

Minutes  
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
Regular Meeting  
January 2, 2024

Mayor Broyles called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Members present were Sandra Madison, Ben Adams and Lisa Arnold

Carol Keith was absent

Prayer was given by Jeff Broyles, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Greg Depew

Mayor Broyles opened the floor for the following:

Recognitions, Proclamations and Awards

Mayor Broyles recessed the meeting.

Mayor Broyles and Chief Depew recognized Officer Dalton Rogers for receiving an award for most DUI's from Knoxville up. Chief Depew stated I could not be more proud of you. We are honored to have you here. Mayor Broyles read the award.

Chief Depew asked for Officer Shane Watson to step up where they were. Chief Depew stated these two guys, in reference to the car seat things they do, is amazing. We are getting recognized from the Childrens Hospital in Knoxville for what they do.

Mayor Broyles stated Officer Shane Watson started here as a patrol officer and was later recognized for his leadership capabilities and was promoted to Sergeant. This past year he was promoted to Lieutenant and is now serving as Division Commander of Patrol and Training. Last year he led the way to the transition of going from paper tickets to Watson RMS. Chief Depew stated this took a lot of work. Chief Depew thanked Lt. Watson for all the work he does.

Chief Depew stated I could not be more proud of everybody that serves this department.

Mayor Broyles and Alderman Adams presented the winner of the Judges Choice 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award at our 2023 Christmas Parade. The vehicle was a 1969 Nova. The owner is Kim Perry.

Mayor Broyles called the meeting back in session.

Discussion / Action: Approval of Minutes for December 5, 2023

Motion to approve was made by Alderwoman Arnold. Second by Alderwoman Madison. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes, Alderwoman Arnold – Yes. Motion carried.

### Public Comments – First Section

David Harmon of 200 Holston Drive asked Ms Madison where she lived because it looks like no one lived at the address listed for her. Mayor Broyles stated we are not required to answer questions during Public Comments.

Hilda Perna of 685 Weaver Branch Rd asked about the funds from the Baby Doe Settlement that Mr Staubus had discussed. Mayor Broyles stated if you want a meeting with me come in and schedule it.

### Discussion / Action: Removal of the Traffic Signal, and Conversion to a Four Way Stop at the Intersection of Main Street and Holston / Summit Dr.

Mayor Broyles stated that the red light there is antiquated to say the best. We have difficulty even finding bulbs. Replacing it would be at a great expense or we could remove it and make it a four way stop. Alderman Adams stated we have discussed this in workshops. It is really outdated and hard to fix. I think it is a wise decision to make it a four way stop. Alderman Adams made a motion to remove the traffic signal. Second by Alderwoman Arnold. Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes, Alderwoman Arnold – Yes. Motion carried. City Attorney Paul Frye stated this will require an ordinance and I will prepare one for the next meeting.

### Discussion / Action: Second Reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance 2023-013: Ordinance Adopting the Title VI Legal Manual, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, as the Town's Compliance Manual

Mayor Broyles opened the Public Hearing at 6:20 pm. Julie Venable of 209 Smith Street Extension asked what it will change. Mayor Broyles stated it doesn't change anything. It is showing we have formally adopted this compliance manual here in the town. It is saying we comply with Federal Law. Alderman Adams stated we have to be in compliance in order to get grants. With no other comments, hearing ended 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 Madison – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes, Alderwoman Arnold – Yes. Motion carried.

### Discussion / Action: Resolution 2024-001 thru 2024-013: Resolution to Appropriate Certain Funds to Non-Profit Charitable Organizations in the Budget for 2023-2024

City Attorney Paul Frye explained that the funds were appropriated to Non-Profit Organizations and Stated law requires that when those monies are paid out you have to do a resolution. All this is doing is authorizing the City Recorder to pay these monies. Mayor Broyles stated that the list we are donating to is on our Budget online. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-001 thru 2024-013 was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Arnold.

Vote went as follows: Alderwoman Madison – Yes, Alderman Adams – Yes, Alderwoman Arnold – Yes. Motion carried.

Report from Mayor / Town Manager

Mayor Broyles stated the TDEC Carter Street Renovation project is still moving along. So is our Water Treatment Plant Renovation Project. The TDOT Multi Modal Project is still under way. The survey piece is completed down the Bluff City Highway. I will soon meet again with TDOT and look at the route and crosswalks.

Mayor Broyles presented Public Works Supervisor, Allen Moultrie's Report. (SEE ATTACHED)

Mayor Broyles reported that the water plant operated normally and was down only 1 day and 16 hours out of the entire month of December. Most of that time was for backwashes due to turbidity. We are continuing to find leaks from old galvanized lines.

Mayor Broyles stated in the Sewer Department we have had no overflows. The City Workers are working hard to maintain brush and leaf pick-up with work orders being top priority. As far as Allen's department they do a great job and he is a great leader.

Mayor Broyles stated 2023 was a wonderful year for the Town of Bluff City statistically and financially. We predict 2024 is going to be better. Mayor Broyles thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as Town Manager as well.

Citizen Comments – Second Section

Julie Venable of 209 Smith St. Ext. asked if we could put a trash can back down at the park near the swinging bridge. Ms Venable stated an area near the picnic table needs grass seed.

Report from City Attorney Paul Frye

Mr Frye stated that he will be filing a delinquent property tax lawsuit soon and we have about 12 properties involved.

Mayor Broyles reported that CMFO Sharon Greene is in Orlando- Financial Report will be presented at the next meeting.

Report from Chief of Police – Greg Depew

Chief Depew presented the monthly report for December (SEE ATTACHED)

Mayor Broyles stated outstanding job, 315 citations in December and no fatalities. Chief Depew stated our traffic flow has picked up quite a bit, and we have quite a bit of traffic through here.

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No County Commissioners were present

Alderman Comments

Alderwoman Madison thanked everyone for coming and stated please come again.

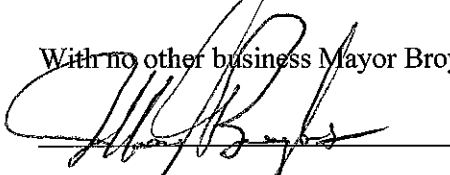
Alderman Adams thanked everyone for coming. Mr Adams stated, our Police Department did an outstanding job. That is a huge impact on our community.

Alderwoman Arnold thanked everyone for coming out and all that you do. I wish everyone a Happy New Year.

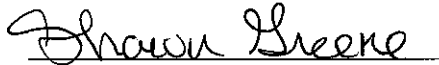
Old Business -- None

New Business -- None

With no other business Mayor Broyles adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

  
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Jeff Broyles, Mayor

Attest this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024

  
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Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO