Minutes Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen Special Called Meeting August 24, 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 Carol Keith, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wells opened the floor for the following:

Citizen Comments - None

Discussion / Action – Public Hearing on Ordinance 2021-008

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is the Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022. Public Hearing opened at 6:02 p.m. No comments. Hearing closed at 6:03 p.m. Motion to approve on Second Reading was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Public Hearing on Ordinance 2021-009

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is known as the Real and Personal Property Tax Levy Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022. This sets the rate at 1.179 cents for each \$100 of assessed value. Public Hearing opened at 6:05 p.m. No comments. Hearing closed at 6:06 p.m. Motion to approve on Second Reading was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderman Bowling. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Contract TELICS to acquire temporary easements for manhole

City Attorney Paul Frye explained that the information he gave the board members at the last meeting from an e-mail from Dave Wilson was totally inaccurate. Mr Frye stated I am working directly with Phil Addison, who is retired from TDOT, and this is what he has done for a living for years. Mr Frye stated his fee for doing the appraisal, the negotiations, and closing the deal on getting the easements is \$2,500.00 each for a total of \$5,000.00. Mr Frye stated in addition to that will be whatever he appraises the easement, and brings back to us. Mr Frye stated, in my experience over the years, 20 years ago when we got these easements down there for another project, it always costs more for the appraisal and acquisition that it costs for the easements. Mr Frye stated I would recommend we go with him. He knows what he is doing. You have his resume in front of you. Alderman Bowling stated it is going to cost us in excess of \$5,000.00. Mr Frye stated yes, \$5,000.00 is his fee. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

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With no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Keith. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, Alderman Bowling – Yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Richard Bowling, Mayor / City Manager

Attest this 4th day of January, 2022

Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO