

Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Bluff City Board of Mayor & Aldermen  
January 3, 2017

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

This is a business meeting. Not a court of law. No personal attacks. I welcome each of you here tonight. Anyone wanting to comment has three minutes in the first session and three minutes in the second session. The Board members do not have to comment unless they want to. Anyone wanting to comment must come to the podium and give their name, address and telephone number. No talking out in the meeting. If you would like to talk while the meeting is going on, you must go outside or in the hallway. Others want to be able to hear. You can be asked to leave if you are out of order. If you have a request for information, you must come to the office at City Hall during office hours 8 AM to 4:30 PM and fill out the proper request form.

Members present were Alderwoman Madison, Alderman Stratton, Vice Mayor Harrington, Alderman Harrison and Alderman Bowling.

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

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

David Smith, 200 Highland Cir., 423-538-4236: We have a couple of people here tonight that is running for Mayor and Mr. Jeff Broyles stopped at my house the other night. He had some good ideas and I know I don't have much time. But I would like to give my time to him. My whole six minutes I want to let Jeff explain what he thinks that the City could go forward and what he thinks about a new City Manager coming in here. Jeff states he does not feel like this would be the appropriate time. There will be a town hall meeting and I will discuss these things at that time.

Shirley Clark, 932 Lona Lane, 423-878-5707: I am here tonight because I have noticed that the speed limit in River Bluff Landing is 45 miles per hour. I was wondering if it's ever been looked at, there is approximately 45 to 50 homes in that neighborhood now. I don't have any children that goes to school here but I do know we have children that goes in the morning and is dropped off there we have a lot of cars coming in and out of that neighborhood. I would just like to ask if the speed sign could be moved further on toward the Elizabethton Highway where its past our neighborhood. It has been developed and there probably more sites for homes to be built there. That is my request. Mayor Wells states she will have the Chief of Police check into that. Thank you.

Carol Keith, 305 Lakeview Circle: I have just got three quick questions. Have the officer's got their new cars yet? Chief Depew states they are hopefully about three weeks out. They are being built. There was some hold up with them through the Ford company and getting the loan. It took a little bit longer. But we should hopefully be about three weeks out. That is what we are looking at. Mrs. Keith asks, so you will be getting them? Chief Depew states yes. Mrs. Keith states during the holidays she is asking where the Veteran War Memorial Park is going to be? Is it there yet? Mayor Wells states they have the approval to go ahead with that project. Mrs. Keith states the third thing she wants to ask you, I think I have asked you in a previous meeting,

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is there any way you can bring the \$50.00 reconnect fee to \$25.00. I ask you guys about that. Just to clarify one more thing I am standing for what is right. Thank you.

Randy Beckner, Mattern & Craig: Randy Beckner gives Mayor and Alderman update regarding the water/sewer project.

Discussion/Action – Regular Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2016

Motion by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Richard Bowling  
Motion Carried

Alderwoman Madison Yes  
Alderman Stratton Yes  
Vice Mayor Harrington Yes  
Alderman Harrison Yes  
Alderman Bowling Yes

Discussion/Action- First Reading – Ordinance No. 2016-008- Amending 95-012 and The Bluff City Municipal Code 14-201 Repealing Ordinance 2006-007

Motion by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Richard Bowling  
Motion Carried

Alderwoman Madison Yes  
Alderman Stratton Yes  
Vice Mayor Harrington Yes  
Alderman Harrison Yes  
Alderman Bowling Yes

Discussion/Action- First Reading – Ordinance No. 2017-001 lower the speed limit on Holston Drive to 15 mph.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Harrington Second by Alderman Bowling  
Motion Carried

Alderwoman Madison Yes  
Alderman Stratton Yes  
Vice Mayor Harrington Yes  
Alderman Harrison Yes  
Alderman Bowling Yes

Mayor Report: Mayor Wells states that we have the go ahead on Veteran's Memorial Park. We are still waiting on approval regarding the property on Main Street. We are still working on the street light on 19E.

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Mayor Wells states we have been quite busy with day to day operations and other things that have to be taken care of.

City Attorney Paul Frye the delinquent tax due has been filed. It was filed before Christmas.

Comments from Alderman:

Alderwoman Madison- I want to thank everyone for coming. Please come again.

Alderman Stratton- Thanks to everyone for coming out tonight.

Vice Mayor Harrington- I appreciate everyone coming out. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to the future of Bluff City. We are on the right track. I just appreciate everyone coming out.

Alderman Harrison- I think we have a good board right now. Thanks to everyone for coming out tonight.

Alderman Bowling- I appreciate everybody coming out to. It is good to see a crowd. I like to see this. It shows people are interested in our City, so thank you for coming.

Chief Greg Depew reported the following:  
(See Report)

Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie reported the following:  
(See Report)

Water Department Dean Fields reported the following:  
(See Report)

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Old Business: Street light on Cedar St. installed cost the City \$4.00 per month.

New Business: Beautification of the City. John Harrison and all agreed to help.

Citizen Comments-Second Section:

Becky Buchanan, 750 Dry Branch Rd.: I just wanted to say all the City workers, the office workers and all the city workers are doing a good job. Becky asks Chief Depew how many reports or incidents in your department have been called in to you about discrimination? Chief Depew states no actual reports in our department. But there have been some instances. Becky states, was they proved to be ... I am talking about one particular thing here. It is the one that happened with Mrs. Keith here. I have the report here. Chief Depew states that was investigated by the TBI. Mrs. Buchanan states ok and they found there was no proof of it? Have they been any other incidents. Chief states not to his knowledge. Mrs. Buchanan states, I thought this was a good little town and I just want to thank the police for taking care of the city and its citizens.

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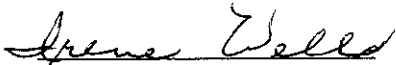
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Carol Keith, 305 Lakeview Circle- I am not here to argue with anybody about anything. I am here to stand for what is right. Mayor Wells you very well know what has happened. You have apologized to me many times and said that it was your fault that I have gone through what I have been through. Has there been anything that has happened. Yes, one time and one time is one too many. I will stand and fight for justice. It is not over yet. We are in the process of putting up a \$5,000.00 reward. For any evidence leading to the arrest and conviction. I am not through yet. I will not be through until we get justice.


Carolyn Payne, 4818 Bluff City Hwy., 538-9108: There are a lot of stuff that is public information. I am sorry discrimination is not a part of it. The police cannot report on discrimination. It happened. I thought tonight was going good.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Richard Bowling. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.



Irene Wells, Mayor

Attest: This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2017



Sharon Greene, City Recorder/Finance Officer



## Bluff City Police Department



MONTHLY REPORT  
2016 December

Year                      Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	47	40	18	105
ISSUED CITATION(S)	8	37	0	45
WARNING CITATION(S)	3	10	0	13
PATROLED MILE(S)	2520	2827	0	5347
ARREST(S)	0	10	0	10
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	6	3	0	9
ALARM(S)	2	9	3	14
ACCIDENT(S)	2	2	2	6
ANIMAL CALL(S)	2	0	0	2
MSD REPORT(S)	6	7	0	13
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	0	0	0	0
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	3	0	2	5
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)	0	1	0	1
MISSING PERSON(S)	0	0	0	0
D.U.I.(S)	0	1	0	1
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	0	1	0	1
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0	0	0	0

approved by: Chet Amy Pope Date: 1-3-2017

# **CITY OF BLUFF CITY**

## **Department Of Public Works Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly Report for January 2017**

### **Sewer Department:**

I am happy to announce that the Igloo and Bridge pump stations are fully operational as we start this New Year. Along with the installation of a new 6" force main, and the fencing around both pump stations being complete. The City and Mattern and Craig are still in the process of doing smoke testing through out town to pin point our problem area's. We should be nearing completion of those testing in the coming days, depending on the weather.

### **Street Department:**

The staff has been working hard keeping up with the brush and leaf pickup, we would like to thank the public for keeping brush and leaves placed in area's easy to access to avoid property damage. I would all so like to remind the public that Winter is upon us and in the near future we should be expecting snow and icy conditions on the road ways. I ask that if you park your vehicles near any main route, to make sure your vehicles are pulled off of the roadways to allow salt and plow crew to work safely. I also would like to remind the general public to allow their water to drip when we see temperatures below 32 degrees for extended period to avoid busted pipes and frozen water meters.

If you have any questions, please give me a call 612-4145. Thank you.

Allen Moultrie  
Public Works Supervisor

**CITY OF BLUFF CITY**  
**Water Plant & Distribution System**  
**Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly**  
**Report for December 2016**

**Water Treatment Plant:** The water plant is operating normally pumping an average of 257,000 per day. Our water tank level averaged out at 45.1 feet for the month of December. In mid-December we finished our entry point samples and are awaiting our guidelines for sampling for the next three years. With the EPA publishing great concern about lead in drinking water I want to assure our citizens that we have tested for lead in our drinking water. All of our test results were well below the acceptable limits. So I just want to educate any Bluff City customer that if we are doing more lead sampling its not because we have large amount of lead in our water system. The increase in sampling will be the results of Flint Michigan having a lead outbreak.

**Water Distribution System:** We also completed our distribution sampling in mid-December. As most of the citizens are aware we replaced a much needed mater main valve on main street. I want to apologize to our customers for the loss of service for that period of time. After we replaced the valve we took all samples as required by TDEC and we also reported the service disruption to TDEC via email. We plan to begin our consumer confidence report on January 9<sup>th</sup> and should be available at the end of January.

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 423-538-7144

Dean Fields  
Water Plant Operator  
Distribution Operator