

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
May 2, 2017

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

Members present were Sandra Madison, Jack Stratton, Ray Harrington, John Harrison and Richard Bowling.

Prayer was given by Vice Mayor Ray Harrington, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Citizen Comments- First Session- None

Minutes for the April 4, 2017 regular meeting were approved with a motion by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor.

Discussion / Action – Health Insurance

City Recorder / Finance Officer Sharon Greene reported that she had sent the board members a copy of the renewals for the health insurance. The United Health Care has gone up with a total annual increase of \$17,567 which is an increase of \$81.11 per month per employee. On the Blue Cross Blue Shield the annual increase would be \$12,111. Ms Greene reported that if the city decided to continue 100% coverage for the employees on the United Healthcare it would be an increase in their benefits of \$18.77 a week and a yearly total \$975.96 per employee. On Blue Cross Blue Shield it comes out to \$12.94 per week and total yearly increase per employee per year would be \$672.00. Ms Greene stated that our agent Michael Trout is present if anyone has questions. Vice Mayor Harrington stated that the Blue Cross Plan seems to be the better of the two where it pays 90% instead of 80%. Mr Trout stated yes in that manor. Mr Trout stated that in urgent health co-pay stated that typically it should fall under the \$40 co-pay but it depends on how they bill it. Vice Mayor Harrington stated that Blue Cross seemed like the best coverage. Mr Trout stated that the difference is, with the United Healthcare, we have been with them for a very long time and all of the employees have had their doctors prescribe medications that fit under the co-pays as how United covers prescriptions. Mr Trout stated that you will see a lot of disruption in reference to prescriptions as to the co-pay it applies to.

With no other questions a motion was made by Vice Mayor Harrington to stay with United Healthcare. Second by Alderwoman Madison. All in favor.

Discussion / Action-2017-2018 Contract with First TN Development District for \$7,760/yr.

City Attorney Paul Frye stated that the FTDD provides us planning services under this contract and this is one that we renew with them each year.

Motion to renew the contract was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Report from Mayor / City Manager

Mayor Wells reported that the \$1,000 that the board contributed to the Animal Clinic, they were able to use \$795 of that to do a sign at the site so they were very pleased with the donation.

She attended several meetings and taken care of other things at City Hall and things continue to go good and the money continues to grow.

Report from City Attorney Paul Frye

Mr Frye reported that he had sent off this week to bond council, Bass Berry and Sims, all of our information on getting the second phase of our financing on the Water/ Sewer Rehabilitation Project to get that started.

Report from Finance Officer/ City Recorder

Sharon Greene reported that the fund balances as of March 31st 2017 were as follows:

General fund - \$812,380.00, Sanitation Fund - \$9,327.00, Special Police Fund - \$9,248.00, Debt Service - \$147,382.00, Sinking Fund - \$3,095.00, FHA Reserve Fund - \$691.00, Water / Sewer Fund - \$611,201.00. Total fund balance - \$1,593,324.00.

Motion to approve the financial statement was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Harrison. All in favor. Motion carried.

Comments from board members:

Alderwoman Madison thanked everyone for coming and invited them to come back and reminded people to vote.

Alderman Stratton thanked everyone for coming and taking part in it. Mr Stratton encouraged people to bring friends with them that live in Bluff City and stated that he is proud to be a part of Bluff City.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming as he knows people have hectic schedules and looks forward to seeing them again.

Alderman Harrison stated that he hopes that all of this in a couple of weeks is all over pretty easy and that there is a good outcome on it and let the city keep going like it is.

Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for coming and reminded them to vote and he hopes that the decision everyone makes is better for the city.

Report from Chief of Police

Chief Depew had a previous event scheduled with his family.

Officer Mark Stewart presented the monthly report. (SEE ATTACHED)

Vice Mayor Harrington asked if all the light bars got installed in the new cruisers. Mr Stewart stated that they are expecting one back tomorrow and the other one would be another week.

Report from Public Works Supervisor- No Report

Allen Moultrie had a previous event scheduled with his family.

Report from Water Department

Operator Dean Fields presented the monthly report for April. (SEE ATTACHED)

Mr Fields stated that during April 21st thru 24th the water plant experienced some minor problems but with the work of city employees the matter was quickly addressed and solved without any interruption of water service and at no time was the water quality affected. Mr Fields thanked the workers for all their help as it was hectic and in flood stage. Mr Fields stated that all the men pulled together and did what they were supposed to do and he was pleased with how they did it.

Report from Sullivan County Commissioner

County Commissioner Sherry Grubb reported that the County Commission is working on the budget. Mrs Grubb stated that she hopes they can approve the request for funds for Bluff City's Park to do some work down there.

Mrs Grubb reported that in reference to the whole school program they are going to be adding 200 new students to Bluff City in the Fall and along with that will be more traffic. Mrs Grubb stated that this is going to be good for the County but it will cause some issues for Bluff City. Mrs Grubb stated that she would like the citizens put together an ad hoc committee of the Mayor of Bluff City, some of the aldermen, the Chief of Police, some residents that live on those streets that are most impacted, and some of the county officials to come together and sit down with the Police Chief and the principals of our 2 schools, to come up with a plan that would be workable for everybody. Mayor Wells stated that they had already scheduled a meeting for Thursday. Mrs Grubb stated that was great.

Mrs Grubb reported that she supported the plan to move the middle school 100% and not just because we will be getting a new school which is great and the Middle School kids are really excited about it. Mrs Grubb stated that she had heard of the concerns on the economic impact for Bluff City. Mrs Grubb stated that she wanted to explain something to us about economic impact because she feels we maybe have been sold a bill of goods on how this is going to affect you. Mrs Grubb stated that she feels the impact on the city is going to be a positive thing, because for the next 2 years we will be having 200 more students coming into this city which will cause more parental involvement in the Elementary school. Mrs Grubb stated that there will be lots more people coming into our city and spending money here. Mrs Grubb stated that in 2 years when they pull out the middle school we will still have the 200 extra kids in the elementary school and they would generate more people into the city than the middle school kids do. Having the Elementary School here is huge and with the alternative plan, we lose both. Mrs Grubb stated that this would be a huge opportunity to start thinking about things now that might be useful for that property which is owned by the school system.

Mayor Wells stated that since Andy Hare could not be here tonight he had emailed her and asked that she read it tonight. Mayor Wells read the letter. (SEE ATTACHED) Mr Hare reported that they are currently in budget hearings. Mr Hare stated that no resolutions have been filed at this point. Bluff City's request for \$10,000.00 has been received. Mr Hare encouraged them to contact committee members to encourage them to approve this request. Mr Hare stated that they had approved the purchase of property for a new middle school in the east zone.

Old Business- None

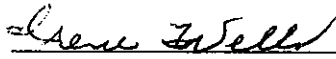
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New Business – None

Citizen comments – second session

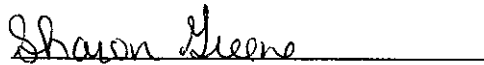
Shirley Clark of 932 Lona Lane stated that she is part of the Friends of the Library Committee and they are asking for volunteers for this coming Friday and Saturday to help clean up the basement where they had a leak. Ms Clark stated that they are also looking for someone to power wash the front of the library as well. Mayor Wells thanked her for all she did about getting the signatures on the petition.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 P.M.



Irene Wells, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 2nd Day of May, 2017



Sharon Greene, Recorder/Finance Officer



Bluff City Police Department
MONTHLY REPORT



2017 April
Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	67	75	23	165
ISSUED CITATION(S)	42	83	0	125
WARNING CITATION(S)	8	26	0	34
PATROLED MILE(S)	2465	2520	450	5435
ARREST(S)	2	12	0	14
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	8	10	0	18
ALARM(S)	3	4	2	9
ACCIDENTS	2	6	0	8
ANIMAL CALL(S)	3	2	0	5
MSD REPORT(S)	12	4	0	16
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	4	2	0	6
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	1	1	6	8
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)	0	0	0	0
MISSING PERSON(S)	0	0	0	0
D.U.I.(S)	1	1	0	2
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	2	3	0	5
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0	0	0	0

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approved by: *Chief Amy Repen* 05/01/17

CITY OF BLUFF CITY

Water Plant & Distribution System

Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly Report for April 2017

Water Treatment Plant: During the month of February we treated an average of 228,000 GPD. Our water tank level averaged out at 46.7 feet for the month of April. Due to heavy rainfall on April 21-April 24 our water plant experienced some minor problems, but with the work of city employees the matter was quickly addressed and solved without any water service being interrupted and at no time our water quality was affected.

Water Distribution System:

In the distribution system we repaired several leaks and are planning to repair more in the next couple weeks.as warm weather approaches we will begin our flushing program to maintain our distribution system. I want to thank everyone for reporting any water leaks and please continue to do so. If anyone has questions or concerns about our water system please contact me through City Hall and I will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

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

Dean Fields
Water Plant Operator
Distribution Operator