

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2014

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 6 PM. Members present were Mayor Webb, and Aldermen Reagor, Hunt, and Winnett. Alderman Chilton was absent.

In the pre-study session, John Anderson was present to propose forming an advisory Safety Committee to discuss solutions to recent vandalism in and around Bell Buckle. This committee would also examine all the Town's ordinances to see if any are obsolete or need to be changed. They could do homework that the Board does not have time to do but would need to make recommendations to the Board and would be subject to the open meeting laws. There was discussion on maximizing efficiency and effectiveness of current resources. Suggestions were made to start up the Neighborhood Watch again, to have a mileage report, to shift schedules to have more night visibility and to partner up with schools. The committee would study all of this. Mayor Webb reported that Chief Wiley and Wartrace Police are working together to maximize coverage especially through the holiday season. We are working with Wartrace on an interlocutory agreement to pull resources from each other.

Mayor Webb called the meeting to order. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Winnett, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from November 11, 2014. All aye. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve the minutes from November 11, 2014. Motion carried. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Winnett, made a motion to accept the financial reports. All aye.

Supervisor Lokey gave the Water Report. They repaired two service line leaks and repaired a mainline break. The water loss was 23%. All water samples were negative for coliform and e-coli. The quarterly samples for TTHM's were sent in.

Plant Operator Randy Johnson gave the WWTP Report. They processed 3.1 million gallons of effluent. Rainfall for the month was 4.75 inches. In full compliance with the NPDES Permit.

Alderman Hunt gave the Water & Sewer Board Report. The MOM program that was due this year has been filed with the state. We have been reviewing system procedures per the recommendations from the inspection. The only item listed was sludge hauling. Cost has significantly increased and we may need to budget \$17,000-\$25,000 per year to haul off. However, some other avenues are being investigated which may give us a little more efficiency and pay for itself in a few years.

We have had difficulty getting inmates to use for work days. Alderman Hunt has spoken with the Sheriff and he will be helping to remedy that situation. We plan on using them at least twice a month.

Grease has become a significant issue at the plant. We had to call in Shelbyville Power & Water last week to clean a manhole and line. We are inspecting lines and will be working to resolve this problem through our FOG ordinance and MTAS involvement. Due to weather delays and grease problems, we are already 15 days off original schedule for screenworks. The good news is that the screenworks are set to be delivered at the 10 week time frame rather than the 14 week original prediction. The approximate date for installation is set for February 6th, weather permitting.

Hawkins Paving will be coming to fix sinkage problems from service connection repairs due to the TDOT project. They are fixing these at no cost to the town although the work is out of warranty. We owe many thanks to Hawkins for their professionalism and courtesy in serving the town.

Fire Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. There were a total of 6 calls for the month, which includes 1 medical, 1 false alarm, 1 car fire, and 3 mutual aid. The Chili Cook-off is scheduled for February 28th.

Chief Tommy Wiley gave the Police Department Report. He had issued 18 citations and 21 warnings with 6 county assists.

Mayor Webb gave the Planning Commission Report. Webb School was approved for a Site Permit for an addition. There was discussion on the mural that the renter needs to apply for an application. This will be on the agenda for the next planning commission meeting. The Mayor appointed Sally Kilgore to replace Rodney Simmons on the Planning Commission. She accepted. Alderman Reagor will continue to be the board representative on the commission. A new chairperson will be elected at the next meeting.

The Chamber of Commerce Report was given by Alderman Hunt. She requests that a Craft Fair exit meeting be scheduled soon.

Parks & Recreation-Alderman Hunt reported that the original landscape architect came out to the park and cleaned up all of the trees. He donated all of his time and we really appreciate that.

Mayor Webb reported that he wants to reestablish the Historical Commission. He is working on a set of names that would be willing to serve if the board approves this. These people want to meet with the Mayor and discuss this in more depth. He hopes to have names, concept and approach to report in the January board meeting.

The Arts Council report was given by Betsy Wheeler. They have been working on examining possible locations for the council. They are delaying the membership drive until they have something worked out about a location.

Mayoral Updates: Mayor Webb opened the discussion more about the security and safety situations that were presented by John Anderson. Alderman Hunt stated that she feels the more people that are involved it will heighten awareness. Her only concern was that nobody goes vigilante. It was noted that if anyone sees something suspicious happening they should always call 911 and the county would call whoever is on duty. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Winnett, made a motion to appoint a committee of up to five people with John Anderson being the chairman and Chief Wiley being part of the committee. All Aye. It was decided the committee would be informal but would need to adhere to public meeting laws. The board will recommend names to the Mayor for this and he will contact them.

Charles Cooke stated that he appreciates all the hard work the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the employees have done the past year & wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Mayor reported that we will be planning a retirement party for Ronnie Lokey and will let the board know when that is set.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

There being no further business, Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Winnett, made a motion to adjourn.

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor _____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder _____