

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
September 5, 2023

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

Members present were Julie Venable, Sandra Madison, Carol Keith and Ben Adams

Prayer was given by Carol Keith, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Greg Depew

Recognitions – No special recognitions

Mayor Broyles opened the floor for the following:

Discussion / Action: Approval of the Special Called Meeting Minutes of June 23, June 30 and July 10, 2023, and Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of June 6 and August 1, 2023.

Alderwoman Venable stated June 23, 2023 a comment she made was incorrect. Ms Venable said she addressed Mrs Broyles with the Family Committee stating the first children's beauty contest during Heritage Days was cancelled due to lack of contestants. It grew in future years. Vice Mayor Keith stated on June 30 and July 10 you were talking about increases and I said no. You stated that this is only the recording. Mayor Broyles stated if you would like to speak about voting no on those increases, we will put it in the record today. Ms Keith stated when I was running in the election, I said I would never vote for an increase unless it was state mandated and it was not. I did not vote for any increases. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Venable. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Venable – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – Yes, and Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

First Session – Public Comments

David Harmon of 200 Holston Drive stated in the last year you went up 12% on the water and sewer and 50% on the garbage pickup and went up on our taxes. MTAS came by and said you could afford to pay a City Manager \$80,000 a year for 17 years. Mr Harmon asked if that was the expectations for next year.

Cory Haggard who is the Planner from FTDD that works with Bluff City. Mr Haggard stated we are cleaning up messes the previous planner had left. Mr Haggard stated the Development District brings plenty of value to a community.

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Highway stated the Zoning Ordinance of 2023-016 is full of errors and duplication. Ms Payne voiced opposition to the city buying more property. Ms Payne voiced concern of employees related to the Mayor.

Discussion / Action - Public Hearing – Ordinance 2023-016

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is Updating Zoning Ordinance in reference to the Bluff City Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting from July 11, 2023. Public Hearing was opened at 6:20 p.m. Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Hwy. stated you said the minutes were given to the Board Members. What I stated was the Ordinance was not given to you all. Alderwoman Venable stated I requested it and got a copy. With no other comments hearing was closed at 6:22 p.m. Motion to approve on Second Reading was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Venable – No, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – Abstained, and Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion fails.

Discussion / Action – Permission for Mayor to negotiate potential purchase of property located at 265 Main Street. – Property Already sold.

Discussion / Action Annual Planning Contract with First Tennessee Development District

Mayor Broyles stated we have for a very long time depended on the District to assist us with planning and we pay them a little over \$10,700.00 per year. The service has been less than par. The District does not do the Agenda or the Minutes of the meetings. Mayor Broyles stated during Mr Haggard tenure he has been on task personally. I can't disregard the previous record of the District. That is quite a bit of money to say we will give you a call if we need something. In the contract we do have a choice of terminating the contract by giving a 90 day notice and all remaining money would be refunded. Alderwoman Venable voiced concern that she was not notified ahead of time about this as she was absent at the last workshop. Mayor Broyles apologized and stated if someone misses a workshop, he will reach out to contact them and let them know what they missed. Motion to authorize Mayor Broyles to cancel the contract and send a written notice was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Vice Mayor Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Venable – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – Yes, and Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action: Advertisement of the Invitation to Bid the Town Hall Renovation Project

Mayor Broyles presented the planned renovations. Motion to approve advertising for bid was made by Alderwoman Venable. Second by Vice Mayor Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Venable – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – Yes, and Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

Report from the Mayor and Town Manager – Jeff Broyles

Mayor Broyles thanked everyone for being here. Mayor Broyles stated the staff is operating exemplary. Mayor Broyles stated I would like to recap the wonderful celebration we just had in honoring Rico Briggs, the young hero from up the road, where the house fire was. Many citizens were there along with Diana Harshbarger. Mayor Broyles stated People Working Together to

Help Each Other (from the town sign) That's what happened. Monetary help, new clothing, furniture and food.

Mayor Broyles stated I had a very productive meeting with the Networks Organization. We need some professional help with economic development. We can't afford to have someone on staff that works economic development all day every day. They showed me some potential land purchases we could make. I am excited about them helping us try to generate more business.

Mayor Broyles stated I hear so much good feedback from our citizens about how good we are working together. Heritage Day is coming up. Miss Wanda has done an exemplary job. The car show is going to be 15 times bigger than it has ever been.

Mayor Broyles stated that the Water Treatment Plant and Carter Street Projects will let next year. The TDOT Multi Modal Grant Project is moving quick.

Mayor Broyles stated Officer Eli Bare recently attended a meeting with the Governor's Highway Safety Council. Bluff City was on the Board and mentioned, stating our casualty rate is one of the lowest in the state.

Second Session – Public Comments

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Hwy voiced concern over the vacant seat on the Board. Mrs Payne stated that she heard Sullivan County had given the City \$5,000.00 more on the park grant.

Jeanann Sanders of 251 Jonesboro Drive stated I have a question about the First Tennessee Development District. Mayor Broyles stated we are not required to answer questions. If the contract is being dissolved, does that affect the first - time home buyers assistance. Mayor Broyles stated that is a completely separate issue. That is the Home Consortium.

Report from City Attorney – Paul Frye – No Report

Discussion / Action: Financial Report – Sharon Greene, CMFO

Ms Greene reported the following fund balances as of July 31, 2023: General Fund \$2,284,460.00 Sanitation Fund - \$30,838.00, Special Police Fund - \$3,198.00, Debt Service Fund- \$115,024.00, Sinking Fund - \$3,094.00, Water / Sewer Fund- \$981,740.00. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Vice Mayor Keith. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Venable – Yes, Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Vice Mayor Keith – Yes, and Alderman Adams – Yes. Motion carried.

Report from Police Chief – Greg Depew

Chief Depew stated the Governors Highway Safety Office is a huge deal. If you don't enforce traffic laws and you don't be seen, you work wrecks. Chief Depew stated I am so proud of all the guys. Chief Depew stated it was a great honor to be recognized in a room full of Highway Patrol Officers and every agency in upper East Tennessee.

Chief Depew stated we have been monitoring traffic on Lakeview Drive.

Chief Depew presented the monthly report for August, 2023 (SEE ATTACHED)

Report from Public Works Supervisor – Allen Moultrie

Mr Moultrie presented the monthly report for August. (SEE ATTACHED)

The improvements that were made are helping but we are still working on those areas.

The sewer is operating well. The City workers are working hard to maintain the brush pick up.

Mayor Broyles stated Allen is doing a great job training new employees.

Mayor Broyles stated I want to brag on Allen's and Greg's Departments for their events support. We have quite a bit of events and even had a United States Congresswoman present.

Finance and Administration – Sharon Greene, CMFO

Ms Greene reported that she is still working on the audit. Mayor Broyles thanked her for her hard work.

No County Commissioners were present

Board of Mayor and Aldermen Comments

Alderwoman Venable thanked everyone that came. I think we have very good employees and a good Board.

Alderwoman Madison stated I am glad my son is here with me tonight. Mayor Broyles stated so are we.

Vice Mayor Keith thanked everyone for coming and stated why I am on this Board is because I care. Mrs Keith thanked her fellow board members for working together.

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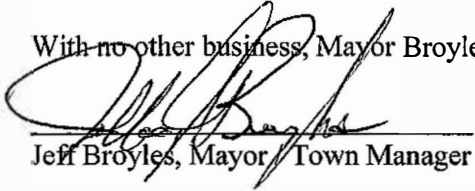
Alderman Adams thanked everyone for coming out. I would like to see more come out. We are working together and doing the best we can. Mr Adams stated if you are interested in being on this board and make a difference in your town, please come down.

Old Business -- None

New Business


Alderman Adams stated I say on Face Book that we have a kid that went to Sullivan East High School that got called up to the Major Leagues. His name is Hunter Stratton and he is the only Patriot that has thrown a pitch in the Major Leagues. We should honor him.

With no other business, Mayor Broyles adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.



Jeff Broyles, Mayor / Town Manager

Attest this 5th day of September, 2023



Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO



Bluff City Police Department
MONTHLY REPORT



2023 August
Year Month

NUMBER OF:	CITY	PINEY	COUNTY	TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)	49	33	62	183
ISSUED CITATION(S)	69	240		309
WARNING CITATION(S)	23	68		91
PATROLED MILE(S)				3775
ARREST(S)				24
OFFENSE REPORT(S)				31
ALARM(S)				6
ACCIDENTS				5
ANIMAL CALL(S)				2
MSD REPORT(S)				18
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)				3
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)				5
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)				0
MISSING PERSON(S)				2
D.U.I.(S)				2
DRUG VIOLATION(S)				3
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)				0
Door Checks				267

Approved by: Chief Depew

Chief Depew

CITY OF BLUFF CITY
Water Plant & Distribution System
Board of Mayor and Alderman Monthly
Report for August 2023

Water Plant:

The Water plant is operating normally pumping an average of 243 thousand gallons per day. Our water tank level was at an average of 46.8 feet. Water plant was down for a total of 3 days and 4 hrs, the cause of water plant being down was due to high turbidity levels during rain event.

Distribution System:

We repaired 3 leaks in our distribution system this month. That leak was due to pin holes that developed in the service line. We are currently going throughout our system doing aggressive dead end line flushing.

Sewer Department:

Sewer Department is operating well with there being no overflows in the month of August.

Streets Department:

City workers are working hard maintaining the brush pickup throughout town. Our designated day for brush pick up is on Wednesday and Thursday, with work orders being top priority.

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

Allen Moultrie
Public Work Supervisor