

Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
November 8, 2012

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

Members present were Brian Mullins, Robert Miller, Lon Gene Leonard and Sheena Cornwell.

Melvin Carrier was absent.

Prayer was given by Brian Bolling, deacon at the First Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for the October 11, 2012 regular meeting were approved with a motion by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for Citizen Comments – First Section. Mike Miller, representative for the Bluff City Branch of the Sullivan County Library. Mr. Miller asked the board to consider appropriating \$10,000.00 in funding for the library. With no other comments, Mayor Wells closed the floor.

Mayor Wells introduced Ordinance 2012-017 to the BMA for consideration on first reading. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which amends the Cross Connection Ordinance. Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-017 on first reading was made by Vice-Mayor Leonard. Second by Alderman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells reported the following:

Thanked everyone for coming.

SEE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Report in reference to Networks Partnership.

Report in reference to First Tennessee Development District.

Letter to Eddy & Eddy CPA referencing question of possible fraud and asking if an independent auditor would be better as he is very involved with persons mentioned in letter.

City Attorney Paul Frye reported the following:

Matter of the City of Bluff City vs. Melvin Carrier regarding property maintenance codes, he has contacted Attorney Tom Sealy and he will have a suit ready to file next week to enforce action on the matter.

Matter of Irene Wells vs. the City of Bluff City, Tn. reflects that the commission has determined the complaint is dismissed.

Comments from the Aldermen:

Alderman Mullins thanked everyone for coming and stated that the suit against Mr. Carrier is going forward.

Alderman Miller thanked everyone for coming and stated that he was happy to have another legal matter behind them and the city can move forward.

Vice Mayor Leonard thanked everyone for coming and looks forward to seeing them next time.

Alderwoman Cornwell thanked everyone for coming.

Judy Dulaney was not present.

Public Works Director, Ron Miller reported the following:

Work on Highland and Lakeview Drive had been delayed due to equipment and personnel issues.

Mowing has tapered down but the brush and leaves are heavy as they are having to do that by hand.

Water tank maintaining at 55 to 57 feet.

SEE ATTACHMENT

Discussion was held on repairs for 1993 GMC Dump Truck. Vice Mayor Leonard made a motion to approve quote to repair the truck. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that the quote was for \$5,593.14. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to keep seasonal workers thru December was made by Alderman Mullins. Second by Alderman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Financial Report was approved with a motion by Alderman Miller. Second by Vice Mayor Leonard. All in favor.

Officer Brian Hubbard presented the Police Report in the absence of Chief Depew. SEE ATTACHED.

No county Commissioners were present.

Old Business. None

New Business. None

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

Mike Miller with the Morning view Cemetery Association thanked the police department for their patrolling of the cemetery as they have called them on damage done to a monument.


Julie Venable Carty, 209 Smith Street Extension asked which truck they voted to repair as they had discussed problems with both (a Ford and a GMC) Mrs. Carty was informed that the Ford was already being repaired and the quote was for the GMC.

Vice Mayor Leonard stated to Mayor Wells that he felt that she owed the citizens of Bluff City an apology for the thousands of dollars she has cost them due to the filing of the unwarranted complaint. Mr. Leonard stated that he felt that she owed the male members of this board an apology as they did not do anything. Mayor Wells stated that she did not have any comment at this time because that was his opinion. Mrs. Wells stated as you can see if Mr. Frye had read all of this it states that if she wishes to pursue the matter further she can and it lists 3 different things. Man from audience asked how much money they were talking about.

With no other business, Mayor Wells adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

  
Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012

  
Sandy Harkleroad, City Clerk