

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2016

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Thursday, January 14 at 6 PM. Members present were Mayor Dennis Webb, and Aldermen Winnett, Hunt, Chilton, and Reagor. There was a Public Hearing held prior to the meeting to discuss a proposed ordinance regarding the Craft Fair Vendor Permit. Mayor Webb read the proposed ordinance. Resident Chris Brown asked if the ordinance should be changed for the town to restrict burning during all events (#7). It was also discussed for #5 to read "The Town will have the parking lot in front of the stores closed to Only Handicapped Parking in addition to the Post Office parking lot". This was addressed during Old Business.

Mayor Webb called the meeting to order. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Winnett, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from December 8. All aye. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Winnett, made a motion to approve the minutes from December 8. Motion carried. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to accept the financial reports. All aye.

Supervisor Lewis gave the Water Report. Water loss was 8% with the flushing percentage 7%. Bacteriological samples were negative. There was 1 service line leak. There was no sewer report.

Alderman Hunt gave the Water/Sewer Board Report. She met with TDEC officials in December. We have fulfilled the requirements of the 2011 Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and will be removed from the CAP. However, we did request another CAP be placed on the town for the Main Street I & I and water replacement problem. The reason for this request is that being on a Director's Order or CAP helps with grant funding.

Alderman Hunt reported that several duties are now being outsourced at a cost savings to the town-trash pick-up and cleaning, as well as a large portion of the meter readings.

The CDBG application is on schedule. As a reminder, we are requesting \$350,000 from CDBG, \$200,000 from SRF, and work continues with TDOT. The pump station on Webb Road needs overhauling. One pump is currently being reworked at a cost of \$900. Alderman Hunt presented different options for repair and that we are contemplating also submitting this for SRF funding as they have 25% principle forgiveness for this project. However, time is an issue with the SRF funding, as well as all the requirement mandated for SRF projects, this would drive up the cost probably making it more of 15% forgiveness than 25%. We would also be required to keep an inspector on the site 100% of the time which isn't needed for this type project. She will have a recommendation ready for the February Board meeting about what option is chosen. Since time is an element, Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Chilton, made a motion to move the February Board meeting to Tuesday, February 2nd. Motion carried.

Assistant Fire Chief Willie Snell gave the Fire Department Report. There were a total of 12 calls for the month. Eight were fire related, and two were medical calls. Total calls for 2015 were 139 with 89 of that number being fire related and 50 medical related. One new fireman finished the 64 hour class and live burns. The annual Chili Cook-Off is set for Saturday, February 27th. Assistant Chief Snell stated that the big news was the department has received a grant from Firehouse Subs for a new 2016 Polaris vehicle from Sloans. It is a 100% grant with zero cost to the department.

Chief Wiley gave the Police Department Report. There were 9 citations, 29 warnings and 3 reports written.

There was no Planning Commission Report.

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Alderman Hunt gave the Chamber of Commerce Report. Daffodil Day will be Saturday, March 19. The Chamber has invested in a program with the Tourism Department to help reach a larger audience through the website. They are currently redesigning their website and hope to have that live by Feb 1. The 2016 brochures should be ready by next week.

Alderman Hunt also reported for the Park & Recreation Department. There has been more vandalism at the park. Graffiti was on the amphitheater. Much damage was done to the men's restroom and storage facility at the old pavilion. We are working with the Sheriff's office and there is a reward being offered through Crime Stoppers for information leading to the arrest of those responsible.

Work has begun on the 4th of July Celebration at the Park. The event will be held on Monday, the 4th and no rain date is being scheduled for this year. The Park Board will be planting approximately 25 trees and shrubs next week, weather permitting. This has been a large project led by our original landscape architect after inspecting trees that have been there over 10 years for health and stability, as well as aesthetics and the continuing Memorial & Honorary tree program.

The Tree City USA application for 2016 has been completed and expected to be accepted making this our 16th year as a Tree City USA. With this, we will be giving away 300 tree seedlings at Daffodil Day. These seedlings are Black Cherry, Native Sweet Pecan, and Swamp Chestnut Oak.

The current Tree Board needs to be updated. The Tree Board & the Park Board would like to become one. Both Boards respectfully request that the Tree Board now consist of the following: Eugene Strobel (remains as chair), Florence Hall, Jenny Hunt, James Anderson, Russ Faxon, Elijah Collard, John Anderson, and Jen Buckner. Mayor Webb stated this list be duly appointed and approved.

There will also be the Park's annual award of the Bell Buckle Citizen of The Year on Daffodil Day. The Board recommends the committee stay the same as last year for nomination review: Russ Faxon, Julie Anderson & Greg Heinike. Mayor Webb approved.

Mayor Webb reported that the Historical Commission will meet on January 19th and they want to visit with the merchants for their input and ideas.

There was not a report from the Arts Commission nor any Mayoral Updates.

Old Business: Ordinance regarding proposed Craft Fair Vendor Permit Change. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve on 2nd Reading with the 1 noted change to #5 mentioned above. All aye.

Alderman Hunt reported on the Building Codes Inspector. He has agreed to work as an independent contractor, and for the amount not to exceed \$400 per month. This could be terminated by either party at any time. Alderman Hunt made a motion to approve his hire date by March 1 (providing the agreement can be written up and agreed on prior to that). Motion seconded by Alderman Chilton. There was discussion regarding funding and details of what the job would entail. Motion carried with all voting aye but Alderman Reagor opposing.

Alderman Chilton spoke again about the resolution regarding the Insure Tennessee Plan. She then made a motion to defer until the February Board meeting. Motion seconded by Alderman Hunt. Motion denied with Aldermen Chilton & Hunt voting aye and all others opposed. Alderman Reagor made a motion, seconded by

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Alderman Winnett, to not pursue this resolution and let the public speak for themselves. Motion carried with Mayor Webb, Aldermen Winnett & Reagor voting aye and Aldermen Hunt & Chilton opposing.

New Business: none

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

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor _____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder _____