

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
September 4, 2018

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

Members present were Sandra Madison, Jack Stratton, David Smith and Richard Bowling. Ray Harrington arrived at 6:05 p.m.

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

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

City Engineer Dave Wilson with Mattern & Craig, was present to update the board on the current USDA projects going on. On Contract 2, the water and sewer improvements are continuing. Sam Snyder with Thomas Construction was present to answer any questions. Alderman Smith stated that on Carter Street where the 8 inch line is they put 2 valves in there and asked where the water was coming from, that is still going into the storm drain. Mr Snyder stated that they would look at it.

Mr Wilson stated that he had received an e-mail from Lewis Trivette with USDA, about our upcoming meeting to update them on where we are at and to submit a pay request. Alderman Smith asked what the footage is that they have already installed. Mr Wilson stated that he thinks we are over 2000 feet.

Mr Wilson stated that he has updates on Contract 3 which is at the water plant. He stated that he had been working on the revisions and he will present it to Lewis (Trivette) at their next meeting. He is working on staying within their parameters of roughly \$460,000.00 in cost.

Mr Wilson stated that they have been monitoring the turbidities at the water plant and he visited the site with a Geotechnical Engineer, Rush Ashburn, and he will be giving them a letter with a proposal to do services to try to tell us what he believes is going on.

Citizens Comments – First Session

Julie Venable Carty of 209 Smith Street Ext. stated that she worked in the lawn care business for years and when it is this hot she feels that they need to encourage the public works department to take at least a five minute break every couple of hours to cool down as it is dangerous in this heat.

David Harmon of 200 Holston Drive asked if the water plant was working at all. Mayor Wells stated not at this time. Mr Harmon asked how long it had been down. Alderman Smith stated that he thought it had only been working about 5 weeks in 11 months. Mayor Wells stated it had not

been down that long. Mayor Wells asked Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie how long it had been down and he stated about 6 or 7 months. Mr Harmon voiced concerns about the certification of our water quality. Jon Oliver, Water Plant Operator, stated that even when buying water you have to test it and send the same information they furnish to their customers. Mr Harmon asked about cost difference between buying and producing water and Mr Oliver stated that when the plant was back up and running you can get a full grasp of the savings.

Man from audience asked if there could be a sidewalk put near where the old Kiser's building is.

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Hwy. suggested that when Allen Moultrie or Jon Oliver were asked a question, they go to the podium so their answers could be heard. Mrs Payne voiced concern about the cost of purchasing water.

Discussion / Action – Minutes of meetings

Minutes for the July 3, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved with a motion by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Madison – No, Alderman Stratton – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Smith – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes.

Minutes for the August 1, 2018 Special Called Meeting were approved with a motion by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Madison – No, Alderman Stratton – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Smith – No, Alderman Bowling – Yes.

Minutes for the August 7, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved with a motion by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Madison – No, Alderman Stratton – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Smith – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes.

Minutes for the August 24, 2018 Special Called Meeting were approved with a motion by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor.

Discussion / Action Public Hearing on Ordinance 2018-006

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which would adopt the State Traffic Offenses and Rules of the Road which would allow the city court to hear more traffic offences and more Class C misdemeanors. Public Hearing was opened at 6:22 p.m. With no comments the hearing was

closed at 6:24 p.m. Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-006 on second reading was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Public Hearing on Ordinance 2018-007

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is to amend Ordinance 2018-003 known as the Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019. This amends the Water and Sewer Fund to \$921,388.00 to allow for the purchase of the new automated meter reading system. Public Hearing was opened at 6:25 p.m. Carolyn Payne voiced concern about the cost of the new billing system. City Recorder/CMFO Sharon Greene explained that the cost was not included in the budget therefore the cost had to be appropriated by amendment. Public Hearing closed at 6:30 p.m. Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-007 on second reading was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Contract for Compass Minerals for Salt

City Recorder / CMFO Sharon Greene stated that there was an increase of \$12.59 per ton from last year. Motion to approve contract was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Irene Wells reported that they should be working on the lights at the Industrial Park soon. Mrs Wells stated that they had 2 new employees so we have been able to get more work done. We did not find anyone to work temporary because they wanted insurance.

City Attorney Paul Frye reported that he had looked into fireworks regulation. Kingsport and Bristol have a total ban on the use and in Sullivan County they have to be 100 feet from an occupied residence and can be used between 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. The times are extended to midnight on the eve and the day of the following holidays, Memorial Day, July 4th, Veterans Day, and New Year's Day.

Mr Frye reported that he had collected a little over \$2,000.00 in delinquent taxes this month.

City Recorder/CMFO Sharon Greene reported the following fund balances as of July 31st, 2018:

General Fund-\$1,405,378.00, Sanitation Fund- \$28,900.00, Special Police Fund- \$13,391.00, Debt Service Fund - \$108,908.00, Sinking Fund - \$3,095.00, Water/Sewer Fund- \$761,644.00. Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Comments from Board Members

Alderman Madison thanked everyone for coming and invited them to come again.

Alderman Stratton thanked everyone for coming and appreciates them taking time to come in and voice their opinion.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming and their comments.

Alderman Smith thanked everyone for coming.

Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for coming out.

Chief of Police Greg Depew made reference to the accident that happened on Highway 19-E today involving a school bus and truck. Mr Depew stated imagine a body up under that. He stated that the town is very lucky to have the fire fighters that they have here. What they did and what they do is amazing to watch.

Chief Depew presented the monthly report for August 2018. SEE ATTACHED

Chief Depew reported that Shooters Edge shut down and this is where they were getting their firearms training from. He reached out to the new Sheriff of Sullivan County and he has extended the use of his range to us for no cost. He feels they are communicating better and he sees a lot of great things in the future between us and Sullivan County. Things are going great and everyone is working hard.

Alderman Bowling stated that he was a member of the Fire Department and is proud to be a member of it. There are some guys down there that are very well trained and have been members for over 20 years. I want to thank the city for the money they appropriated to the Fire Department. Mr Bowling stated that he and the mayor are working on getting our city employees a class on CPR.

Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie presented the monthly report for August. SEE ATACHED

Mr Moultrie stated that they have been replacing boards at the pavilion. Mr Moultrie reported that in reference to residential brush pick-ups, they get one free pick up per month and the size of the limbs can't be larger than 2 inches in diameter. They will not pick up grass clippings. All brush has to be placed next to the curb and in no part of the street. After the one free pick up per month the customer will be charged \$7.50 for each additional load.

There were no sewer overflows and all pump stations are operating correctly.

Water Plant Operator Jon Oliver presented the monthly water report for August. (SEE ATTACHED)

Mr Oliver reported that the Tri-Annual Lead and Copper sampling was completed and all samples were in compliance.

Alderman Smith asked when he thought the plant would be operating. Mr Oliver stated, hopefully soon, and estimated 45 days. Mr Smith asked if a generator would help at the water plant in case the power went off. Mr Oliver stated that it wouldn't hurt to have one.

No Sullivan County Commissioners were present.

Old Business

Mayor Wells reported that in reference to the lady that came in and wanted the speed bumps, the police department has been continuing to monitor the area. Chief Depew stated that they have not been seeing a problem.

New Business

Alderman Smith stated that we needed to get some real estate to encourage someone to come in here to open a business such as Subway. Mr Smith stated they need to have a workshop.

Citizen Comments – Second Session

Brian Hunt of 191 Lakeview Drive asked if ATMOS Energy charged Bluff City every time they came out to locate a gas line. Mayor Wells stated no. Mr Hunt stated that there had been a lot of Sullivan County Sheriff's Department presence in town and asked if something is going on. Chief Depew stated that a lot of time they are here serving warrants or just passing through and if we have a bad call they will come assist us. Mr Hunt asked if the city enforced keeping yards cleaned up. Mayor Wells stated we have, it is in the ordinance. Mr Hunt asked if they have a citizen policing program. Chief Depew stated that they have a reserve program.

Julie Venable Carty of 209 Smith Street Ext. asked Alderman Smith why his name tag was not displayed. (All other board members have a name plate in front of them). Mr Smith stated that it had been brought up 2 or 3 times. Man from audience (David Harmon) stated personal preference and Mr Smith stated yes. Ms Carty stated it is like you are ashamed to be up there and I don't understand it. It takes courage for anybody to sit up there. Mayor Wells stated we paid money for

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the name plates. Ms Carty stated I just don't understand why you don't show it because it's like you want to be up there but you don't want to be known up there. It don't make sense to me. It seems strange to me that your name ain't up there since you agreed to be appointed.

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Highway demanded microphones to be in front of each of the board members.

With no other business motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Smith.
All in favor. Motion carried.



Irene Wells, Mayor/City Manager

Attest this 4th day of September, 2018



Sharon Greene, City Recorder/CMFO



Bluff City Police Department



MONTHLY REPORT
2018 August

Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	155	83	10	248
ISSUED CITATION(S)	58	43	0	101
WARNING CITATION(S)	38	22	0	60
PATROLED MILE(S)	2872	2687	0	5559
ARREST(S)	11	5	0	16
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	14	5	0	19
ALARM(S)	7	4	5	16
ACCIDENT(S)	4	5	0	9
ANIMAL CALL(S)	3	0	0	3
MSD REPORT(S)	11	4	0	15
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	3	1	0	4
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	2	1	0	3
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)	1	1	0	2
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0	0	0	0

approved by: _____

Date: 9/4/2018

CITY OF BLUFF CITY

Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly Report for August 2018

Streets Department: In the streets department the staff has been trying to keep up the mowing and brush pickup throughout town. We have been replacing boards at the pavilion along with getting the roof of the pavilion repainted.

If you are a customer who takes advantage of our brush pick-up program, you need to know the following.

17-113. Collection of brush from residential customers.

1. Each residential customer shall get one free brush pick up per month without charge.
2. No grass clippings will be picked up.
3. The size of brush shall be no larger than two inches (2") in diameter.
4. All brush shall be deposited curb side by the residential customer for pick up by the town and shall not be placed in any part of the street.
5. After the residential customer has been credited with the one free brush pick-up per month, each additional load shall be picked-up at a rate of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per load

(Ord. #97-003, May 1997, as amended by Ord. #97-008, Aug.1997)

Sewer Department: In the month of August we had no overflows that occurred. All pump stations is currently operating in a satisfactory manner. Also the staff has been out flushing sewer lines and also videoing lines for potential root intrusion. Our latest find was on the corner of Jonesborough Drive where we found a massive buildup of root intrusion, which was removed and line flushed by city staff.

If you have any questions please call City Hall at 538-7144. Thank you.

Allen Moultrie
Public Works Supervisor

September 4, 2018

BLUFF CITY WATER REPORT

There were 4 Meter Setters changed out and 3 water leaks repaired.

We completed the Tri-Annual Lead and Copper sampling, all samples were in compliance.

As discussed in the Special Called Meeting, we are going to remove the storage tank from phase 3 to lower the turbidity coming into the plant.

Jon Oliver