

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
September 7, 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 – Minutes

Minutes for the July 6, 2021 Regular Meeting, and the following Special Called Meetings on July 19, 2021, July 20, 2021 and August 10, 2021, were approved with a motion by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Per Dave Wilson- City Engineer. The Board may consider Award of the Work to Ramirex Contracting for a cost of \$48,000 or decide to rebid. Past similar projects with similar manhole items and site conditions have typically resulted in bid prices in the range of \$1,500 to \$2,000, per vertical foot to provide and install all materials. Bid in the range of \$12,000 to \$16,000 was anticipated.

Motion to reject the bid for \$48,000 was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Vice Mayor Harrington. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to rebid was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action – Resolution 2021-003

City Attorney Paul Frye read the resolution which authorizes the Town of Bluff City to make Application for Grant Funds through the Multimodal Access Program. This is through the Tennessee Department of Transportation to construct a sidewalk and 4 crosswalks along Bluff City Highway to provide for the safety of pedestrians. Total estimated cost is \$823,085.78 with a required 5% match being provided by the Town of Bluff City at a cost of \$41,154.29. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Harrington. Second by Alderwoman Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Report from Mayor / City Manager – Irene Wells

Mayor Wells reported that the traffic light at the entrance into the Industrial Park is being totally replaced by a 100% grant. The project should be completed by November of this year.

The Mayor has the right to select the amount for the employee's bonus. I will be working on them and give the Board members a schedule later per the Comptroller's Office.

Mayor Wells handed the members paperwork. Mayor Wells stated it should be noted that the Chief Executive Officer, City or County Mayor may designate other essential workers in critical sections within the general guidelines listed in point 1 above. Premium pay may be made retroactive for work already performed due to the pandemic. We believe March 20th to be a reasonable beginning date for considering retroactive pay. The described limits to the premium pay are up to \$13 per hour above normal compensation to a maximum of \$25,000 per employee. Mayor Wells stated I am going to be working on the bonuses and when I get it together then I will give the Board Members a copy of it. I will always give the citizens of Bluff City the correct information, not incorrect information. If any citizen has a question I can be reached at City Hall.

Report from City Attorney

City Attorney Paul Frye reported we have collected a little over \$10,000 in delinquent property taxes for the month of August.

Report from City Recorder / CMFO – Sharon Greene

City Recorder Sharon Greene reported the following fund balances as of July 31, 2021:
General Fund - \$1,900,096.00, Sanitation Fund - \$41,630.00, Special Police Fund - \$13,840.00,
Debt Service Fund - \$109,748.00, Sinking Fund - \$3,094.00, Water /Sewer Fund - \$816,448.00.
Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Motion carried.

Comments from Board Members

Alderwoman Keith stated it is good to see everybody. Please stay safe. I am thankful that the correct information has been put out so we know what is going on with the bonuses.

Alderman Broyles thanked everyone for attending. Mr Broyles stated on Saturday, at the ICC (Impact Community Center) there will be a very short presentation to honor 911. This will take place at 11:00 a.m. All of the public is invited to attend. Mr Broyles stated to the Chief of Police Greg Depew, that they would love to have the Police Department there.

Vice Mayor Harrington thanked everyone for coming. We will always do the right thing for the City of Bluff City and its employees.

Alderman Bowling thanked everyone for being here. I hope everyone will come back. I would like to see a house full.

Report from Chief of Police – Greg Depew

Chief Depew presented the Monthly Report for August, 2021. (SEE ATTACHED)
Chief Depew stated everything is going well.

Report from Public Works Supervisor – Allen Moultrie (SEE ATTACHED)

Mr Moultrie stated that the sewer pump stations are working well, other than the repairs that need to be made at the garage pump station. When there is going to be a rain event, we have been pulling the pumps just to make sure that we are flowing at full capacity. We are finding a lot of rags that get entangled in the pumps.

