

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
December 13, 2012

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

Members Present were Bryan Mullins, Robert Miller, Lon Gene Leonard

Melvin Carrier and Sheena Cornwell were absent.

Prayer was given by Richard Boling, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for the November 8, 2012 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.

1. Julie Venable Carter of 209 Smith Street Extension asked that the following be discussed in Old Business.
 - Playground for children.
 - New sign for City Hall

Mrs. Carty stated that she hoped that the members of the board could be more tolerant and cordial to each other.

2. Dennis Wagner- Representative of the Bluff City Rescue Squad was present to see where they city stood on their request for money for tools as the quote was for \$19,500 and they have raised \$3,000.
3. David Smith of 200 Highland Circle asked Vice Mayor Leonard if he had talked to Senator Ramsey. Vice Mayor Leonard stated that he had called him and he has not called him back. Mr. Smith stated that they only had a few places to put the Memorial and they need to know what kind of equipment they will be given.
4. Teresa McMahan with the Sullivan County Library was present to give a report about the value of having the Bluff City Thomas Memorial Library. Ms. McMahan requested \$10,000 for the Library.
5. County Commissioner Dwight King stated that there had been talk about cutting the library from the county budget. Mr. King stated that it was brought up at a meeting that adjoining city's pay for their library, why couldn't Bluff City. Mr. King stated that the figure was \$106,000 to \$107,000 a year that Sullivan County put in for Bluff City's Library. Mr. King stated that the county was going to have to come up with some cuts.

Greg Weaver presented an update on the Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Weaver stated that the daily attendance had increased and they have over 100 children registered.

Dave Wilson, City Engineer reported the following:

1. The slope failure on Railroad Street was due to the type of material on the embankment and the water flow. Mr. Wilson stated that the recommendation was to follow the plan he had drawn up. Mr. Wilson stated that the estimated cost of project area 1 and project area 2 was \$91,000 with a 20% contingency. Mr. Wilson stated that they were ready to bid the project. City Manager Dulaney recommended that they approve the bid as the areas are getting worse. Ms. Dulaney stated that they have \$617,000 in the General Fund Operating Account to work with. Motion to bid the project was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. SCADA System (Telemetry control) for the water operations will be provided by Boggs Municipal. Mr. Wilson stated that they have to create an environmentally friendly place to install the system which will probably be an outdoor storage building which would also serve as an office at a cost of under \$10,000.
3. They received a call from John Barrett, Project Manager with TDEC, about relocating the 2 inch water line involved with the Route 11 and 19 interchange improvements. Mr. Wilson stated that the purpose of the call was to let him know that the letting of the project was being moved up to May 24th so the city needs to go ahead with the line relocation plans and submit them to TDEC by March for approval.
4. He spoke with Gray Stottard with First Tn. Development District about the BMA submitting another Block Grant Application. Mr. Stottard was unable to attend this BMMMA meeting.
5. Continuing to discuss funding from Rural Development for water projects and they would prefer a comprehensive type of project and it should be possibly in excess of one million dollars plus.
6. Met with Bakers Construction about the schedule for the shoreline stabilization completion and they know that it has to be completed before the water level rises. They also agreed to repave the parking area with no cost to the city.
7. Discussed the need to replace or rehabilitate the restrooms at the park.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2012-017 at 7:35 p.m. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which amends the Cross Connection Ordinance. There were no public comments. Mayor Wells closed the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

Mayor Wells presented Ordinance No. 2012-017 for consideration on second reading by the BMA. Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-017 on second reading, was made by Vice-Mayor Leonard. Second by Alderman Miller. Mayor Wells stated that there were spelling errors in this document and presented it to Ms. Dulaney. Ms. Dulaney asked Mayor Wells if she finds errors in the packet to let her or Mr. Frye know so they can correct it prior to the meetings. Mayor Wells stated that she only discovered them today. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells presented Resolution No. 2012-004, which was an appropriation of \$10,000 to the Bluff City Fire Department for consideration by the BMA. City Attorney Paul Frye read Resolution No. 2012-004. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor.

Mayor Wells presented Resolution 2012-005, which was an appropriation of \$5,000 to the Piney Flats Fire Department to the BMA for consideration City Attorney Paul Frye read Resolution No. 2012-005. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor.

Mayor Wells presented Resolution No. 2012-006, which was an appropriation of \$1,000 to the Bluff City Senior Citizens. City Attorney Paul Frye read Resolution No. 2012-006. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor.

Mayor Wells presented Resolution No. 2012-007, which was an appropriation of \$500 to the 2nd Harvest Food Bank. City Attorney Paul Frye read Resolution No. 2012-007. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor.

Mayor Wells presented Resolution 2012-008, which was an appropriation of \$1,000 to the Thomas Memorial Library to the BMA for consideration. City Attorney Paul Frye read Resolution No. 2012-008. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor.

Mayor Wells presented Resolution 2012-009, which was an appropriation of \$500 to the Bluff City Community Chest to the BMA for consideration. City Attorney Paul Frye read Resolution No. 2012-009. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor.

Mayor Wells presented Resolution 2012-010, which was an appropriation of \$2,000 to the Bluff City Rescue Squad to the BMA for consideration. City Attorney Paul Frye read Resolution No. 2012-010. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor.

Mayor Wells presented Resolution 2012-011, which was an appropriation of \$ 2,500 to the Children's Advocacy Center to the BMA for consideration. City Attorney Paul Frye read Resolution No. 2012-011. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor.

Mayor Wells presented Resolution 2012-012, which was an appropriation of \$5,000 to the Bluff City Boys and Girls Club to the BMA for consideration. City Attorney Paul Frye read Resolution No. 2012-012. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor.

Mayor Wells presented Resolution 2012-013, which was an appropriation of \$5,000 to the East Tn. Youth Baseball League to the BMA for consideration. City Attorney Paul Frye read Resolution No. 2012-013. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor.

Mayor Wells reported the following:

1. Attended aTML meeting at the Bristol Motor Speedway

2. Attended First Tn. Development District Open House.
3. Attended Networks Partnership meeting.
4. Asked City Manager Dulaney if the census had been sent in. Ms. Dulaney stated that it would be by tomorrow. Mayor Wells stated that they sent her another letter.

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

City Attorney Paul Frye reported the following:

1. In the matter of Bluff City vs. Melvin Carrier, the suit has been filed in Chancery Court.
2. In the matter of Irene Wells vs. Bluff City before the U.S EEOC we have received a Notice of Dismissal and Notice of Rights if Mrs. Wells is dissatisfied with that she can file a lawsuit in Federal Court within 90 days.

Comments from Aldermen:

Alderman Mullins thanked everyone for coming.

Alderman Miller thanked everyone and thanked Paul Frye as well.

Vice-Mayor Leonard thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Report from City Manager Judy Dulaney:

1. Working closely with engineer on the projects he reported on.
2. Presented Financial Report.
3. City is covered under TML Pool with disaster preparedness and recovery program.
4. Ms. Dulaney left her seat on the podium and addressed the BMA from the citizen podium and told Mayor Wells that she did not appreciate the allegations made towards her in a letter to Bruce Shine, Attorney at Law with regards to what it would take for the Mayor not to sue the city.
5. At the advice of the auditors from now on, before approving financial records, this will be the mitigation statement that will be made at each meeting." I have submitted the financial reports for all funds and cash balances to the BMA on December 11, 2012 prior to the meeting for their review. All of the bank statements, reconciliations, deposits, invoices and journal entries are reviewed by the Board's designee, Vice-Mayor Leonard who also has cosigned all checks with the city manager for the month of November. "

6. Submitted Financial Reports for approval. Motion to approve financial reports was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor. Motion approved.

Report from Public Works Director Ron Miller:

SEE ATTACHED

Report from Chief of Police Depew:

1. ATTACHED – MONTHLY REPORT
2. Parade went well. Reserves are helping a great deal.
3. City was awarded 2 vehicles from seizures.
4. Presented program for Law Enforcement Assistance. This is a military program where they could get some items for free and when through with them they just have to give it back. This could be night vision equipment, firearms, etc. This would be like a loan program.
5. Approved for Governors Highway Safety Grant.
6. Using electronic accident reporting with Titan software.

Motion to approve pursuing the program for Law Enforcement Assistance was made by Alderman Miller. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor. Motion carried.

Report from County Commissioner Dwight King:

1. Things are tough at county with budget. They changed insurance companies and did not have to raise employee's rates but raised copays.
2. Bell Helicopter in Piney Flats is expanding. Increasing job force by 125.
3. Bass Pro Shop locating in county.
4. Mayor Wells asked if there was going to be any money for the park. Mr. King stated that they managed to save half of it but is unsure what they will end up with.

Old Business. There was none.

New Business. There was none.

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

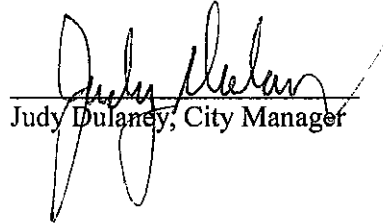
1. Julie Venable Carty stated that she was disappointed on how the money for the organizations was given out and felt that the Rescue Squad, Library and Community Chest should have gotten more.

Mayor Wells adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest: This 13th Day of December, 2012



Judy Dulaney, City Manager