

Minutes  
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
Special Called Meeting  
February 18, 2025

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

Members present were Carolyn Payne, Jerry Malone, Carol Keith and Eric Johnson.

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

Mayor Staton opened the floor for the following:

First Session of Public Comments – No comments

Discussion / Igloo Pump Station Situation - February 8, 2025

Mayor Staton explained that on February 8th there was a minor situation with the pump station. There was an issue with a valve that was stuck so the Public Works Department went out and identified the issue. The city pump truck could not go deep enough. They got another truck that was able to reach it. They repaired it. Everything was okay.

Town Manager Roberts stated the men came out and looked at it and were in contact with Allen (Public Works Director) the whole time. There were no overflows.

Mayor Staton reported that there was a call made to TDEC and they wanted a spill report from Allen and there was no spill, but since that call was made a report had to be started. This made the City and the Works Department look bad. It reflected negatively on Michelle (Roberts). There was no spill. Mayor Staton stated the call to TDEC was made by Alderwoman Payne and asked her to explain why she felt the need to call for a spill report when there was no spill. Alderwoman Payne stated she had been contacted by a couple of people wanting to know what was going on at the pump station. I called Michelle and left a voicemail. I followed up with a text. I received a nasty email and I sent Michelle an attachment of the septic truck as well. Discussion followed about the procedures for the Board. Alderwoman Keith stated we have got to stay in our lane. If there are complaints they will be addressed.

Discussion / Action– Board of Mayor and Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2024; October 1, 2024; and November 7, 2024

Alderdwoman Keith made a correction on October 1, 2024 where it states I tried to reach Mr. Frye several times. Mrs Keith stated I did reach him. Mrs Keith stated the date she was called to sign a check was 10-3-2024 but the time was 9:06. Motion to approve the minutes listed, with corrections, was made by Alderman Malone. Second by Alderman Johnson. Vote was as follows: Alderdwoman Payne stated No because I was not a Board Member at this time. Alderman Malone, Alderdwoman Keith, and Alderman Johnson voted -Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action - Approval of Board of Mayor and Aldermen Special Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2024, September 24, 2024, October 9, 2024 and October 28,2024

Motion to approve was made by Alderman Malone. Second by Alderman Johnson. Vote went as follows: Alderdwoman Payne - No, Alderman Malone, Alderdwoman Keith, and Alderman Johnson voted - Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion / Action -First Reading -Ordinance 2025-002: An Ordinance to Amend the Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025, for the Purpose of Entering into a Contract with First Tennessee Development District, from March 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$3,585.00

Mr Frye explained the ordinance. Motion to approve on First Reading was made by Alderdwoman Payne. Second by Alderman Johnson. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### Second Session - Public Comments

Dave Harmon of 200 Holston Drive asked who you call when the red light is on at the pump station at the bridge. Mr Harmon was informed that he could contact any alderman and they can call the Mayor.

Gary Sharpe of 153 Elizabethton Hwy voiced concern about the neighborhood where he lives and asked if the city could help.

Heather Shaffer stated she would give them her address in writing. I am Michelle's sister and watched everything go down with the previous Mayor. I was here when you were considering her to be Town Manager. I have watched her and she is doing a fantastic job.

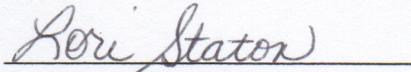
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Alderman Malone stated the Little League was going to be playing here. There will be a lot of people coming to town. Alderwoman Payne asked if they were going to allow the Family Committee to set up down there. Town Manager Roberts suggested they have a workshop on that.

With no other business, Mayor Staton adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.



Lori Staton, Mayor

Attest this 18th day of February, 2025



Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO