

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
February 3, 2015

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

Members present were Ray Harrington, Lon Gene Leonard and Richard Bowling.

Prayer was given by Reverend Erwin Green, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Minutes for the January 6, 2015 meeting were approved with a motion by Alderman Leonard. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor.

Citizens Comments- First Section:

David Bartley reported that he was at the last meeting inquiring about his mother's water bill and was told to come back to see if they had done anything to help out on it. City Manager Dulaney stated that she is working with Al Major with MTAS to come up with a figure on the cost of producing a thousand gallons of water.

Discussion / Action on Motorola lease on police radios.

City Attorney Paul Frye stated that the board had already voted on the 5 year option and this is just the contract. Mayor Wells stated that on page 2 where it says any payment received later than 10 days from the due date will be bear interest at the highest lawful rate, can we not have an actual rate. Mr. Frye stated that we do have a rate of 3.45% and that is the highest lawful rate in the contract. Motion to approve lease contract was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Leonard. All in favor. Motion carried

Mayor Wells reported on the meetings she attended since the last meeting.

City Attorney Paul Frye reported that the settlement with TDEC that the board voted on last month had been approved by the judge and the monies have been paid to the State of Tennessee.

Comments from Alderman:

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming.

Alderman Leonard thanked everyone for coming and said he would like to see the place full.

Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for coming.

City Manager Dulaney reported the following:

Presented a photo of the water tank after the maintenance had been completed.

Included in the BMA's packets a report on the dump truck that the school in Elizabethton is working on so the board could make a determination on whether they want to repair it or not.

In reference to the Loan / Grant the engineers had surveyed the site where the new water tank will be and are in the process of getting a geotechnical report and when the results are in the installation of the tank and the other upgrades will begin. The engineers have also started surveying down town where the water lines are going to be replaced. The engineers are starting to draft the design of the new lift stations.

Cash balances for February 2nd are as follows: General Fund- \$42,945.51, Sanitation - \$8,699.00 Special Police Drug Fund- \$2,191.85, Sinking Fund-\$3,094.75, Debt Service- \$210,276.29, Water / Sewer- \$197,559.83, FHA Reserve- \$690.75.

Mayor Wells asked if the water tank was in operation. City Manager Dulaney stated that Public Works Director Hugh Thomason would report on that. Mayor Wells asked if they still just had one bid on the truck. Ms. Dulaney stated that Mr. Thomason would discuss that.

Motion to approve the financial report was made by Alderman Leonard. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Hugh Thomason reported the following:

In reference to the truck, Andes Transmission is a Jasper dealer so they had to go through them to get the Jasper price. To get a second price the man from Andes contacted Ford to check on a price of a Ford engine. The only difference is there is a 2 year warranty on the Jasper Engine and a 3 year warranty on the Ford engine. Mayor Wells asked if there was not any bids from anybody from Johnson City or Bristol or somewhere else to make comparisons with. City Manager Dulaney stated that these prices came from the engine factory as the transmission place was not doing the labor. Alderman Bowling asked if the companies would warranty the engine if the school put it in. Mr. Thomason stated yes, that is a question he had asked and he would get that in writing. Alderman Leonard stated that it seems like they were putting good money after bad and who's to say it's not going to do the same thing again. Alderman Leonard asked about the warranty on the truck as it only had 35,000 miles on it. City Manager Dulaney stated that it only had a 3 year warranty. Board decided to table decision until they checked into a new one as opposed to fixing the current one.

Presented the Monthly Report. Water tank is completed, but they are having electrical problems at the water plant controller as it is 20 years old. Parts have been ordered to fix the plant.

Chief Greg Depew reported the following:

Monthly Report for January, 2015

The police officers have completed their in-service and it has been sent to POST to be approved.

There were no Sullivan County Commissioners present.

In Old Business:

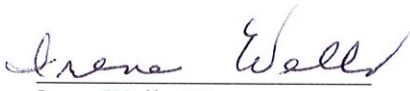
Mayor Wells asked what ever happened to the old City Hall Building. City Manager Dulaney stated that they had not taken any more action since she had put it in the paper and had no bids, and asked if it could be put it on Gov. Deals, but they would have to accept whatever the bid was. Alderman Bowling stated that he had a man say he wanted to look at the building.

New Business- None

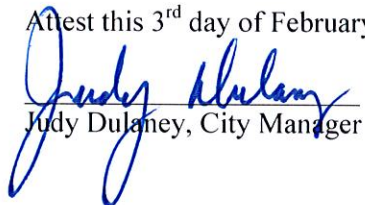
Citizen Comments- Second Section:

Becky Buchanan of 750 Dry Branch Road asked if they would reconsider selling the old City Hall Building to Sherry Grubb for what she had bid on it at the auction. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that it would have to be re-advertised and re-auctioned since the bid was rejected. Mrs Buchanan asked about the military equipment that was to be put at the park. Mayor Wells stated that she had everything together but the board did not actually approve anything, but she still has the information. Mrs Buchanan asked Mayor Wells about her report as it did not have a report on the Animal Shelter. Mayor Wells stated that the board voted for Melvin to report on it.

With no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Leonard. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest this 3rd day of February, 2015


Judy Dulaney, City Manager