

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Special Called Meeting
April 24, 2018

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Wells welcomed everyone present and invited them back.

Members present were Jack Stratton, Ray Harrington, and Richard Bowling.

Sandra Madison and David Smith were absent.

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

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Citizen Comments -- None

Discussion / Action -- Approve bid contractor for project and other

City Engineer Dave Wilson with Mattern & Craig was present to report results of the bids on Contract 2 of the USDA project. Mr Wilson stated that we received 5 bids. Apparent low bidder was Thomas Construction from Johnson City, Tn. with a bid of \$1,914,821.00. Going into the project the engineering estimate was \$1,868,838, so they were approximately \$46,000.00 low and after we had some adds his estimate would have been \$2,042,000.00 so the bid came in lower than what his estimate would have been with the added changes. Ramirez came in second with a bid of \$1,926,000.00, Merkel Brothers - \$2,180,000.00. Mr Wilson stated that the project had been sent to Louis Trivette and he forwarded it to Nashville. Mr. Trivette stated that he feels that we are \$19,000.00 over our budget but Mr Wilson stated that he has that we are still on the budget. Mr Wilson recommended approval of the bid from Thomas Construction contingent upon final approval from USDA. Mr Wilson stated that with minor adjustments we can be within our budget. Mayor Wells asked Mr Wilson to comment on the contractor. Mr Wilson stated that Thomas Construction had been in business well over 30 years and they have done a lot of work recently at ETSU. Mr Wilson stated that he had worked with them on several projects and they have done a good job on them. Alderman Bowling asked how soon they could get started after approval from Nashville. Mr Wilson stated that he anticipates the first or second week of May. Motion to award the bid to Thomas Construction was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Alderman Jack Stratton, Vice Mayor Ray Harrington and Alderman Richard Bowling present only, voted yes. Motion carried.

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Discussion / Action Health Insurance Renewal

CMFO Sharon Greene reported that we had received a comparison for health insurance from Michael Trout with Blue Cross / Blue Shield. To renew with United Health increases \$11.79 per employee per month for a total of \$693.23 per employee. With Blue Cross the price would be \$759.00 per employee. Motion to approve United Healthcare was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Present: Alderman Jack Stratton, Vice Mayor Ray Harrington and Alderman Richard Bowling all voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Resolution 2018-001 – Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018


City Attorney Paul Frye read the Resolution. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Present: Alderman Jack Stratton, Vice Mayor Ray Harrington and Alderman Richard Bowling all voting yes. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments – Second Session


Vice Mayor Harrington asked if during the project if they have almost everything done and came up \$20,000.00 short, could they delegate the funds to complete it. CMFO Sharon Greene stated that they could set aside that amount in the budget this year just in case it was needed.

Member of audience asked if City Hall would be open on Election Day. Mayor Wells stated that it would but the doors would be locked from the polls to the office and the police department.

With no other business Alderman Bowling made a motion to adjourn. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Present: Alderman Jack Stratton, Vice Mayor Ray Harrington and Alderman Richard Bowling all voting yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.


Irene Wells, Mayor/City Manager

Attest this 24th day of April, 2018


Sharon Greene, CMFO/Recorder