Mr Moultrie stated the staff has been working hard to keep up with brush pickups. Mr Moultrie reported that they would be doing numerous small paving projects soon.

Mr Moultrie reported that we have a new employee and he is doing a good job.

Mayor Wells asked Mr Moultrie to replace a section of fence at the Boardwalk.

Report from Water Plant Operator – Terry Banner

Mr Banner presented the reports for July, 2021 and August, 2021. (SEE ATTACHED)

Mr Banner reported that the equipment at the plant had been recalibrated. The plant was down one time due to high turbidity.

Mr Banner stated they are keeping the tank between 44 and 46 feet.


No Sullivan County Commissioners were present

Old Business

Mayor Wells stated she has not given up hope on getting the swings, and she has written letters to the school board members. We have to be patient and if not we have the swings in the budget. Alderwoman Keith asked if they could go ahead and start looking about the monument or something. Mayor Wells stated it would probably be a good idea if we wait a few more weeks and hopefully in the next 2 weeks we can find out about the swings.

New Business – None

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Bowling. Second by Alderman Broyles. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Keith – Yes, Alderman Broyles – Yes, Vice Mayor Harrington – Yes, and Alderman Bowling – Yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


Richard Bowling, Mayor / City Manager
Attest this 4th day of January, 2022


Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO



Bluff City Police Department



MONTHLY REPORT
 2021 August
 Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	108	98	0	206
ISSUED CITATION(S)	115	85	0	200
WARNING CITATION(S)	38	23	0	61
PATROLED MILE(S)	2529	2898	0	5427
ARREST(S)	23	15	0	38
OFFENSE REPORT(S)	10	8	0	18
ALARM(S)	5	8	2	15
ACCIDENT(S)	4	3	0	7
ANIMAL CALL(S)	4	0	0	4
MSD REPORT(S)	16	15	0	31
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)	2	1	0	3
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)	4	3	0	7
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)	0	0	0	0
MISSING PERSON(S)	0	0	0	0
D.U.I.(S)	1	0	0	1
DRUG VIOLATION(S)	3	2	0	5
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)	0	0	0	0

Approved by: _____

Date: ____ 8/1/2021

CITY OF BLUFF CITY

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

Sewer Department:

The sewer pump stations are operating well, with there being no problems with the pump stations other than repair to the garage pump station. In order to help the pumps at the pump station, we have been pulling the pumps from the 390 Bridge pump station, along with the pumps at the 44 Igloo pump station before these wet weather events. In doing so we have been finding lots of wipes wrapped around the impellers that is causing the pumps to be less efficient. Some wipes may be listed as flushable wipes but we are still seeing issues regarding wipes. If all possible we ask the public to not flush wipes down the drain.

Street Department:

The Staff has been working hard keeping up with the brush pick up in town, just as a reminder work orders will be completed first before all non-work order jobs. We ask that if you use these services, that you place brush at the edge of the roadway and not on the driveway to help keep your property from being damaged by heavy equipment. Upcoming we will have numerous small paving projects that are coming up soon. Some of these projects I strongly feel the staff can accomplish, and some that may require being contracted out due to equipment needed for job.

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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July

Water plant was shut down due to high turbidity from 6/30 to 7/3.

Three backwashes were completed in the month of July.

Labtronix calibrated all of the water plant equipment in July as well.

THM sample was collected and sent to lab in July per state regulations.

Plant was down when the work day began on July 19 due to overnight high turbidity, but was restarted that morning.

August

On Aug 3, 2021, a bleach line was repaired due to rusting out in the threads.

Three backwashes were conducted in August.

The water plant was shut down on August 19 due to high turbidity from heavy rains and remained shut down until turbidity returned to safe levels on August 22. Tank level was at 49 feet at shutdown.

The tank level averaged 44 to 46 feet in tank.

The plant had a power flicker and I was called in to reset the air compressor and computer two times in the month of August.

New screens were installed on all pipes on the outside per state recommendations using 12 gauge screen.