

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2014

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 6 PM. Members present were Mayor Webb, and Aldermen Reagor, Hunt, and Anderson. Alderman Chilton was absent.

Mayor Webb called the meeting to order. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes of the March 18 meeting. All aye. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18 meeting. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to accept the financial reports. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lokey & Chief Wiley had to leave on a medical call. Mayor Webb read the Water Report. They repaired several meters with new measuring chambers, plugged a service leak at the Community Club building and sold a load of scrap metal. They also cleaned up, seeded & strawed several yards where leaks had been repaired. Both regular water samples were all negative for coliform and e-coli. The water loss was 17.68% this month.

Alderman Hunt gave the Sewer Report. They replaced the #1 and #4 air pipe on filters that froze back in February. WWTP Operator Johnson, Supervisor Lokey & Assistant Supervisor Lewis had cleaned out the #2 drying bed. The backhoe has been serviced. The WWTP recorded 4.4 inches of rain for the month of March and treated 2.3 million gallons of wastewater.

Alderman Hunt also gave the Water & Sewer Board Report. The incubator and IDEXX are both in and calibrations are being worked on. We have spoken with TDOT regarding some problems with both the water & sewer lines that were put in 2 years ago during the TDOT project. That is still under warranty and Josh LeFevre will repair them at no cost to the town. While he is in town doing that, there are two lateral lines on Hinkle Hill that needs to be repaired which will cost approximately \$2808. This will include cleaning out & repaving. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve spending \$2808 for this. Motion carried.

Mayor Webb gave the Fire Department Report. There were a total of 9 calls for the month, which included 4 medical calls & 5 grass fires. As reported last month, the Fire Department wants to sell the 1974 Hahn Fire Truck and the 1994 Chevrolet Suburban First Responder Truck, and purchase a new truck that will respond to grass fires and medical calls. A letter was presented from First Community Bank who has agreed to make a loan in the amount of \$45,000 to purchase the truck and pay off the existing loan. The loan will be for a period of 5 years at 4% with amortization on a 10 year basis and FCB will take the 2 BBVFD CD's as collateral. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve. All aye.

During the discussion of purchasing the fire truck, members of the audience-Brooke & Walt Sanders and Jimmy Smith, shouted accusations at Chief Lokey (who had returned from the medical call) regarding actions of the fire department during a recent call on their property. They argued that no grass fire truck was needed as it was outside of Bell Buckle's jurisdiction. Both Mayor Webb and Alderman Reagor explained that with the mutual aid agreement we have with Bedford County Fire Department, Bell Buckle responds to calls beyond the outskirts of the town limits and assists the County Fire Department. More shouting occurred and at that time, Chief Wiley asked them to lower their voices. The Mayor then asked if anyone else had comments. Gary Pittack brought a water

sample and asked how often the water was flushed on Fosterville Road. Supervisor Lokey responded once a week but they will check it. Mr. Pittack stated he still did not understand why Bell Buckle Fire Department responded to the fire call on the Smith's property when it was outside of their jurisdiction. This was explained again about the mutual aid agreement with the Bedford County Fire Department.

There was no Police Department Report.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Planning Commission Report. The 5 year Growth Planning Meeting was held Tuesday, March 25. MTAS Representative Jeff Broughton has been working on updating the notes and these will be reviewed soon.

Alderman Hunt gave the Chamber of Commerce Report. She presented the sales tax report and stated that the Chamber is sponsoring another Mother's Day Basket give-away on Talk of the Town this year. Plans for the RC Moon Pie Festival are underway. Main Street will be closed the morning of the 10 mile run. This has been approved by TDOT Representative Phil Trammel.

The Parks and Recreation Board report was given by Alderman Anderson. Work has been done on the beds and the park is looking great. There has been a problem with owls defecating the amphitheater as they roost on the sound barriers. This will be reviewed at their next park meeting.

There was no report from the Historical Commission.

Chairman Sally Kilgore was present to give the Arts Council Report. The Arts Council has a new event planned on Saturday, May 17 which will involve approximately 15 artists demonstrating their craft. They were requesting a one-time exemption from the town's vendor fee for the sponsored artists with the understanding that the Arts Council would be responsible for cleaning the area where they are located. Mayor Webb stated that the Planning Commission will be working on the process of amending the vendor fees in the future but at this time, could not waive the charge. He did say that he had planned on making a donation to the Arts Council and his donation would cover the cost of the fees for this event.

Mayoral Updates: Mayor Webb stated that a date would be set soon for a budget meeting.

Old Business- Ordinance 14-002 was presented for approval on 2nd Reading to the Board which would amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow illuminated and non-electronic changeable text signs for churches and schools as a special exception. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to defer until the May meeting so the full board could vote on this issue. All aye.

Ordinance 14-003 was presented to amend Court Costs to \$125 which would combine the current court cost and equipment fee together. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve on 2nd Reading. Motion carried.

Ordinance 14-004 to establish absentee by mail ballot voting procedures for non-resident property owners in municipal elections, was presented. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve on 2nd Reading. A public hearing was held prior to the meeting to discuss all three Ordinances.

New Business-none

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor _____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder _____