

Minutes
Special Called Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
February 24, 2014

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

Members present were David Harmon, Ray Harrington and Richard Bowling.

Members absent: Melvin Carrier and Lon Gene Leonard.

Prayer was given by Chief of Police Greg Depew followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for the Special Called Meeting for December 12, 2013 were approved with a motion by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Harmon. All in favor.

Minutes for the December 12, 2013 Regular Meeting were approved with a motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor.

Minutes for the Regular meeting for January 9, 2014 were approved with a motion by Alderman Harmon. Second by Vice-Mayor Harrington. All in favor.

Minutes for the Special Called Meeting for December 18, 2013 were approved with a motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Harmon. All in favor.

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

1. Frank Cordle reported that his wife ran into a sewer manhole cover that was off at the corner near the Rescue Squad and damaged her car. Mr. Cordle stated that they had spoken to Ms. Dulaney and gone through the whole procedure and was informed that it had been sent to the insurance company and they would contact them. City Attorney Paul Frye stated "Ladies and Gentlemen let me make this comment to you. This has been turned over to our insurance company the TML Poole and we don't need to make any further comment on it".
2. David Smith of 200 Highland Circle asked why they don't just pay the 6 or 7 hundred dollars instead of turning it over to the insurance.
3. John Harrison asked what they were doing about his ditch. Alderman Bowling stated that the city had marked it off and the ditch was going to be cleaned out and a tile will be installed across the road.

City Engineer Dave Wilson with Mattern & Craig Engineering reported the following:

1. TDEC mandated the water tank be painted inside and outside and they will prepare the project document and he asked that the work on the document be approved. Mr. Wilson stated that they would prepare the document and it would be placed into an open bid and they would propose to oversee the painting and review after the inspection of the tank. Mr. Wilson stated that there is a man locally that does this type of work for a living and has proposed to do a pre inspection so they could set a budget for the work before they complete their document. Mr. Wilson proposed to continue with that at their hourly rate if that is acceptable. Alderman Bowling asked approximately how long it would take for the project. Mr. Wilson stated that he felt that the

contract would be for 30 to 45 days however, he felt that they would try to do it within a day or 2 so that the city would not be without water long. City Manager Dulaney asked the board if that is something they wanted him to start on. Motion to approve the engineers to get started on preparing the documents was made by Vice-Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Buchanan Construction who is doing the Lakeview Drive Drainage Project found when they got into the project that there was a pond that had been covered up and they found that it was approximately 12 feet below the road and to make the repair another 50 feet of pipe would need to be added. Mr. Wilson stated that they had presented an additional price of \$3,750.00 to the bid to do that work. Motion to approve the additional cost was made by Alderman Harmon. Second by Vice-Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. In reference to the Shoreline Project being done by Bakers Construction, they have asked if they could go ahead with the project now and then worry about the additional paving at a later date and if they do could they do the drainage improvements previously approved on the parking lot. Mayor Wells asked how much this would cost. Mr. Wilson stated that it was approximately \$5,000.00 which had been approved at an earlier meeting. City Manager Dulaney stated that they still have a contingency on them of approximately \$18,000.00. Mr. Wilson explained that this was money within the bid outstanding in case things like this came up. Mayor Wells stated that is not extending it on down the river. Mr. Wilson stated "no that was not approved." Mayor Wells asked if the city had the money to do it. City Manager Dulaney stated spending \$5000.00 to fix it now vs. \$50,000.00 if all of the shore washes out. Mr. Wilson stated that he had been a little unclear and stated that they had agreed to raise the gabions up at their expense and they would like to do it to submit a final bill for their retainage and that has been approved in the original contract and the \$5,000.00 is to do the additional drainage. Motion to approve Bakers to do this part of the project was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Harmon. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Mr. Wilson stated that they have been in the process of completing a loan/grant application to submit for the city to USDA Rural Development. At this time the project would include the replacement of both sewer lift stations, water line rehabilitation, the addition of a 50,000 gallon tank at the water plant, water plant equipment upgrades and the extension of sewer into Piney Flats. The estimated cost of this project is 2.6 million dollars and Rural Development has proffered a package which is 70% loan and 30% grant but there would need to be a rate increase of approximately 15% and with this scenario the monthly debt service would be approximately \$6,300.00 per month / \$75,000.00 per year. The second scenario is basically the same except removing the Piney Flats sewer part of the project, the monthly debt service amount would be approximately \$4,750.00 or \$57,000.00 per year. Vice Mayor Harrington stated that on the first scenario there would be a \$5,000.00 deficit. Mr. Wilson stated yes. Mayor Wells stated that she felt that with the shape the city is in financially how are they going to afford that in Piney Flats and we are really reaching out there. Vice Mayor Harrington stated that if we want businesses to come to the city we need sewer down there. Mayor Wells voiced concern about the money flow.

5. Mr. Wilson stated that they could have a workshop to discuss it and invite Lewis Trivett with USDA. Mayor Wells asked if they could just do the water lines and the lift stations. Mr. Wilson stated that the three major issues they had talked about were the lift stations, leaking lines and water loss and the pressure situation and the water plant improvements. Mayor Wells scheduled a workshop on February 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

City Manager Dulaney discussed the following:

1. Presented the invoice from Tipton Construction for the Parks Worley Sewer Project to the board for consideration. Ms. Dulaney explained that the job was more than our public works had the equipment to do and this was the only alternative as the state wanted it repaired as soon as possible. The invoice was for \$7,245.00. Alderman Harmon made a motion to approve the invoice. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Ronda Sawyer with the State Planner's Office has been working with her in looking for a Building Inspector. The email in board's packet from Dwight Harrell which outlined what he would charge the city. Mayor Wells stated that she would like to see more information on Mr. Harrell. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that the board would be voting on a compensation, not the hiring. Mrs. Wells stated that she thought that it would be nice if the board could see his resume or application. City Manager Dulaney stated that she would get more information for the board about Mr. Harrell.

Mayor Wells reported the following: SEE ATTACHMENT

1. She attended the Networks meeting on February 20, 2014, Planning and Zoning meeting February 10, 2014, Networks Feb. 10, 2014, SCAPPI meeting February 4, 2014, First Tenn. Development District meeting January 15, 2014, Home Consortium Meeting January 15, 2014, Networks meeting January 15, 2014, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization January 14, 2014.
2. Thanked everyone for coming.

City Attorney Paul Frye reported the following:

1. He checked into whether or not the city would be absolved of liability for anyone entering the old city hall building if they signed a waiver. Mr. Frye stated the city would not be absolved of liability and it would be his suggestion that they look through the windows or open the doors and look through them.
2. He looked into the location they were considering for the veterans monument across from the mural, and is in the city's lease.

Alderman Harmon stated that he felt that the board should table the monument as the city can't afford to fix the roads how can we afford to have a monument. Alderman Bowling stated that we don't have to go

that far right now that they could start with a concrete slab to set a piece of military equipment on and the slab would be around \$400.00. Lillian Cutten stated that if the monument was not put next to City Hall she wants her money back as she felt it should be put where it can be seen.
Comments from Aldermen:

1. Alderman Harmon thanked everyone for coming and he appreciates them.
2. Vice-Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming and said it is good to see them.
3. Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for coming and hoped everything goes as they would like it to.

City Manager Judy Dulaney reported the following:

1. Jerry Malone had asked if the board wanted him to continue on the 911 Board as his term is up. City Attorney Paul Frye stated it would need to be on the Agenda for the next meeting.
2. She has been working with the Chief and Ron Miller on cutting costs such as over time and the work schedule during the snow. We have had a lot of problems in the water and sewer due to emergencies.
3. She is working on the budget and MTAS has reviewed it to see if he has any suggestions.
4. Submitted financial report for approval stating they have been reviewed by the boards designees and the checks signed by Alderman Leonard and Alderman Bowling signed off on the bank statements and journal entries.

Mayor Wells asked if we heard anything from TDOT about paying for repairs on Hwy 19. Ms. Dulaney stated no they are refusing it. Ms. Dulaney asked Mayor Wells if she would contact them.

Alderman Harmon asked if she had checked on a sign for the front of City Hall. Ms. Dulaney stated that it would cost from 5 to 15 thousand dollars.

Motion to approve the financial report was made by Vice-Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Ron Miller reported the following: SEE ATTACHMENT

Had a bad valve at water plant along with broken lines throughout the system due to cold weather.

Partial sewer line replacement on Parks Worley.

Getting equipment ready for mowing season.

Electricians have been working at park bathrooms, and hope to have them open this spring.

Has not tried out the asphalt crack patching equipment yet.

Chief of Police Greg Depew reported the following: SEE MONTHLY REPORT

They are cutting down on miles as much as possible.

Going to Governors Hwy Safety meeting on March 11th and hopes to have answer on money on grant for saturation patrol on highway.

Hearing a lot of good things about his men and he has attached a copy of a card from individual that sent the department a basket to thank them.

Mayor Wells asked if the drug violations were young people. Chief Depew stated that in this month's drug violations no juveniles were involved.

Report from Sullivan County Commissioner:

Roger Cox introduced himself as he replaced Dwight King after his resignation. Mr. Cox stated that he is only filling the seat until the August election.

In Old Business:

Alderman Harmon asked when they were going to auction off the old City Hall building. Mr. Harmon stated that at the last meeting they had discussed that Ron Ramsey would do it for free and they said they wanted to go ahead and do that and she said they had to set it up with Mr. Ramsey. Ms. Dulaney apologized and said she would call Mr. Ramsey and get some dates.

In New Business:


Mayor Wells reported that the mural has been completed by the art class from East High School and she feels that they should be given recognition. Mrs. Wells stated that they wanted to have an art show at the city as well.

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

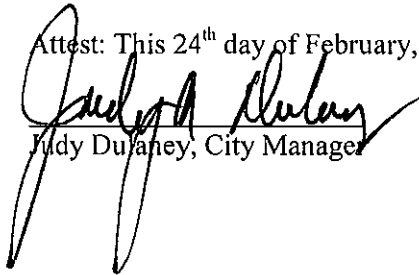
1. David Smith of 200 Highland Circle asked if money could be given back to Mrs. Cutten as they want the war memorial to be at the park. Mr. Smith stated he agreed with them on not spending the money in Piney Flats. Mr. Smith feels that we should de-annex Piney Flats.
2. Lillian Cutten stated that they had the best board they have had in a long time along with the best Police Chief and Police Department.

3. Karen Carty resident of Piney Flats stated that she wanted to thank Judy for her comments because she has always felt a part of Bluff City.

With no other business motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Harmon. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.


Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest: This 24th day of February, 2014


Judy Dufaney, City Manager