

CEDAR BLUFF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015 AT 5:30 PM

The Town Council of the Town of Cedar Bluff, County of Cherokee, State of Alabama, met in Regular Session in the Council Room at Town Hall, 3420 Martha Vera Lane, Cedar Bluff, Alabama on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly posted as prescribed by law. Mayor Tammy Crane presided and called the meeting to order. Members in attendance were as follows:

Tammy Crane <b>Mayor</b>	Billie Burkhalter <b>District 1</b>
Dewayne Agan <b>District 2</b>	Jerry Sprayberry <b>District 3</b>
Norman Burton <b>District 4</b>	Leatha Harp <b>District 5</b>

The invocation was given by Councilmember Leatha Harp.  
Mayor Crane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Approval of Council Minutes from March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

The motion to approve the minutes from the March meetings was made by Councilmember Norman Burton and seconded by Councilmember Leatha Harp.

Motion Carried (6-0)

AYE: Agan, Burton, Burkhalter, Harp, Sprayberry, Crane

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

**2. Cedar Bluff Utility Board Minutes from February 17, 2015**

The Utility Board Minutes from February 17, 2015 were recognized.

**3. Approval of Fire Fighter Jackie Ray Epps**

Councilmember Norman Burton made the motion to approve Jackie Epps and Councilmember Dewayne Agan seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (6-0)

AYE: Agan, Burton, Burkhalter, Harp, Sprayberry, Crane

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

**4. Financial Reports for March 2015**

The financial reports were distributed to the council for their review.

**5. Police Department Report for March 2015**

The report was read by Police Chief Steve Walden as follows:

**Reports:**

Harassment:	2
Missing Person:	1
Theft:	4
Domestic Violence:	2
Animal Cruelty:	1
Criminal Mischief:	1
Other:	2

**Arrests:**

Theft:	1
Criminal Mischief:	1
Public Lewdness:	1

**Traffic Citations:**

Speeding:	28
No/ Improper Tag:	1

**Traffic Accidents:** 1

**6. Fire Department Report for March 2015**

The fire department report for March 2015 was read by Fire Chief Matthew Sprayberry as follows:

Structure Fires:	4
Vehicle Fires:	1
Grass/Woods:	7
Medical:	1
Vehicle Accidents:	9
False Alarms:	2

**Total Calls:** 24

**7. Building Inspector Report for March 2015**

Building Inspector Alpha Chumbler read the report for March 2015 as follows:

## 1 Building Permit

### 8. Other Comments

At this time Mayor Tammy Crane asked Adam Lea with Ladd Environmental to address the Council with his plan for paving some streets in the town. He has done a study of the roads in town to evaluate the greatest need for paving. Mr. Lea spoke of the method he used to grade the streets to determine the top seven highest level streets to pave. He presented the Council with the list of streets and a cost estimate for the minimum treatment to the streets. His estimate was based on reclaiming and a tar and gravel pavement with the county doing the work. Councilmember Norman Burton made the motion to pave six streets (Summer Place Road (South), Rocky Ford Point Road (past new section), Armstrong Road (to AL-68), Cornwall Ave (Alabama to Old 9), Boundary Avenue and Cherokee Drive) for an approximate cost of \$169,556.00 and take the funds from the Alcohol Account. Councilmember Leatha Harp seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (5-0)

Aye: Agan, Burton, Harp, Sprayberry, Crane

Nay: None

Abstain: Burkhalter

At this time Mayor Crane announced that the Town had been informed by T-Mobile that Osprey's were nesting on the cell tower again and work would be halted until the fall when the nest was empty.

Mayor Crane stated that for the next several months she would like to hold monthly workshop meetings on the fourth Monday of the month at 4:00 pm.

At this time Mayor Crane introduced Officer Seth Hood as the newest member of the Cedar Bluff Police Department.

Mayor Crane announced she would be out of town for the June meeting and if the Council agreed she would like to reschedule the meeting until June 22 at 5:30 pm. All Councilmembers agreed it would be fine with them.

Next Mayor Crane stated that the wrecker rotation changes were ready to be put in place and she asked Police Chief Steve Walden to explain what would be done. He stated that the main change would be that the wrecker companies would no longer be required to be on the State's wrecker rotation. Mayor Crane stated that the previous Resolution would need to be rescinded and the Council would need to adopt the Cedar Bluff Police Department's rules and regulations on wrecker rotation. She asked Town Clerk Susie Surrentt to read Resolution 2015-03.

RESOLUTION 2015-03  
RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2006-05 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR WRECKER ROTATION  
BY THE TOWN OF CEDAR BLUFF, ALABAMA

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2006-05 was adopted on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006 for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations governing the use of wrecker services in the Town by the Cedar Bluff Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cedar Bluff Police Chief has updated the rules and regulations regarding the Town's Wrecker Rotation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Resolution 2006-05 and the rules and regulations stated therein is hereby rescinded.

I certify that the Town Council of the Town of Cedar Bluff, Alabama, duly rescinded this resolution in an open public meeting held on April 13, 2015.

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Susie Surrett, Town Clerk

Councilmember Norman Burton made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-03 and Councilmember Dewayne Agan seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (6-0)

Aye: Agan, Burkhalter, Burton, Harp, Sprayberry, Crane

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Next Councilmember Norman Burton made the motion to adopt the Cedar Bluff Police Department's Regulations for wrecker rotation and Councilmember Billie Burkhalter seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (6-0)

Aye: Agan, Burkhalter, Burton, Harp, Sprayberry, Crane

Nay: None

Abstain: None

At this time Mayor Tammy Crane stated the Council needed to approve the Resolution for the lease agreement between the Town and Cedar Bluff Lodge #486 & Jerry Clifton she asked Town Clerk Susie Surrett to read the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04

**Authorizing License Agreement with Cedar Bluff Lodge #486 & Jerry Clifton**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CEDAR BLUFF, ALABAMA, that the Mayor on behalf of the Town is authorized to execute a License Agreement with Cedar Bluff Lodge #486 & Jerry Clifton, for use of Town Property in connection with the Liberty Day event from Sunday, June 21, 2015, through Sunday, June 28, 2015.

I certify that the Town Council of the Town of Cedar Bluff, Alabama, duly adopted this resolution at an open public meeting held on April 13, 2015.

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Susie Surrett, Town Clerk

Councilmember Norman Burton made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-04 and Councilmember Billie Burkhalter seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (6-0)

Aye: Agan, Burkhalter, Burton, Harp, Sprayberry, Crane

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Next Mayor Crane stated at this time that the server for Town Hall's computer system had went out on Thursday of the week before. She told the Council due to the age of the current system the best option would be to completely replace it. She said she had an estimate from Network Solutions for \$6,294.00, who handles the Town IT work.

Councilmember Norman Burton made the motion to replace the computer equipment using Network Solutions and take the funds from the Capital Improvement Account and Councilmember Leatha Harp seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (6-0)

Aye: Agan, Burkhalter, Burton, Harp, Sprayberry, Crane

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Mayor Crane told the Council that the heating and cooling system in Town Hall had gone out on Friday and that someone had been to look at it, but there were several issues with it that needed to be fixed. She said at this time she had not received any bids on the job, but she expected to have several soon. Councilmember Dewayne Agan made the motion to allow the Mayor to take the lowest bid, but based on qualifications and quality for a unit equal or better to the existing one and Councilmember Leatha Harp seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (6-0)

Aye: Agan, Burkhalter, Burton, Harp, Sprayberry, Crane

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Next Mayor Crane addressed the Council on the need for a new Police Department vehicle. She stated that the Police Department had sold many surplus items to help with the cost. She said she felt it was time to purchase one due to the condition of the 2007 Crown Vic still in use needing lots of repairs. She said she would like to see a truck purchased for the Police Chief. Chief Walden had two trucks and the prices off the state bid list. It was decided a truck with four doors would be best for transporting prisoners. After the Council looked over the two different bids, Councilmember Dewayne Agan made the motion to purchase the truck with the bid price of \$26,476.00 and Councilmember Leatha Harp seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (6-0)

Aye: Agan, Burkhalter, Burton, Harp, Sprayberry, Crane

Nay: None

Abstain: None

At this time Mayor Crane stated she had a Resolution for the Council's approval to surplus two items: 1 10kw Military Generator and 1 2007 Ford Crown Vic Police Car

She asked Town Clerk, Susie Surrent to read the resolution.

### **RESOLUTION 2015-05**

WHEREAS, the Town of Cedar Bluff, Alabama, has certain items of personal property which are no longer needed for public or municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-43-56 of the Code of Alabama of 1975 authorizes the municipal governing body to dispose of unneeded personal property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CEDAR BLUFF, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

(SEE ATTACHED LIST OF ITEMS)

SECTION 1. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to dispose of the personal property owned by the Town of Cedar Bluff, Alabama, described in Section 1.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_11th\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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MAYOR

S.E.A.L.  
ATTEST:

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TOWN CLERK

Councilmember Norman Burton made the motion to approve the resolution and Councilmember Dewayne Agan seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (6-0)

Aye: Agan, Burkhalter, Burton, Harp, Sprayberry, Crane  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None

Next Mayor Crane stated that a member of the Utility Board had moved out of the Town and he would no longer be qualified to serve on the board. It was decided that until the Town received his letter of resignation that no one else could be appointed.

Councilmember Norman Burton made the motion to put the opening on the Town's website and take resumes until the workshop on April 27<sup>th</sup> and discuss the opening then and Councilmember Billie Burkhalter seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (6-0)

Aye: Agan, Burkhalter, Burton, Harp, Sprayberry, Crane

Nay: None

Abstain: None

At this time Councilmember Agan reminded the Council of the repairs needed for the Fire Department floor. He stated that he felt like it need to be done soon.

Mayor Crane stated that there was an area of the side walk in the park that needed to be Looked at to be repaired.

**9. Adjourn**

Councilmember Norman Burton made the motion to Adjourn.

Motion Carried

**Approved May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

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**Tammy Crane, Mayor**

**ATTEST**

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**Susie Surrect, Town Clerk**