

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
July 6, 2021

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

Members present were Carol Keith, Jeff Broyles, Ray Harrington and Richard Bowling

Eric Ward was absent

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

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

City Attorney Paul Frye stated I would like to set out the procedures for this meeting so we will all be on the same page. The next thing on the Agenda is Citizen Comments and that is the point where citizens can make a comment on their subject of choice. They can do so once for a maximum of 5 minutes. We have an ordinance tonight that is a Rezoning Request and the procedure for that is the proponent of the rezoning will make a presentation to the Board and after that any citizens can speak once. At the end of the citizens having their comments at the Public Hearing, which is the appropriate time in the meeting to speak about the rezoning request if you wish to. At that point if the Board has any more questions of the person requesting the rezoning, at that time the Board can ask for that information. After that the Board will take up the Ordinance.

Citizen Comments

Julie Venable Carty of 209 Smith Street Extension stated I have been coming to these meetings off and on for 30 years. I believe that the Engineer we have now, we need to get rid of. It seems that the major projects take longer and more money has to be paid out.

James Roberts of 235 Lakeview Drive asked Mayor Wells if she could confirm that permit # SOP-98042, the Moratorium signed into- affect by you on sewer permits on 2-10-2016 is still in affect at this time. Has that moratorium been lifted? Mayor Wells stated I will be happy to get information for you after the meeting.

Discussion / Action – Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for Regular Meeting on June 1, 2021 was made by Alderman Broyles. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Abstained due to being absent, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes for the Special Called Meeting on June 22, 2021 was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington–Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action - Public Hearing Ordinance 2021-007

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is to Rezone Certain Property from R-1 to R-2 within the Corporate Limits of the Town of Bluff City, Tennessee and Amending Ordinance 95-012 and the Zoning Map adopted therewith.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2021-017 at 6:10 p.m. Member of audience asked for proof of a notice for this meeting. Mayor Wells stated it was posted on the web page and in the paper, but it is not 30 days. Mayor Wells stated I don't have copies with me. City Recorder/CMFO stated I have a copy, it was posted on June 26th. I would like to state that the sign outside this building was posted with the date of June 13th and has since been changed, but posted for several days. The man addressed Alderman Broyles saying that he had assured him that this is for rezoning not for a variance. Alderman Broyles stated that is not correct, it addresses the variance as well. City Attorney Paul Frye stated the purpose for the Ordinance is for rezoning only. Any sub-division approval has to come through the Planning Commission not the Board. The only thing before the Board tonight is this rezoning request. The man from the audience stated I just wanted to be clear it is not including the variance request as well. Alderman Broyles stated I stand corrected. I just got in from work myself.

Michelle Roberts of 231 Lakeview Drive, asked what a DWR Permit is and what it approves. The permit number is TNR162105, name is Jockey Properties and Project Name is Morrell Meadows Sub-Division. Mrs Roberts was informed to ask Mr Baker, the owner. Mr Baker stated it is a Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control construction permit. Mrs Roberts voiced concern about sewer taps.

Gary Morrell of 238 Lakeview Drive, voiced concern about the water run-off from the proposed site onto to his property. Mr Morrell stated he had spoken to Engineer about the run-off and he said he would have to discuss it with the City. Mr Morrell stated that he wanted to see it addressed.

Public Hearing closed at 6:22. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that the Rezoning Request was recommended by the Planning Commission on May 11, 2021 and the First Reading was at the first of June and is now ready for the second reading. Alderwoman Keith voiced concern about the approval from TDEC on the engineering plans for the new sub-division. City Attorney Paul Frye explained the sub-division is not approved because it has to go before the Planning Commission for Plat Approval.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-007 on Second Reading was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – No, I would like to have more information, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Report from Mayor / City Manager – Irene Wells

Mayor Wells thanked everyone for attending tonight and stated she hoped they got all their questions answered. Mayor Wells reported that the City of Bluff City put \$25,000.00 in on the Veterans Memorial.

Report from City Attorney- Paul Frye

Mr Frye reported that he had collected a little over \$32,000.00 in delinquent property taxes since our last meeting.

Report from City Recorder/CMFO – Sharon Greene

Ms Greene reported the following fund balances as of May 31, 2021: General Fund - \$1,860,000.00, Sanitation Fund - \$19,637.00, Special Police Fund - \$12,404.00, Debt Service - \$99,070.00, Sinking Fund - \$3094.00, Water/Sewer Fund- \$757,270.00. Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Alderman Bowling, Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote was as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington–Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Comments from Board Members

Alderwoman Keith stated it is good to see everyone out. I will continue to stand up and speak out for what is right. Alderwoman Keith thanked the Mayor for things she has done to help the community.

Alderman Broyles thanked everyone for coming. Mr Broyles apologized for his error, and not completely understanding. Mr Broyles stated that a citizen commented on the pavilion and it received high marks. Mr Broyles congratulated the City Manager and Allen on a great job.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming out and voicing their concerns.

Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for coming out and stated if anyone has questions I can answer, my phone number is on the website.

Report from Chief of Police – Greg Depew

Chief Depew presented the Monthly Report for June 2021. (SEE ATTACHED)

Chief Depew thanked the Board for the cruisers they got.

Report from Public Works Supervisor- Allen Moultrie

Mr Moultrie presented the report for the Sewer and Street Departments (SEE ATTACHED)

Mr Moultrie reported that they are getting quotes to replace a manhole on Bluff City Highway.

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Mr Moultrie stated they have been working hard to do a lot of maintenance at the Boardwalk.

Mr Moultrie reported that normally, do not supply toilet paper at the park bathrooms, but some prisoners were working in the area and there was no toilet paper there. Mayor Wells stated they stopped putting it down there because people were stopping up the commodes with whole rolls of toilet paper. Mayor Wells stated it is whatever the Board wants to do. We can try putting it down there again. Man in audience asked Mr Moultrie about a hole at the end of the bridge. Mr Moultrie stated it was a State Route. Mayor Wells stated she would contact the state.

Mr Moultrie stated they did well on their Sanitary Survey. We do have to put some screens on some things at the Water Plant so they won't be exposed to animals. The only negative we have on our survey is the stuff that has happened in the past. The past 3 or 4 years it's all been on the up and up. We are doing well. Mr Moultrie thanked the board for providing them with the tools necessary to achieve that.

Report from Water Plant Operator – Terry Banner

Mr Banner presented the report for the Water Plant (SEE ATTACHED)

Mr Banner stated that the water tank maintained a level of 46 to 48 feet.

Report from County Commissioners – None Present

Old Business

Alderman Bowling asked what the latest was on the swing set. Mayor Wells stated I have a quote from 2 different companies and will present them at the Budget Workshop.

New Business

Alderman Keith stated when we were at that meeting in Johnson City and was talking about the employees possibly getting some kind of bonus. Mr Mumpower said maybe we could do that. Mayor Wells stated I have to make sure exactly what to do.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Keith. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote was as follows: Alderman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:42 p.m.


Irene Wells, Mayor/ City Manager

Attest this 6th day of July, 2021


Sharon Greene, Recorder/CMFO



Bluff City Police Department



MONTHLY REPORT
2021 June
Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	102	124	0	226
ISSUED CITATION(S)	82	90	0	172
WARNING CITATION(S)	45	53	0	98
PATROLED MILE(S)	2720	2850	0	5570
ARREST(S)	8	12	0	20
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	10	13	0	23
ALARM(S)	6	10	2	18
ACCIDENT(S)	5	3	0	8
ANIMAL CALL(S)	3	0	0	3
MSD REPORT(S)	14	14	0	28
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	3	1	0	4
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	6	2	0	8
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)	0	0	0	0
MISSING PERSON(S)	0	0	0	0
D.U.I.(S)	0	0	0	0
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	1	2	0	3
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0		0	0

Approved by:  Date: 7/1/2021

CITY OF BLUFF CITY

Department Of Public Works Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly Report for June 2021

Sewer Department:

The sewer pump stations are operating well, with there being no issues regarding the pump stations at the moment. Recently we requested quotes to replace the manhole at 4434 Bluff City Highway.

Street Department:

The Staff has been working hard staining and making improvements at the pavilion and the park area of the boat dock. Picnic tables have been power washed and painted with a new coat of paint. We applied another coat on the board walk, s due to the first coat not sticking well.

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 Report
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The plant has been operating normally, with no unplanned shutdowns. The tank maintained an average of 46 to 48 feet.

Six backwashing operations were conducted in the month of June. The water plant was shut down from the late evening on June 11 to June 15th due to high turbidity.

A repair was conducted on the GPAC to fix air in the line. A faulty breaker was also repaired.

The plant experienced a power failure at the end of the month for a short period of time.