

Minutes
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Alderman
Special Called Meeting
November 7, 2024

Alderman Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Board members present were Carolyn Payne, Lori Staton, Jerry Malone, Carol Keith, and Ben Adams

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

Alderman Adams opened the floor for the following:

First Session - Public Comments

Justin Widener expressed interest in filling the open BMA seat. Mrs Payne stated your name will be put down. Mayor Keith stated I think Justin was commenting that he would be interested in the seat.

Discussion / Action- Resignations

Alderman Adams reported that on October 10, 2024 Jeff Broyles submitted his resignation as Mayor of Bluff City. Motion to approve resignation was made by Alderwoman Payne. Second by Mayor Keith. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Adams reported that Carol Keith submitted her resignation as Mayor on November 4th prior to the election. Motion to approve was made by Alderwoman Staton. Second by Alderman Adams. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion / Action - Nominations for Mayor

Alderwoman Keith made a motion for Alderman Adams to fill the office of Mayor. Second by Alderwoman Payne. Alderman Adams stated I am honored, but the hours I have to put in at my job will make it difficult to fulfill the duties that are required to be Mayor. Alderman Adams made a motion to appoint Alderwoman Staton as Mayor. Second by Alderwoman Keith.. Mrs Staton accepted the nomination. With a motion and second on the floor the vote went as follows. Mrs Staton abstained. All other in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Staton stated we need to fill the position of Vice Mayor. Alderwoman Payne stated to City Attorney Paul Frye that normally the one that receives the most votes, we nominate as Vice Mayor. Jerry Malone had the most votes. Mr Frye stated it's by nomination and a second. Alderwoman Payne made a motion to appoint Alderman Malone. Mr Malone declined the nomination. Alderman Malone nominated Ben Adams to be Vice Mayor. Second by Alderwoman Keith. Alderman Adams agreed to the nomination. Vote went as follows: Alderman Adams abstained. All others in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion /Action - Public Hearing and Second Reading- Ordinance 2024-009

Mayor Staton reported that the ordinance was to Amend the Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025. The purpose is to buy a police vehicle for \$ 29,500.00. City Attorney Paul Frye read the ordinance stating this is to replace a previously totaled vehicle. Public Hearing opened. No Comments. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Adams. Second by Alderwoman Keith. All in favor. Motion carried.

David Harmon of 200 Holston Drive stated he would like for them to change the time of the meetings to 7:00p.m.

Report from Sullivan County Commissioner

County Commissioner King stated he looked forward to working with the Board. Mr King asked Chief Depew about the agreement between them and Sullivan County Sheriff's Department in reference to both agencies working the same areas on the four-lane. Chief Depew stated that the road is in the city and is their responsibility to patrol it. We cannot tell the county not to be there because it is in the county. Chief Depew stated I suggest you contact the Sheriff. Mr King stated I am trying to get more coverage on the side roads.

Commissioner King reported that the County just did a 30-million-dollar bond for the jail and we have already done a 70-million-dollar bond.

Commissioner Glover congratulated the Board. Mr Glover stated he feels they will move Bluff City forward. Mr Glover stated during the Covid Episode, Sullivan County was awarded millions of dollars and we worked with the Tennessee Development Board on that money. Mr Glover stated I understand Bluff City is not a member of the First Tennessee Development Board anymore. You may want to check about being a member. Alderman Malone asked Mr Glover about Hotel and Motel tax and Mr Glover stated (former) Mayor Broyles got up and said he wanted Bluff City removed from hotel / motel tax.

Second Session – Public Comments

Shirley Clark of 932 Lona Lane thanked the board members. Mrs Clark asked about the progress of the Multi Modal Grant for roads. Interim Town Manager Roberts stated she will have to look into the grant but in reference to Lakeview Drive a pipe needs to be replaced before paving.

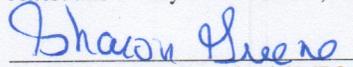
Commissioner Glover voiced concern about turning lanes needed at the crossroads in Piney Flats.

Jeanann Sanders congratulated the Board. Ms Sanders stated when Pete Auger was here, he said we needed to bring the temperature down. The temperature is down and here's to moving forward.

With no other business Mayor Staton adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:50 P.M.


Lori Staton, Mayor

Attest this 7th day of November, 2024


Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO



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October 10, 2024

**Citizens of Bluff City, Tennessee
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
J. Paul Frye, Town Attorney
Sharon Greene, CMFO, Town Recorder
All Departments**

Subject: Resignation

Respectful greetings,

Effective 10:00am on the above date, I hereby resign from the office of Mayor.

May God have mercy on this Town.

With Utmost Respect,

The Forty Eighth Mayor

“People Working Together to Help Each Other”

(Please except my resignation)

I will be resigning as Mayor November 4th 2024

Thank You

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carl".

Keith

11-1-2024

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-003
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FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE CRUISER
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,500.00.
STATED VEHICLE WOULD REPLACE A
PREVIOUSLY TOTALED VEHICLE**

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WHEREAS, the authorization for this vehicle is \$29,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Alderman wish to pay cash for this vehicle.

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

1. That Ordinance No. 2024-003 as to the line item 110 – General Fund be amended as follows:

110 – General Fund \$1,862,227.00

2. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Carol Keith, Vice Mayor

Attested:

Sharon Greene, City Recorder

Approved
as to form:

J. Paul Frye, City Attorney

Passed on First Reading: _____

Passed on Second Reading: _____

Public Hearing: _____

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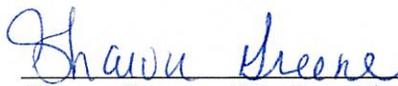
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Passed on First Reading: 10/28/24
Passed on Second Reading: 11/7/24
Public Hearing: 11/7/24