

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
March 5, 2019

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

Members present were Eric Ward, Ray Harrington and Richard Bowling.

Members absent: Sandra Madison, David Smith and Irene Wells.

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

Vice Mayor Harrington opened the floor for the following:

Discussion / Action – City Engineer Dave Wilson – Not Present

Citizen Comments – First Session

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Hwy. stated that the board has in front of them a copy of the letter of resignation from Jon Oliver. Mrs Payne voiced concern about the reasons.

Discussion / Action – Resolution 2019-001

City Attorney Paul Frye read the resolution which is Approving Amendment to the City – County Sewer Agreement, Project List for Bristol, Tennessee. Mr Frye stated that Bluff City's portion was paid out years ago. Mr Frye stated that this was to re-evaluate the project list to accommodate the new Middle School that's being built. Motion to approve Resolution 2019-01 was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Ward. Vote was as follows: Alderman Ward – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Citizen Request to not allow anyone to burn anything near the Elementary School while school is in session – Discussion Tabled to Later Date

Discussion / Action- Hiring a New Police Officer

Vice Mayor Harrington reported that they are wanting to hire a Police Officer at \$11.00 per hour for wages, schooling, transportation, equipment, etc. This includes a signed agreement for two years. We will raise his pay once he gets certified. Chief Depew stated that his department is down one officer. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Ward. Vote was as follows: Alderman Ward – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Report from Mayor / City Manager – Mayor absent – No report

Report from City Attorney Paul Frye

Mr Frye reported that he has collected about \$2,000.00 in delinquent property taxes last month.

Discussion / Action – Financial Report – Sharon Greene, City Recorder/Finance Officer

Mrs Greene reported the following fund balances as of January 31, 2019: General Fund- \$1,387,945.00, Sanitation Fund- \$23,950.00, Special Police Fund- \$13,213.00, Debt Service Fund- \$132,234.00, Sinking Fund- \$3,095.00, Water Fund- \$645,419.00. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Ward. Vote was as follows: Alderman Ward – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Comments from Board Members

Alderman Ward thanked everyone for coming out and stated that he would look at the papers Mrs Payne gave them.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming out and stated they will look into this.

Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for coming out.

Report from Chief of Police Greg Depew – SEE ATTACHED

Chief Depew stated thanked the Board for hiring the new police officer, as he along with the Mayor, have interviewed many people for the position.

Vice Mayor Harrington asked what the ETA was on getting the vehicles. Chief Depew stated that he was told it would be by the end of the month or before.

Report from Public Works Director – Allen Moultrie

Mr Moultrie stated that they do have the Water Plant up and running.

In the Sewer Department we have had a few overflows during this past rainy week. The one major issue was next to Lady Equipment (old Lady & Son business) where there was some infrastructure erosion from the rainwater washing out a lot of the dirt that was around the manhole.

The staff has been keeping up with brush pick-up along with flushing lines. They found an area where storm water is getting into the sewer system on Vickers Road. They have made plans to get those fixtures made.

Mr Moultrie reported that they have received the new meter reading equipment. The only downfall is that the meters that we have in the system are all past their warranty time so at some point they are going to have to get new meters.

Alderman Bowling thanked Mr Moultrie for the hard work and all the extra hours he's been putting in. Vice Mayor Harrington stated: and all the sleepless and worried nights.

Vice Mayor Harrington asked how the current project was going. Mr Moultrie stated that they are just about completed in the Highland Subdivision. Mr Moultrie stated that he assumed that they are on track to meet their completion date.

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Report from County Commissioners -- Dwight King, Hershhal Glover

Hershhal Glover stated that Commissioner King could not be here tonight, he is in Nashville. Mr Glover reported that the County Commission passed the Resolution to have an elected Superintendent instead of an appointed one.

Mr Glover voiced concern of the overcrowding in the jail. Mr Glover discussed the ongoing school project.

Mr Glover stated that Commissioner Crosswhite was present tonight and she represents district 4. Commissioner Crosswhite works a lot with veterans.

Commissioner Crosswhite voiced concern about the overcrowding of the jail. Mrs Crosswhite stated that they are trying to do a military park in Blountville. Mrs Crosswhite stated that we need to stand up for Bluff City's schools.

New Business -- None

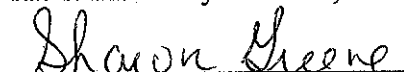
Citizen Comments -- Second Session

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Hwy stated that we are in violation with the overflows.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Ward.
Vote was as follows: Alderman Ward -- Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington -- Yes, Alderman Bowling -- Yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.


Irene Wells, Mayor/City Manager

Attest this 5th day of March, 2019


Sharon Greene, Recorder/CMFO