

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
September 3, 2024

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

Members present were: Jerry Malone, Lori Staton, Carol Keith and Ben Adams

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

Mayor Broyles opened the floor for the following:

Mayor Broyles stated he would like to congratulate Allen Moultrie on his promotion to Director of Public Works. Mr Broyles stated Mr Holtsclaw could not be here but we would like to congratulate him on his promotion to Public Works Crew Chief.

Discussion / Action - Meeting Minutes from June 4, 17, and 27, 2024

Mayor Broyles found grammatical errors on the 4th and the 17th minutes. Motion to approve minutes for June 4, 17, and 27, with corrections, was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Staton. Vote went as follows: All members present - Yes. Motion carried.

First Session -Public Comments

Carolyn Payne voiced concern about the purchase of trash cans and the hiring of a new person in City Hall. Mrs Payne stated they need to buy microphones so that all Board Member's would have one. These items were discussed at the September 3, 2024 meeting.

David Harmon of 200 Holston Drive stated we are buying trash cans and this will end up costing 2 men their jobs at Cox Disposal.

Discussion / Action- Second Reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance 2024-007

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which amends Ordinance 2015-001 known as the Storm Water Ordinance. Public Hearing opened at 6:14 p.m. No Comments. Hearing closed at 6:15 p.m. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Malone. Second by Alderman Adams. Vote went as follows: All present in favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion / Action - Second Reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance2024-008

City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance which is an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2024--003 known as the Appropriations Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025. This is to purchase garbage containers and hire an additional employee. Public Hearing opened at 6:16 p.m. Carolyn Payne voiced concern about the passage of these ordinances and hiring a new employee. Public Hearing closed at 6:21 p.m.

Vice Mayor Keith stated buying trash cans is the last thing we need right now as we have bigger concerns. I would like to have a workshop to discuss this. Sharon is pretty much the backbone. We want to hire someone that Sharon can teach to be able

to step in if she retires. I hope the Board would agree to put this on hold and don't make any decisions until you are sure.

Aldermwoman Staton this isn't saying we are buying the trash cans, correct. Mayor Broyles stated yes it is, saying we are buying the cans. Mrs Staton stated she had talked to quite a few people and they are happy about the trash cans.

Alderman Malone explained how the money was there, it just had to be moved to make the purchase of the cans. Mr Malone stated the cans would look much better, as some people have bags and stuff lying on the ground.

Vice Mayor Keith stated trash cans would be nice but we have other things such as the wall and the ceiling in here. Alderman Malone stated that is in the budget this year.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-008 on Second Reading was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderman Malone. Vote went as follows: Alderman Malone - Yes, Aldermwoman Staton - Yes, Vice Mayor Keith - No, Alderman Adams - Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action--Application for TDEC Asset Management Plan Grant of up to \$375,000.00

Mayor Broyles stated, with us this evening is Calvin Clifton and Austin Smith with Mattern & Craig. Calvin Clifton stated I came to this board several times and told you that this grant was available and it would be a zero match. The State came back and said the Town is approved for this grant but now there is a match amount. Mr Clifton discussed the States Infrastructure Score Card. This shows the layout of all water lines. Mayor Broyles asked to Board to allow him to submit the Application. Motion to approve was made by Aldermwoman Staton. Second by Alderman Adams. Vote went as follows: All members present voted -Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Broyles introduced Austin Smith with Mattern & Craig. Mr Smith reported on the current town projects.

Report from Town Manager -- Jeff Broyles

Mayor Broyles reported that we have had to close City Hall due to plumbing issues. Mr Moultrie and I did our best to make a fix of the situation and found it was above our capability and we brought in other folks. I apologize to the public as it is my responsibility. We found it to be a bigger situation than we realized.

Mayor Broyles stated he has 4 separate bids on a replacing a section of decking at Wells Park near the shelter.

Mayor Broyles stated the Multi Modal Grant form TDOT is moving along.

Mayor Broyles thanked the entire staff for the things they do.

Mayor Broyles stated he wants to clear up some misconceptions he heard tonight. No one has announced retirement on this staff. We do have senior employees on the staff. As far as the trash cans this Board's duty is to maintain order, control and the sanitation of the town. In regard to the recent increases, we did increase the trash rate because our contractor increased the price on us.

Second Session Public Comments

Carolyn Payne of 4818 Bluff City Hwy voiced concern about the purchase of trash cans. Mrs Payne stated we need new video equipment at City Hall.

Dave Harmon stated we are supposed to have garbage cans, but don't need to spend 40 some thousand dollars on them.

Report from Town Attorney-- Paul Frye

Mr Frye stated this week my office will start collecting delinquent taxes for last year.

Discussion / Action- Financial Report-----Sharon Greene, CMFO

Ms Greene reported the following fund balances as of July 31, 2024:
General Fund - \$ 2,553,090.00, Sanitation Fund - \$31,995.00, Special Police Fund - \$4,550.00, Debt Service- \$112,69.00, Sinking Fund- \$3,094.00, Water/Sewer Fund - \$792,915.00. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Adams. Second by Alderwoman Staton. Vote went as follows: All members present in favor. Motion carried.

Report from Police and Public Safety-----Chief Greg Depew

Chief Depew presented the monthly report for August 2024. (SEE ATTACHED)

Chief Depew reported that everything is going good. We are working on some property issues. Mayor Broyles commended the Police Department for the job they are doing.

Report from Public Works ----Mayor Broyles for Supervisor Allen Moultrie

In Mr Moultrie's absence, Mayor Broyles reported the following: The water treatment plant is operating as it should. They have fixed 4 leaks.

We have used the jetter for sewer maintenance, including in front of City Hall. All of our services are going well. Work orders take priority.

Report from County Commissioners ----None Present

Board of Mayor and Alderman Comments

Alderman Malone thanked everyone for coming. Mr Malone stated that on September 10th at 10:00 a.m. the Holston Heritage Museum is going to have the ribbon cutting.

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Alderwoman Staton thanked everyone for coming out. I do listen to you but I make decisions that I think is best. All the teams are doing well.

Vice Mayor Keith stated nobody said anything when our employees were sitting over there in that smell. Nobody should have to work in those conditions.

Alderman Adams thanked everyone for coming out. Hiring a new employee and buying trash cans for our citizens is not shady. I think everybody up here has the best intentions for our people and our town.

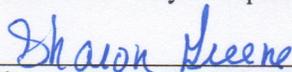
Old Business--None

New Business--None

With no other business Mayor Broyles adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.


Lori Staton, Mayor

Attest this 3rd day of September, 2024


Sharon Greene, Recorder/CMFO

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-007

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 14, CHAPTER 6 OF THE BLUFF CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, SPECIFICALLY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BLUFF CITY, TENNESSEE:

1. That Title 14, Chapter 6 of the Bluff City Municipal Code be hereby amended by deleting Title 14, Chapter 6 of the Bluff City Municipal Code in its entirety, and replacing it with the following language which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

2. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Jeffery H. Broyles, Mayor

Attested: _____
Sharon Greene, CMFO, Town Recorder

Approved
as to form: _____
J. Paul Frye, Town Attorney

Passed on First Reading _____

Passed on Second Reading: _____

Public Hearing: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2024-003 KNOWN AS THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen deem it necessary to purchase garbage containers and hire an additional employee. This, for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Bluff City; and

1. WHEREAS, the authorization for the garbage containers is \$41,005.59; and
2. WHEREAS, the authorization for the additional employee is \$40,521.00

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BLUFF CITY, TENNESSEE:

3 That Ordinance 2024-008 as to Line Item 110 – General Fund be amended as follows:

110 – General Fund	\$1,832,727.00
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3. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Jeffery H. Broyles, Mayor

Attested:

Sharon Greene, CMFO, Town Recorder

Approved
as to form:

J. Paul Frye, Town Attorney

Passed on First Reading: _____

Passed on Second Reading: _____

Public Hearing: _____



Bluff City Police Department
MONTHLY REPORT



2024 AUGUST
Year Month

NUMBER OF:				TOTAL
CALLS FOR ASSISTANT(S)				184
ISSUED CITATION(S)				309
WARNING CITATION(S)				111
PATROLED MILE(S)				8,643
ARREST(S)				42
OFFENSE REPORT(S)				45
ALARM(S)				10
ACCIDENTS				12
ANIMAL CALL(S)				3
MSD REPORT(S)				42
FUNERAL ESCORT(S)				2
DOMESTIC ASSAULT(S)				1
VEHICLE SEIZURE(S)				0
MISSING PERSON(S)				0
D.U.I.(S)				6
DRUG VIOLATION(S)				4
USE OF FORCE REPORT(S)				0

Approved by: Chief Depew