

Minutes
Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Meeting
October 7, 2025

Mayor Staton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Members Present: Ben Adams, Jerry Malone, Carolyn Payne, Eric Johnson

Prayer, Alderman Malone; Pledge of Allegiance, Captain Watson

Mayor Staton opened the meeting for the following:

Mayor Staton turned the meeting over to Mr. Frye who explained the board would be going into an executive session to discuss the Gardner v. Bluff City Lawsuit and asked the audience to leave the room.

Motion to go into executive session, Vice-Mayor Adams. Second, Alderman Malone. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Executive session began at 6:02 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 6:08 p.m.

Motion to go back in to regular session, Alderwoman Payne. Second, Vice-Mayor Adams. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Regular Session began at 6:08 p.m.

Mr. Frye recommended a motion be made to hire Herrin, McPeak, and Associates to defend Gardner v. Bluff City.

Motion, Alderwoman Payne. Second, Alderman Johnson. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Staton recognized Mr. Doug White, who is interested in assisting Bluff City with building inspections.

Mr. White introduced himself and stated he is a resident of Bluff City and currently works for Johnson City as a Building Inspector. Mayor Staton explained the code enforcement and building inspections would be separate.

Austin Smith of Mattern and Craig discussed the Water Treatment Plant bid and getting with FTDD. Mr. Smith discussed moving forward with the sewer work at 4416 Bluff City Highway and amending the Task Order, as well as other projects that could be done.

Discussion and Action: Approval of Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting Minutes for September 30, 2024; January 15, 2025; January 24, 2025; February 3, 2025; February 4, 2025; April 9, 2025; May 27, 2025; June 3, 2025; June 10, 2025; June 13, 2025; June 13, 2025 (2); June 17, 2025; June 24, 2025; June 26, 2025, June 26, 2025 (2); July 9, 2025; July 15, 2025; September 2, 2025; September 10, 2025; and September 23, 2025.

Motion to approve the minutes as a group, Alderman Malone. Second, Vice-Mayor Adams. Vote: Alderwoman Payne, No. All others in favor. Motion carried.

First Session of Public Comments:

Kathy Leonard, 316 McClelland Lane, spoke about the heavy rains washing over her property.

Discussion: Resolution to Approve Applying, Accepting, and if Awarded, Appropriation of the 2025 Transportation Planning Grant for the Purposes of Studying the Traffic Safety, Accessibility, Connectivity, and Potential Growth Along the Bristol Highway (SR 34 | US HWY 11-E Corridor with Sullivan County)

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The board did not move forward.

Discussion and Action: First Reading - Ordinance 2025-011 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17-113 OF THE BLUFF CITY MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING COLLECTION OF BRUSH FROM RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Public Works Supervisor Allen Moultrie discussed the need to update the brush ordinance.

Motion to approve, Alderman Johnson. Second, Vice-Mayor Adams. Vote: Alderwoman Payne, No. All others in favor. Motion carried.

Town Report:

Mayor Staton briefed the board on the monthly events.

Report from the Town Attorney: None

Discussion and Action - Financial Report

Sharon Greene read the September Financial Report. Motion to approve, Vice-Mayor Adams. Second, Alderwoman Payne. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried

Department Reports:

Police and Public Safety: Chief Depew gave his report for September.

Public Works: Supervisor Allen Moultrie gave his report for September.

Finance and Administration: Sharon Greene gave her report for September.

Board of Mayor and Aldermen Comments:

Vice-Mayor Adams thanked everyone for attending.

Alderman Malone thanked everybody and announced the Piney Bluff Gazette has returned.

Alderwoman Carolyn Payne thanked the people who come out and spoke about the recent paving done around town.

Alderman Eric Johnson thanked everybody for coming out and stated the board truly cares about the town.

Old Business:

Alderwoman Payne talked about the gate at the garage.

New Business:

Alderwoman Payne discussed getting microphones and recording meetings.

Second Session of Public Comments:

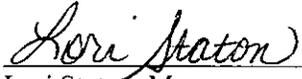
David Harmon, 200 Holston Drive, discussed getting microphones.

Kathy Leonard, 316 McClelland Lane, discussed potential curbing on McClelland Lane.

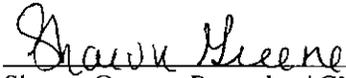
Sarah Malone, 123 Hillcrest Drive, spoke about the Bluff City Family Committee and their upcoming calendar planning.

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



Lori Staton, Mayor
This 7th day of October, 2025


Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO