

Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
July 11, 2013

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

Members present were Melvin Carrier, Ray Harrington, Bryan Mullins, Lon Gene Leonard and Richard Bowling.

Prayer was given by Deacon Richard Bowling, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

No minutes – Not complete

Mayor Wells opened the floor for Citizen Comments – First Section.

1. Mrs. Buchanan asked if the city could put a port-a- john at the park for people to use. City Manager Dulaney reported that they need to understand that if it is vandalized the city would have to pay for it. Mayor Wells stated that she wondered if any company has insurance on them. Ms. Dulaney stated that she could check into the cost if it had to be replaced and let them know. Motion to approve rental of porta john for the park was made by Alderman Carrier. Second by Alderman Mullins. Vote went as follows. Alderman Carrier – Yes, Alderman Mullins – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Leonard-No, Alderman Bowling – No he wanted to know the replacement cost first. Motion Carried.

2. Betty O'Dell stated that she was not for a porta- john at the park. Mrs. O'Dell asked if the city had an ordinance about firecrackers inside the city. Mayor Wells stated that this was on the agenda for discussion.

3. Yvonne Rose 305 Smith Street stated that her water bill went from \$92.00 and 2 weeks later it was to \$534.00 and 2 weeks later it was \$704.00. Mrs. Rose stated that she had no leaks and she can't pay that bill. Alderman Leonard asked if the meter had been checked and City Manager Dulaney stated that Sandy was probably the one she had talked to so she doesn't have enough information to advise them. Mrs. Rose stated that she got a form today to fill out for an adjustment. Mrs. Rose was informed that the city would come and check the meter.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Resolution 2013-003. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013. Motion to approve Resolution 2013-003 was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action – Fireworks in Bluff City. Alderman Mullins stated that he agreed with Mrs. O'Dell as the fireworks went on before and after the 4<sup>th</sup> and up into the night. Vice Mayor Harrington asked if they could put a cap on them like at 10:00 p.m. Mr. Mullins stated that there was a noise ordinance that was for no noise after 10:00 p.m... Alderman Bowling stated that a citizen came to him with a bundle of bottle rockets that he got off his house the day after the 4<sup>th</sup>. BMA requested that City Attorney Frye investigate what other cities do. Mr. Frye stated that he would and report to them at the next meeting.

Mayor Wells reported the following:

1. Attended the Planning Commission meeting and the discussed a 4 apartment complex changing to small business offices and no action was taken. Judy Dulaney discussed building permits when it is an act of God or beyond someone's control and no action was taken until more information is obtained from other cities.
2. Attended First Tn. Dev. District meeting.

City Attorney Paul Frye had no report.

Comments from Aldermen.

Alderman Carrier was glad to see everybody.

Alderman Mullins was glad to see everyone and he appreciates them.

Vice-Mayor Harrington was glad to see everyone and would like to see more. Mr. Harrington wanted to remind everyone that Remember Banty Day was July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Leonard had no comment.

Alderman Bowling was glad to see everyone but wished that all the seats were filled.

City Manager Judy Dulaney reported the following:

1. Working on the budget and hopefully within the next 2 weeks she will be ready to present the first draft with the BMA
2. Audit is in progress.
3. Working with Rural Development on a loan / grant in the water and sewer which will be a 35% grant and the interest rate would be 2.75% over a period of 38 years. Projects include a reservoir at the water plant for the chlorine contact time, reservoir to the Hillcrest Area and seeing if some of the money can be used to purchase lines from Johnson City if this goes thru and they can get the tank.
4. Company that was contracted to run the water plant has broken the contract and is no longer with the city. Donna Lawson has agreed to run the water plant on a part time basis with one city employee to assist her.
5. Financial reports for June 2013- Cash balances are as follows: General Fund Operating Acct. - \$ 221,892.41, General Fund Savings Acct.- \$145,543.47, Sanitation Fund - \$2,871.77, Special Police Drug Fund- \$3,187.39, Sinking Fund - \$3,220.16, Debt Service Acct. - \$199,859.06, Water/ Sewer Fund- \$270.672.39. These reflect the last financial reports for the fiscal year ending 2013. Explained each fund and all showed good except the water due to unexpected expenditures.

6. Ms. Dulaney stated that if we show a loss in water fund we could be under the water and waste board in Nashville. Alderman Bowling asked what the sinking fund is. Ms. Dulaney stated that is a fund that is required under one of our bond covenants.
7. City Manager Dulaney reported that she had submitted the financial reports for all funds and cash balances to the BMA on July 9, 2013 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, Alderman Leonard who also had cosigned all checks with the city manager for the month of June. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Richard Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Had Wanda call and check with Sandy about the lady's water bill and Sandy told her that the man said that the meter was not turning and upon checking the meter it is now normal. Ms. Rose said that Sandy had told her husband that he could fill out the paper requesting an adjustment but he had not turned in the request yet. Mrs. Rose stated that she got the paper today and she did not know anything about the adjustment until she talked to Mrs. Wells this afternoon. Mrs. Rose stated that at first we told her to check her commodes. Wanda Phillips stated that she (Sandy) told her husband that if a commode sticks it may not show on the meter all the time just when it leaks down and refills. Mrs. Phillips stated that since it is normal now that is the only thing that we could think of. Ms. Dulaney stated that she needed to turn in her request.

Public Works Director Ron Miller reported the following;

1. Mr. Miller stated that if the city puts a port-a- john at the park people will put stuff in them and the company can't vacuum them out so they will pull them. Mr. Miller stated that there is no way to safeguard them at night.
2. Fixing drain issues as they find them. Some only occur during the really heavy rains.
3. Park bathrooms are due to be started tomorrow but the Job Corp called and cancelled so they are pouring it themselves. Mr. Miller stated that in answer to an alderman's question about his capabilities of getting it done, he had had it scheduled 5 times this month and one time the concrete company cancelled, 2 times cancelled because of rain and 2 times because of Job Corp.

Chief of Police Greg Depew reported the following:

1. In reference to the K-9 Program he took the stats from our officers and had them reviewed by Sullivan County and J D Taff with Johnson City, who had also worked with the FBI, and after doing that, Officer Roger Antone was selected to be our K-9 Officer. Officer Antone will pick up the dog on August 6<sup>th</sup> and start his training on August 11 through September 12<sup>th</sup> to get certified.
2. Training will be done in both schools before they start.

County Commissioners were not present

Old Business:

1. Alderman Mullins stated that if people would use the dumpsters at the park properly it would be good but they are not and he asked if there was any way they could have them removed and clean the area up. Mr. Mullins stated that he had seen dead animals, TV's and trash in them. Ms Dulaney stated that the city had to pay to haul off the TV's and Sullivan County had told her that they may just take them out if it kept happening. Motion to remove bins was made by Alderman Mullins. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderman Carrier – No, Alderman Mullins – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington –Yes, Alderman Leonard – No, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

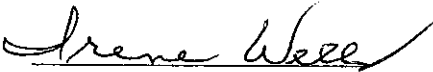
New Business:

1. Alderman Mullins asked if they could do something with the old city hall building such as make a memorial for the veterans or build a stage for heritage days. Vice Mayor Harrington asked if they could check into what it would cost to have it torn down. Alderman Leonard stated that they have to keep in mind when they get the quote there is asbestos, mold and etc. in the building. Alderman Carrier stated that Bob Brown was at one time interested in the building.
2. Mayor Wells stated that Mr. Smith had talked to Judy about a Veterans Memorial down at the big tree next to the Little League Field and the Mayor said that she talked to Lt. Governor Ramsey and he is trying to see if he can find a used military tank or helicopter and we could put a platform there and put up a monument out of concrete so it would not cost so much. Mrs. Wells stated that they could get donations. Mrs. Wells asked if anyone had a problem with that spot. Motion to approve property next to Little League Field for veteran's memorial was made by Alderman Mullins. Second by Alderman Bowling. City Manager Dulaney stated that we might have to check with TVA first. Mayor Wells asked if they could take a vote with the condition that there is no problem with TVA. Ms. Dulaney stated yes. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Vice Mayor Harrington reported that he had some people ask about having the last Saturday of July each year be Banty Hodge Day. Mr. Harrington made the motion. Second by Alderman Mullins. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Alderman Carrier stated that he had people ask if the city could go across the bridge and up the road about 100 feet and cut the brush down. Mayor Wells stated that she would talk to Mayor Godsey and see if the county would do it.
5. Mayor Wells reported that people had asked that we consider having a parade and celebration for July 4<sup>th</sup>. City Manager Dulaney stated that maybe they could get the fire department or some club to do it as we don't have time in the office to do it. Mayor Wells stated that Jerry Malone said that the Rescue Squad would be interested and possibly the Ruritan.

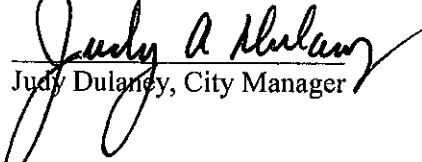
Mayor Wells opened the floor for Citizen Comments- Second Section.

1. David Smith of 200 Highland Circle suggested they have Banty Day along with Heritage Day's.

Mayor Wells adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

  
Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest: This 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013

  
Judy Dulaney, City Manager