance No. 2012-013, which was the Real and Personal Property Tax Levy Ordinance. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Leonard. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells presented Ordinance 2012-014 to the BMA for consideration on first reading. City Attorney Paul Frye read the Ordinance No. 2012-014, which sets Sewer Rates Inside and Outside City Limits. Motion to approve was made by Alderwoman Cornwell. Second by Vice Mayor Leonard. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells presented Ordinance 2012-015 to the BMA for consideration on first reading. City Attorney Paul Frye read the Ordinance No. 2012-0185, which sets Water Rates Inside and

Outside City Limits. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Mullins. Second by Alderwoman Cornwell. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells welcomed everyone. Mayor Wells reported the following: (SEE ATTACHMENT)

Attended the meeting at the First Tennessee Rural Planning Organization. Mayor Wells reported that Steve Allen with TDOT outlined the new direction of the board consideration changing the makeup of the board.

Attended the First Tennessee Development District Executive Committee meeting.

Sullivan County Mayor Godsey informed her that due to budget shortfalls and with both Bristol and Kingsport complaining that the county takes care of the Bluff City Library and not theirs, we may have some problems.

City Attorney Paul Frye stated that he had no report.

Comments from Aldermen:

1. Alderman Carrier thanked everyone for coming.
2. Alderman Mullins stated that it is good to see everybody and he hopes that we can do something to help the library stay open.
3. Vice Mayor Leonard thanked everyone for coming and invited them to come back.
4. Alderwoman Cornwell thanked everyone for coming out. Mrs. Cornwell reported that the Boy's and Girl's Club had met their goal of \$100,000, as the remaining funding of approximately \$14,000 came from the United Way of Bristol, and it will be opening when school starts.

City Manager Judy Dulaney reported the following:

1. They do not have a financial summary as they are in the middle of closing out the fiscal year and the computer will not let her generate anything from this year. Ms. Dulaney reported the cash balances.
2. Working on the information in reference to the pump stations.
3. Had a lot of overtime due to problems caused by the heavy rains.

Alderman Cornwell reported that due to the flooding there were people in her neighborhood that had mattresses and other items they needed to get rid of and she requested another Junk Pickup Day to help the residents. Vice Mayor Leonard asked City Manager Dulaney if she had any idea of what it would cost to do that. Ms. Dulaney stated probably approximately \$1,000 to \$1,200. Motion to approve another Junk Day was made by Alderman Cornwell. Second by Vice Mayor Leonard. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Leonard asked that the problem with the mud in the road in Union Park be addressed. City Manager Dulaney stated that she would have to get Todd Wood, the Storm Drain Coordinator, and Paul Frye involved. Ms. Dulaney stated that she would get Mr. Wood to look into it. Ms. Dulaney stated that another place in question is in Hillcrest near Wright Equipment.

Report from Public Works Director Ron Miller: (SEE ATTACHMENT)

1. Mr. Miller reported that there was a lot of extra work due to the heavy rains.
2. Mowing is back under control and thanked them for the extra employees that were hired.

Chief Depew reported that following: (SEE ATTACHMENT)

1. Everyone did a great job during the storms.
2. B-4 needs a video camera and presented a quote for \$3720.00 from Contego, for a Responder 1000. Asked that the board approve the purchase. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Cornwell. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Department is prepared for school to start back up and ready for the race.
4. Mayor Wells asked if the city is reporting severe accidents and fatalities to the state. Chief Depew reported that all wreck reports were sent to the state. Mayor Wells stated that there was a site that they wanted it reported on so they can monitor it.
5. 2 Officers attended DUI School at no charge.

Mayor Wells announced that County Commissioner Dwight King was unable to attend due to county budget meeting.

There was no Old Business.

In New Business, Alderman Cornwell reported that she had received a call from someone wanting to know how to reserve the pavilion to have a Corn Hole Tournament once a week.

City Manager Dulaney asked if it was for the weekends or during the week as it is usually booked on

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the weekend. Ms. Cornwell stated that they would be doing it in the grass. Ms. Dulaney stated that they need to come and talk to her about it.

Alderman Carrier stated that he had received a call from Betty Thomas about the bank washing out behind her house on Mill Street. City Manager Dulaney stated that the road is not in the city and the house is Mrs. Thomas's rental house so it is private property.

Alderwoman Cornwell asked if a drainage system evaluation in Union Park could be done. City Manager Dulaney stated that she would have the engineer look at it. Mayor Wells stated that they had someone come to the meeting and report that the drain on Lakeview Drive overflowed and ditched out part of their yard, and the property owner thinks that there needs to be a larger drain.

Ms. Dulaney stated that there is no drainage system that the city could install that would accommodate that much water, as flooding was all over this area during the storm.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for Citizen Comment- Second Section.

1. David Smith 200 Highland Circle complained that there were holes on Railroad Street and asked if we could patch them. Mr. Smith commended City Manager Dulaney on the fences that were installed at the park. Mr. Smith asked if they had found out anything about the old city hall building. Ms. Dulaney stated no.
2. Teresa McClahan with the Sullivan County Library was present if anyone had questions for her. Alderwoman Cornwell stated that she thought that the library in Bluff City was owned by the county and Kingsport and Bristol own their libraries, and does not understand why Mayor Godsey is referencing the Bristol and Kingsport libraries. Ms. McClahan stated that the county gives \$15,000 to both because the citizens are paying city and county taxes. City Manager Dulaney asked when the County's second reading on the budget was. Ms. McClahan stated that it passed on July 30<sup>th</sup> and the second reading should be on their next meeting.
3. Becky Buchanan of Drybranch Road stated that she did not think that it is fair to pay more for water outside the city. Mayor Wells stated that it had always been that way. City Manager Dulaney and City Attorney Paul Frye stated that it is that way in every city.
4. Betty O'Dell stated that she felt that the kids would enjoy the corn hole game and she supported keeping the library.

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With no other business, Mayor Wells adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest: This 9<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2012

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Judy Dulaney, City Recorder