

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2014

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 6 PM. Members present were Mayor Webb, and Aldermen Reagor, Hunt, Anderson and Chilton.

Mayor Webb called the meeting to order. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes of the December 10 and the December 17 Special Called meeting. All aye. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10 and the December 17 Special Called meeting. Motion carried. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to accept the financial reports. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lokey gave the Water Report. They repaired a leak on a 2" galvanized line at 82 E and Coop Road and changed out several meters. Leaded brass was taken to the scrap yard to be in compliance with EPA. Several services were winterized with new lids, insulation or a new box to protect the meter. Some of the meters that are flushed on a regular basis have been flowed to have a better check on the water being used. Both water samples were negative for coliform and e-coli. The water loss was 18.9% but is predicted to be greater next month because of all of the people leaving their water to drip because of the frigid temperatures. A new trash pump is needed and is priced up to approximately \$1000 before shipping and handling. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Chilton, made a motion to approve spending up to \$1500 on a new trash pump. All Aye.

Mayor Webb and Alderman Hunt thanked Supervisor Lokey, WWTP Johnson, and Assistant Water Supervisor Lewis for their hard work on repairing water leaks and keeping the water supply going during the single digit temperatures. There has been good communication between Wartrace and Bell Buckle and Brian at Wartrace was a big help in trying to keep water coming our way even with all the leaks they were dealing with. Mayor Webb stated he would write a letter of appreciation to the Wartrace Mayor regarding this help and we would be discussing an interlocutory agreement with Wartrace soon.

Alderman Hunt gave the Sewer Report for WWTP operator Randy Johnson. There have been no overflows even with all of the rain. A special called meeting will probably be set the last week of January to discuss the TML loan.

Alderman Hunt gave the Water & Sewer Board Report. She presented a copy of the flow monitoring report which showed that the flow in basin 5 was down approximately 70% which well exceeded their expectations. Most of the current I & I is coming from Main Street which is in Basin 4 and basin 3 flow didn't even show up so we should be able to have that removed from our CAP. The final inspection of Basin 5 will be this Thursday, the 16th. Alderman Hunt thanked the Board for approving the approximately \$25,000 that was spent on retaining this data since it will probably save us from having to do the \$500,000 of work on Basin 3 the State had mandated. Jason Lewis passed his first sewer test for his license and was commended for that.

Municipal Water & Sewer Magazine, which is distributed nationwide, called WWTP operator Johnson. Bell Buckle's recent sewer project will be highlighted in their next edition and probably be their cover. The last town they highlighted was Philadelphia. They decided on Bell Buckle because they were impressed with how much we were required to do through the Director's Order and CAP and what we've been able to do without constant massive rate increases. They were also impressed

with the level which we corrected the problem in advancing our system with GIS updates, and other performance & efficiency enhancing projects leaving the town with little low levels of debt compared to the amount of requirements put on the town for improvements to their system. A free-lance photographer from the T-G came to take pictures.

Alderman Hunt stated that there is a lot of brush & debris growing over some of our water lines that could be covering up leaks. She will get a price from Hawkins & Price to remove the debris in these locations with the customer's approval and bring back to the board. She also reminded about the need for Chief Wiley to follow behind when the meters are read on Bell Buckle/Wartrace Rd for safety.

Fire Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. There were a total of 7 calls for the month, which included 5 medical, 1 MVA and 1 false alarm. There were a total of 102 calls for the year with 38 medical related and 64 fire calls. They had 2 training sessions and 1 planning session for 2014 during the month of December. The department will be helping again with the Reward our Kids Concert on February 22 at the Calsonic Arena. We retained our class 5 ISO rating. Chief Lokey announced that the Chili Cook-Off will be Saturday, March 8. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate.

Town Recorder Robinson gave the Police Department Report for Chief Tommy Wiley. There were 29 citations and 26 warnings issued since last board meeting and had helped with 6 county assists. He had also inspected 2 Site permits.

There was no Planning Commission Report.

Chamber of Commerce Report was given by Alderman Hunt. The 36th Annual Daffodil Day is scheduled for March 15th. Applications for Citizen of the Year will be available soon. Alderman Hunt and Florence Hall will attend TN Urban Forestry Council (TUFC) Tree Conference paid for by a TUFC grant. This year will be the 20th Anniversary of the RC Moon Pie Festival and plans are being made. There will be a joint meeting of the Craft Fair Committee and Chamber members about the Craft Fair soon.

There was no report from the Parks and Recreation Board.

Mayor Webb reported for the Historical Commission meeting. They are working to simplify the demolition ordinance they have been working on and will meet on January 21st at 6 PM.

There was no Arts Council Report.

Mayoral Updates: Mr. Fayne Haynes would like to donate a 50' flag pole and 10 x 15' flag as a gift to the town. Mr. Haynes does have some stipulations regarding this. He wants it to go in the grassy part of the island in front of the Town and a formal presentation be made focused on WW2 Veterans. The fire department would need to store the pole until it could be installed. Mayor Webb stated that an estimated cost of \$2000-\$3500 for installation of the pole would be the Town's responsibility. There was discussion regarding the pros and cons of accepting this gift. It was decided that Alderman Hunt will discuss with the merchants and try to get other citizens' input prior to the February meeting.

Alderman Hunt stated that mowing bids would need to be done soon for the town and park.

Old Business-None

New Business-None

Mayor Webb opened the floor to the citizens. Charles Cooke stated he thinks the flag that is in front of the Town Hall is sufficient for our town.

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

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor_____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder_____