

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen
March 12, 2009

Mayor Malone opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were Melvin Carrier, J C Gentry, Don Weaver, Mark Weaver and Irene Wells.

Also present: City Attorney Paul Frye, County Commissioner's John McKamey and Dwight King, and Police Chief David Nelson.

Prayer was given by Mayor Malone, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for the February 12, 2009 regular meeting were approved with a motion by Don Weaver. Second by Melvin Carrier. All in favor.

Minutes for the February 19, 2009 Special Called Meeting were approved with a motion by Irene Wells. Second by J C Gentry. All in favor.

Mayor Malone opened the floor for Citizen Comments – First Section. There were none.

Mayor Malone presented Ordinance 2009-002 - First reading, to the BMA for consideration. City Attorney Paul Frye read Ordinance 2009-002, an ordinance adding Section 10-209 to the Bluff City Municipal Code regarding dogs at the Bluff City Recreational Park during ball games.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2009-002 was made by Melvin Carrier. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Sarah Ketron, Storm Water Coordinator, presented a Corrective Action Plan for Stormwater Program. Mrs. Ketron stated that she just got her certification to be a Certified Inspector today and she hopes to get Bluff City's Stormwater Program up and running in approximately one month, maybe a little longer, and she would actually be going to construction sites to make sure construction site operators are in compliance with our code. Mrs. Ketron stated that she has already started working with the city work crew.

Motion to approve the plan was made by Melvin Carrier. Second by J C Gentry. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Malone stated that they had already met with the city workers and were also going to meet with the Police Department and office workers as well.

Don Weaver asked if there were fines involved in the violations reflected in Mrs. Ketron's Corrective Action Plan. Mayor Malone said that we do not know yet.

Mayor Malone presented the bids for the Proposals for the Automated Fixed Speed Photo Enforcement Program. Don Weaver stated that he felt that ATS is far more superior than Red Speed because of the megapixels, as they were giving them 11 megapixels and ATS is giving them 16 megapixels. Don Weaver made a motion to award the bid to ATS. Second by Mark Weaver. Vote went as follows. Melvin Carrier- No. All others in favor. Motion carried. Mayor Malone asked City Attorney Paul Frye to draft the ordinance and stated that they would have to have a public hearing. Don Weaver asked if what he was saying was to have a public hearing after the ordinance. Mayor Malone stated that they would have the public hearing during the ordinance. Mr. Frye stated that it is just like any ordinance. Mr. Frye stated that they have awarded the bid and they have to have an ordinance to implement it, as they have said they were going to do it and when they award the bid they are obligating themselves contractually. Mr. Frye explained that the ordinance is just the implementation of the civil penalty. Mr. Frye stated that by awarding this bid they are going to have a contract with ATS. Irene Wells asked if they needed to have a public hearing and everything before they award it. Mr. Frye stated that they would have a public hearing on the ordinance not the awarding of the bid, and if they award the bid they are going to have a contract with these companies, and they will have to have an ordinance to implement it. Mr. Frye stated that if they award the bid, they have done it. Don Weaver stated that the ordinance will be drawn up and they will have a public hearing. Mr. Frye stated that the public hearing would be on the contents of the ordinance, not whether to do it or not do it. Don Weaver stated that they had not voted on whether to do it or not do it. Mr. Frye stated, yes you just did. Don Weaver stated on the ATS. Mr. Frye stated yes. Mayor Malone stated that they really needed to have the public hearing prior to the awarding of the bid. Mr. Frye stated that in the contract they are saying that they will pass an ordinance to implement the penalties and the procedures to go through to do this and if they make a contractual relationship with this company, they are promising to do this ordinance. Irene Wells asked Mr. Frye what his legal opinion was on the way they should be handling it. Mr. Frye stated that if they have not decided whether they are going to do it or not, do the ordinance first. Mrs. Wells asked if that was his suggestion to them. Mr. Frye stated that it is whichever way they want to do it, because they are going to be contractually obligated to those folks if they award that bid. Mrs. Wells stated that they need to make sure they are handling it legally. Mayor Malone stated that if the ordinance is not in place, they are still under contract if they pass this tonight. Mrs. Wells stated that maybe they shouldn't. Mayor Malone stated that they have to do the ordinance first. Mr. Frye stated that if they were going to decide whether they were going to do it or no based on a public hearing they needed to do the ordinance first, because if they award the bid

they are already going to be obligated to do it. Mr. Frye stated that they could have the ordinance in place and that still did not mean that they had to do it they would just have the ordinance on the books. Don Weaver asked what they needed to do, rescind the ATS and go again on the ordinance. Mr. Frye stated yes if that is the way you want to do it, it can be done either way. Mr. Frye stated that if they award the bid they are obligated under contract to this company to implement an ordinance. Mr. Frye stated that if they do the ordinance first they are not obligated to contract with anyone. Don Weaver made a motion to rescind ATS. Second by Irene Wells. All in favor. Motion carried. Mayor Malone asked if the board wanted the ordinance to be drawn up. Melvin Carrier said no, they did not need that. Don Weaver asked if they needed a motion. Mr. Frye stated no that anybody could ask for an ordinance. Don Weaver stated that he say's to do the ordinance. Melvin Carrier stated not to do it that we don't need that stuff. Mayor Malone called for a consensus. J C Gentry said to do it. Mark Weaver stated no. Irene Wells stated to do it. Mayor Malone instructed Mr. Frye to do it.

Mayor Malone presented Resolution 2009-001 to the BMA for consideration. City Attorney Paul Frye read Resolution 2009-001, a resolution appropriating \$10,000 to the Bluff City Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Frye explained that Resolution's 1 thru 6 on the Agenda are all of the non profit appropriations that they made in the budget and they now have to make these resolutions to implement them. Mayor Malone stated that he knew that the first question was going to be do we have the money to do this, and he reported that the report he was holding was as of March 9, 2009 and there has been no more checks go out against the General Fund, and it reflects that there is 117,890.92 in the General Fund. Mayor Malone explained that he had spoken with Judy and she said that they normally make quarterly payments on these and she said that we could go ahead and pay these. Irene Wells stated that she was a bit concerned about paying all this money out at once because we have problems with the pumps at the bridge and if we pay out all the money that we have and something happens, as old as those pumps are, and we don't have the money to take care of the problem, we will be fined by the State. Mrs. Wells stated that she felt that we should not pay all of it out at this time and according to the last meeting, the recorder stated that she felt like we should wait closer to the end of the year before we pay this money out. Don Weaver asked how the property tax was generated, and was it coming in normal and how was the option sales tax. Mayor Malone stated that \$17,000 from sales option tax came to the city and Judy told him at the beginning of the week that we had another franchise tax come in that was larger than expected, but at the time he could not quote exactly which one it was. Don Weaver stated that from July to February 9th, if he was not mistaken, we were over \$75,000 off in the optional sales tax back from the state.

Sandy Harkleroad stated to the Mayor that the tax that came in that they were not expecting was from Charter Fiber Network. Irene Wells asked if the \$117,000 included the \$50,000 that was in the building fund. Mayor Malone explained that the \$50,000 that they had taken out of the Building Fund and put into the General Fund was spent, so this money included the \$50,000, and if they took the \$50,000 out and put it back into the Building Fund, they would be down \$50,000 from where they are at. Don Weaver asked if they used the \$50,000 to pay on the building because that was what it was supposed to be used for. Mayor Malone stated that he did think that some of it did go on the building and that our interest rate had gone down on the building. Don Weaver stated that he believed that they approved the \$50,000 to be pulled out to pay on the building. Mr. Weaver stated that the money was to be paid on this building only and not to be spent anywhere else. Mr. Weaver asked if that was the way they voted on that. Mayor Malone stated that he did not know the answer to that, but he knows that they did pull it out and they used \$50,000.00. Irene Wells stated that she thought that the auditor said that they needed to vote on it according to what he said when he went over the audit. Mayor Malone stated that he would have to go back over the minutes to find out on that. Mayor Malone asked if they had a motion on the resolution. Melvin Carrier stated that he felt that they needed to pay them something even if it was just a third of it. J C Gentry asked what it was about paying them quarterly. Mayor Malone stated that normally they would pay them quarterly payments throughout the budget year, but Judy recommended they pay it all and we need to get some of this taken care of. Don Weaver stated that he did not recommend draining the General Fund, why did they not pay them half. Mayor Malone stated that this had to be paid by June. Irene Wells stated that maybe they would have more money. Mayor Malone stated that he needed a motion. Irene Wells made a motion that they pay the Fire Departments quarterly. Mayor Malone stated that they were already past the quarter mark. Irene Wells stated; Past the quarter mark. Mayor Malone stated that they only had three months. Irene Wells stated to pay them half. City Attorney Paul Frye informed them that they were already three quarters of the way through their budget year. Irene Wells asked if they could not pay half and pay the other half at the end of the year like she had suggested previously. Mrs. Wells stated that this way you would not drain it with as many water problems as they were having and the problems they were having with the pumps because if they break down, they have to be taken care of. City Clerk Sandy Harkleroad stated that she did not know if they had considered it or not but we can't repair them with General Fund money. Mayor Malone stated: No that has to come from the Water / Sewer Fund. Mrs. Wells stated that they may have to take some money from the General Fund to use for some of those things. Mayor Malone stated that they could not as it is a proprietary fund. Mrs. Wells stated: Not for the water. Mayor Malone stated no, it has to be supported through the water bill. Mrs. Wells stated that if they look at the 50,000 that they took out

of the building fund, if they did not have that money in the 117,000, then they don't have a big reserve there. Mark Weaver asked if they could not catch it up three quarters of the way, as if they had been paying it quarterly and then pay the last at the quarter. Don Weaver stated that the churches and the Second harvest Food Bank needed to be paid. Mayor Malone stated that they were on Resolution 2009-001. Mr. Weaver stated that he thought they were doing all six of them. Mayor Malone stated that they were, but they had to be done individually. Irene Wells restated her motion by saying to pay \$5000 to the Bluff City Volunteer Fire Department at this time and the balance at the end of the year. Second by J C Gentry. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Malone presented resolution 2009 – 002, a resolution appropriating \$5000.00 to the Piney Flats Volunteer Fire Department. Melvin Carrier made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-002. Mayor Malone asked City Attorney Paul Frye if he needed to read it. Mr. Frye stated that it was to be used for operating expenses. Don Weaver asked if \$5000 was going to hurt us. Mayor Malone stated that he needed second on the motion before they could discuss it. Mr. Weaver stated that he thought that they were going 50% on it. Irene wells stated that they had to do each one individually. Mayor Malone stated that they have to discuss each one individually and he needed a second before they could discuss. Don Weaver made a second. Mayor Malone called for discussion. Irene Wells stated that if they were going to, even though they had already passed on the Bluff City Fire Department, if we are going to give Piney Flats Fire Department the whole amount at once, she would like to rescind her motion and give Bluff City the whole \$10,000 also as it would not be fair to them. Mayor Malone asked Melvin Carrier if he wanted to let his motion stand. Mr. Carrier said yes. Mayor Malone asked if there were any other comments on this. Mr. Carrier stated that she (Judy Dulaney) said that the money was there, so why not pay them. With a motion and a second on the floor, the vote went as follows: Melvin Carrier-yes, J C Gentry-no, Don Weaver- yes, Mark Weaver- no, Irene Wells- no. Motion failed.

Irene Wells made a motion (Resolution 2009-002) to pay Piney Flats Fire Department half now and half at the end of the term. Second by J C Gentry. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Malone presented Resolution 2009-003. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that this \$1000 to be paid to Bluff City Senior Citizens Center Inc. for operating expenses. Melvin Carrier made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-003. Motion failed for lack of a second. J C Gentry made a motion to pay half. Second by Irene Wells. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Malone presented Resolution 2009-004 to the BMA for consideration. Irene Wells made a motion to pay half now and half at the end of the year. Second by J C Gentry. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that this is a resolution to pay \$1000 to the Thomas Memorial Public Library for operating expenses. Mrs. Wells asked if she needed to restate her motion. Mayor Malone stated that they just needed to read that. With a motion and second on the floor, vote went as follows. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Malone presented Resolution 2009-005 (Resolution to pay \$500 to the Second Harvest Food Bank) to the BMA for consideration. Melvin Carrier made a motion to approve. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that it is to be used for operating expenses. Second by Don Weaver. Irene Wells stated that they were not giving the Senior Citizens and the Library half of their money and do we want to be fair to everybody. Melvin Carrier stated that they do want to be fair but these people need food. Mrs. Wells stated that she knew that they need food. Vote went as follows: All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Malone presented Resolution 2009-006 (Resolution appropriating \$300 to the Bluff City Churches Community Aid) to the BMA for consideration. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that this was to be used for operating expenses. Melvin Carrier made a motion to approve. Second by Don Weaver All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Malone reported that the Purchase Orders have been cut on the Highland Pump Project, but as far as he knows the electric has not been put in, but everything else is setting there ready to go. Mayor Malone stated that the State reviewed the Water Plant and met with the contractors on it and they are sending monthly reports on the plant. Mayor Malone stated that they met with Lewis Trivette with Rural Development to see if there was any money available in grants from this stimulus package and the \$300,000.00 figure that they got from Mattern & Craig was a figure that they went off from to get this water tank project in, and he said it would be a matching grant if we applied for it, but he needed to know by the end of the week if they wanted to apply as it takes several months to get the paperwork pushed through to get this done. Mayor Malone stated that he was going to try to get \$135,000 of the \$300,000 that we had actually applied for under the CDBG Grant which we did not qualify for. Mayor Malone stated that either way they go they are going to have to match some of the money to get this project in, and our system is running at 80% of capacity and we need to get those figures down. Mayor Malone asked if they wanted him to get the City Engineer to do another report for this Rural Development because the specs they got for the CDBG grant do not always apply to this. Mayor Malone stated that he was supposed to get information today but had not received it yet. Melvin Carrier stated to go ahead with it. Don Weaver stated that when they had the workshop with Dave Wilson and he mentioned going to TDEC and increasing our water from 226 gpm to 300 gpm that this would help with the low pressure problems at

some of the high points, and has he met with TDEC on this yet. Mayor Malone stated that he and Mr. Wilson had talked briefly on the phone after the meeting and if they go that route, there is going to be a fee for that to happen and they could or could not say that we could do this. Mayor Malone stated that it would have to be put in place and make sure that the terrain systems and the water treatment plant could handle it. Mayor Malone stated that he thought that it was going to cost around 20,000.00 to 25,000.00 to do the re rate on the system. Don Weaver stated that he was saying that the tank would go along with asking for the re-rate and it says here that there would be no capital cost and limited operational cost, and he does not know what he meant by that. (Sandy Harkleroad presented Mayor Malone with a fax from Mattern & Craig that was put in his tray that afternoon) Mayor Malone reported that the new proposal went from \$300,000.00 to \$328,841.00. Mayor Malone stated that there was a lot more involved in this particular type of grant than the CDBG grant. Mayor Malone stated that the man told him that if we do go for this grant it would be 35% and the rest would be back to the city, and the approximate percentage rate on the loan would be 4.625% over a 38 year period and can be paid off early.

City Attorney Paul Frye had no report.

Mayor Malone opened the floor for Comments from the Aldermen.

Melvin Carrier thanked everyone for coming and hoped that they come back again and bring some problems so they can try to solve them.

Mark Weaver thanked everyone for coming out that they appreciated it.

Don Weaver stated that it was good to see everyone.

Irene Wells thanked everyone for coming.

J C Gentry thanked everyone for coming out.

Chief Nelson presented the Police Report for February, 2009. (SEE ATTACHMENT I)

Chief Nelson presented information regarding a COPS Grant (SEE ATTACHMENT II). This grant requires that the officer stay employed by the city for one year after the 36 month grant is over. Chief Nelson asked for permission to apply for the grant. Motion to allow Chief Nelson to apply for any grants was made by J C Gentry. Second by Mark Weaver. Irene Wells asked if this would be only the grants that are 100%. Chief Nelson stated that after he files the applications he will have to come back before them to get approval. Vote went as follows: All in favor. Motion carried. Chief Nelson asked for permission to apply for the \$5000 Governor's Highway Safety Grant that they are

eligible for. Melvin Carrier asked if it was to get another one of those speed machines. Chief Nelson stated no that they are going to look into cameras for inside the cars. Motion to allow Chief Nelson to apply for the grant was made by J C Gentry. Second by Melvin Carrier. All in favor. Motion carried.

County Commissioner John McKamey reported that the County Commission has a short agenda. Mr. McKamey reported the following:

A resolution that will define the size of lines for utilities and require a certain amount of money set aside each year for fire hydrants and he feels that it will probably be deferred again.

A resolution to dissolve the Historical Advisory Committee and reappoint another one.

A resolution to accept a \$4500 grant from the State of Tennessee for the Election Commission.

A resolution to eliminate all unnecessary travel.

A resolution that is called Better Management of Cost and Personal Service which is actually a hiring freeze.

A resolution to improve the storage of Sullivan County Historical records.

A speed limit resolution.

A resolution to repurchase Lynnview School, which he thinks has already been withdrawn.

A resolution to ask the State Legislatures to allow Sullivan County Commission to determine whether or not Sullivan County or other counties in the state could have elected or appointed Superintendent of Schools. Irene Wells asked if there was any way that the city can qualify for any funds to help us replace water or sewer lines on 11 on 19 without having matching funds. Mr. McKamey stated that currently the county is about \$90,000,000 in debt. Mr. McKamey stated that Commissioner Dwight King is on the Budget Committee. Don Weaver asked how much the sales tax for the county is off. Mr. McKamey stated that Sullivan County is not as bad off as some of the other counties because of Tennessee Eastman.

Mayor Malone reported that he had to go back to work and would be turning the meeting over to Vice- Mayor J C Gentry at approximately 8:20 p.m.

County Commissioner Dwight King stated that our taxes in Sullivan County are down but they are not quite as bad as some others. Mr. King reported that Kingsport is up a little, Bristol, Bluff City, and Johnson City are down. Mr. King reported that expenditures are up especially electricity and they have been working on that and also their fuel usage. Mr. King reported that in reference to the fire hydrants, some of the new subdivisions are putting in 6 inch lines but they are connected with a 2 or 4 inch line which takes away all the water pressure. Mr. King stated that he felt that as far as fire safety goes, he thinks the volunteer fire departments do a great job and can move enough water to address the problem. Mr. King addressed Irene Wells as to her request about sewer, and stated that they may need to have a called meeting in reference to a Sewer Agreement.

In Old Business Mayor Malone reported that in reference to the CDBG grant, he needed a motion to approve payment of \$3561.84 to the engineers. Don Weaver asked if they apply for it again, can they use it again. Mayor Malone stated that the one with Rural Development will only use part of this but some of the work will have to be redone. Motion to approve the payment was made by Don Weaver. Second by Mark Weaver. All in favor. Motion carried. Mayor Malone left at this time.

In Old Business Don Weaver stated that the Junk Pick-up day is supposed to be in May and we needed to get with Cox to set it up for the week of the 4th thru the 8th or the 11th thru the 15th. Mr. Weaver asked if he needed a consensus on that. City Attorney Paul Frye stated that the money had already been appropriated for that in the budget and notices would have to be sent out however you normally inform the public. Mr. Weaver asked how we notify the public about Junk Days. Sandy Harkleroad reported that she sends out individual cards and also puts it on water bills. Mrs. Harkleroad asked if there would be a problem if they did it later as they normally do it around the (sentence ended) Mr. Weaver stated that they need it done by those dates or a little earlier.

In Old Business, Don Weaver stated that they needed to put bids out on landscaping. Mrs. Harkleroad asked if they needed to set up a spec sheet to give out to the bidders. Mr. Weaver stated that he had a spec sheet.

Irene Wells asked if they had completed any more of the items that needed to be completed on the building. Mrs. Harkleroad stated that the contractors came back and fixed the roof. Mrs. Harkleroad asked Don Weaver if he did not have a checklist of the items that needed to be fixed. Mr. Weaver stated that the Mayor had it now, and the City Recorder has it. Mrs. Harkleroad stated that they did some painting and caulking in here (the meeting room) and the only thing that she knows of that they did not do was the painting on one of the pillars out front. Mr. Weaver stated that they needed door sweeps on the Police Department door and the outside Police Department door is down lower on

one side and it drags unless they have corrected that. Chief Nelson stated that it had not been corrected.

In New Business, Don Weaver stated that there had been some citizens ask him about a street change. Mr. Weaver reported that Union Street had no physical address's on it and it had been suggested, not by the family whose name will be mentioned, (that a street be named for) Dr. Ronald Carrier. Mr. Weaver stated that Dr. Carrier was a hometown boy that has done well and never forgot his roots and who is president of James Madison University along with honorary degrees from five or six additional colleges. Mr. Weaver stated that he would like to get a consensus from the BMA to have the attorney to draw up an ordinance changing Union Street to Dr. Ronald Carrier Street. All members stated yes. Vice Mayor Gentry informed City Attorney Paul Frye to draw up the ordinance.

Vice-Mayor Gentry opened the floor for Citizen Comment – Second Section. Harry Talbert stated that the whole country is in a recession and the board is spending money like it was coming in, all they needed when they needed it. Mr. Talbert stated that our water and sewer bills are the highest of any place around. Mr. Talbert stated that they want to put these cameras in this small town and they only had one light that you can put a camera on, so they would be putting them on telephone poles and the only people they are going to be getting is the ones here in town and very few of them break the law, run stop signs or break the speed limit. Mr. Talbert stated that you have very few people from out of town coming through Bluff City and the way he sees it is that they are putting the cameras in so they don't have to raise taxes and then they will put the cameras in and raise taxes anyway. Mr. Talbert asked who filled out the amounts to be donated to the different organizations around town. Don Weaver stated that it had always been that way. Mr. Talbert asked if it had to stay that way and could they not drop it and give them some. Mr. Weaver stated that it was budgeted for this year. Mr. Talbert asked that they remember that we are in a recession and to watch their spending a little closer. Don Weaver stated that this board understands that. Mr. Weaver stated that this board is not spending money like it is going out of style as he had said. Mr. Weaver stated that the business's on 19-E and 11-E have complained that they don't see our officers being able to stop cars from speeding through there. Mr. Weaver stated that it is a 45 mph zone, and there are 36,000 cars coming through there a day. Mr. Weaver stated that camera companies have given them data on this and there is no expense to the city for the cameras. Mr. Weaver stated that they are not out for the money on the cameras; they are out to save peoples lives. Mr. Talbert stated that they are not just talking about cameras on 19E and 11E. Mr. Weaver stated that the cameras will only be on 19-E and 11-E. Mr. Talbert stated that they should clarify that. Mr. Weaver stated "You didn't ask." Mr. Talbert stated that they should not have to ask. Mr. Weaver stated "Well I'm telling you." Mr. Talbert stated that this goes back to, "Well let's just do it" and you can't just do it because this is a town. Mr. Weaver stated that they were going to have a discussion with the citizens. Mr. Talbert stated that he was sure they were. Mr. Weaver stated that it was

not fair for him to accuse this board of spending money right and left and he promises that they don't. Mr. Talbert stated that from what he sees it has been a little lax. Citizen from the audience (Julie Venable) asked Mr. Talbert what he had seen that they had been wasting it on. Mr. Talbert asked the board if they had plenty of money for the budget last year and what took them so long to final the budget. Mr. Weaver stated that sales tax revenue was one thing. Mr. Talbert stated, exactly, I just said that we are in a recession. Mr. Weaver stated that unfunded expense has killed this city. Mr. Talbert stated that they were going to continue to have unfunded expenses. Mr. Weaver stated that they wouldn't have, if it had been corrected for water and sewer lines over the years, water detection and sewer detection of leaks and pre inspection of our cars and trucks. Mr. Weaver stated "I am telling him something. That is not right". Mr. Talbert stated that every board that has been in here has gone for water leak detection, and this is an old town and they fixed what they found and are still fixing what they find and they still have leaks that they have not found. Mr. Weaver stated "No not now we don't, we got the big one." Mr. Weaver stated that their proposal for the next budget is to put down 1000 to 1500 square feet of water line every year. Mr. Talbert asked if they were going to have the money for it, and where were they going to get the money. Mr. Weaver stated that in water and sewer the only way you can get it is

(sentence ended) Mr. Talbert stated just keep raising it and raising it. Mr. Weaver stated "You have not been raised much for water and sewer." Mr. Talbert asked that they slow down on spending. Mr. Weaver stated that they were not spending.

Buddy Carrier, resident of Shawnee Drive, stated that he would like to recommend something to them. Mr. Carrier stated that they had mentioned something earlier about pump motors. Mr. Carrier stated that they have four big pump motors and if he recollects correctly they have the iron casing on them and whoever takes them out and replaces them, if they have the iron casing on them, don't throw them away and don't let them haul them off. Mr. Carrier stated that they can rewind them better and they hold the bearings in there better than the new ones because they don't have the casing on them that the old ones have. Mr. Carrier stated that they won't even rewind the new motors anymore, but they will rewind the old motors, and he suggests if the cost is fifty dollars one way or the other, that they have the old motors rewound because they will last. Irene Wells stated that they were told that it was hard to find parts for them since they were so old. Mr. Carrier stated that he was only talking about the pumps casing. Vice-Mayor Gentry stated that they were about 10 times better than the new ones.

Lon Gene Leonard addressed the board buy saying that he was very disappointed in them and some of them have had grandchildren playing in this ball field and probably still do. Mr. Leonard stated that this showed that they really don't care about kids. Mr. Leonard stated that he could not even get a second on that, and the only reason was because he was the one that asked the Mayor to put it on the agenda. Irene Wells stated that he did

not know that to be a fact and they got calls from people so (sentence ended) Don Weaver stated that he would like to make a statement on the dogs at the ball field. Mr. Weaver stated that he had not had a person that's been down there mention anything about it until they saw it in the Piney Bluff Gazette, and he got an ear full and the ear full was not wanting to eliminate dogs. Mr. Leonard stated that all they asked for was during ball games only. Mr. Leonard stated that they carry their own insurance and have them sign waivers releasing the city from any liabilities and all they ask is during a game. Mr. Leonard stated the reason that they ask for it is because they have a lady come in with a dog on a 7 or 8 foot leash and has no papers supporting that it was a dog that she has to have because she could not see. Mr. Leonard stated that they are supposed to have papers on them showing that they are legally blind and they are supposed to have a harness on them to hold onto. Mr. Leonard stated that a kid got bit and an elderly person got bit and he did not think that it was asking too much of you guys for during ballgames. Mr. Leonard stated that they leave their bathrooms open all the time and do the repairs on them just as the city does at the boardwalk and they destroy them. Mr. Leonard stated that any child will walk up to any dog and try to pet it. Don Weaver stated that there was a leash law in town. Mr. Leonard stated that he was not talking about dogs running loose he is talking about people bringing dogs and even on a leash they could snap kids. Mr. Weaver asked Mr. Leonard what he thought about people that care about their dogs and take care of them and does he think that it is fair to tell people that they have to keep them on a leash and not to let them come down to the ball field. Mr. Leonard stated that he did not think that it was fair to let them come in and bite more (sentence ended) Mr. Weaver stated that this was never mentioned in our meeting, nothing other than no dogs being allowed down there. Mr. Leonard stated that he probably should have tried to make a statement beforehand but they did not give him the opportunity to. Irene Wells asked if he reported anything to the Chief about the (interruption from audience) dog biting somebody. (Interruption from audience) That's what the problem was. A lot of people thought that it was going to be all the time. Mr. Leonard stated no. (Interruption from audience- Julie Venable arguing with Mr. Leonard) Vice Mayor Gentry called for order, and instructed the citizens that if they were going to make a comment they needed to come to the podium.

With no other business, Vice-Mayor Gentry adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Todd Malone, Mayor

This 12th Day of March, 2009

Attest: _____
Sandy Harkleroad,
City Recorder/ Pro Temp

