

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 2014

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 6 PM. Members present were Mayor Webb, and Aldermen Reagor, Hunt, and Chilton. Alderman Anderson was absent.

There was a public hearing prior to the meeting to discuss Ordinance 14-005 Budget Ordinance, Amended Budget FY 13-14, Anticipated Budget FY 14-15, and the Property Tax Rate FY 14-15. Mayor Webb explained each item. There was no input from the audience.

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 May 13, 2014 meeting. All aye. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting. Motion carried. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to accept the financial reports. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lokey gave the Water and Sewer Reports. They repaired one main line leak and 1 service leak. The water loss was 5.7%! All coliform samples were negative. They sent in the TTHMs and HAA5 samples for testing and all of the samples were below the maximum limits. Extra flushing had been done during the month because of testing for the TTHMs and HAA5s. There was 2.4 million gallons of effluent processed for the month. Total rainfall for May was 2.93. The plant received the 2013 NPDES permit.

Alderman Hunt gave the Water & Sewer Board Report. The TDOT repair on Webb Road will be done by next Tuesday, June 24, 2014. There was a delay because of all of the red tape. CDBG approval should be very soon. The dump truck needed some work on it. Alderman Hunt said she cannot emphasize maintenance on equipment enough and thanked Jason for staying on top of this. Randy Johnson, WWTP operator was able to get the generator serviced at a much lower cost than we had been having to pay and Alderman Hunt thanked him for his work on that. We are still working to resolve problems with the service truck. Alderman Hunt had asked Jason to look at new and used trucks and bring prices for the board to review. Jason had checked on new  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton trucks with bed at Freeland Chevy (\$32,639) and Golden Circle Ford (\$37,240). He was also checking on used trucks with Government Surplus and the state bids were between \$12-\$15 thousand. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve spending up to \$15,000 on a used truck. This price would include changing over the title. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. There were a total of 7 calls for the month, which includes 6 medical and 1 fire. The picture fundraiser has been completed and netted \$5,564. Thanks to all who supported the campaign. The new truck is in service. The 1974 Hahn and the 1994 Suburban were sold for a total of \$4,900 and \$2000 for some equipment that was sold.

Chief Tommy Wiley gave the Police Department Report. He had issued 17 citations and 43 warnings with 7 county assists. Mayor Webb stated that he had approved overtime for Chief Wiley due to the RCMP and other events.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Planning Commission Report. The main topic of discussion was the 5 year Growth Plan that had been reviewed the past several months. The Commission

presented the plan for Board approval. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve by Resolution. All aye.

The Chamber of Commerce Report was given by Alderman Hunt. RC Moon Pie Festival will be Saturday, June 21. Main Street is to be closed from the square to Cumberland from 7:30-9:30 AM for safety for the runners. This has been a huge undertaking this year with many layers added on it being the 20<sup>th</sup> year and with the Governor, First Lady, and Mark Collie (and Florence Hall) coming. The Mayor and Board are thrilled to have Governor Haslam and First Lady Crissy Haslam this Saturday and are looking forward to spending time with them both. Security and emergency personnel are lined up. Alderman Hunt reminded everyone the Chamber is a vital organization and a compliment to the town. It always helps both entities when the Town and Chamber work together. She thanked all who have helped and are involved.

Alderman Hunt also reported for the Parks and Recreation Board. There had been no quorum for the meeting, but the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration promises to be a terrific event and a large crowd is expected. Speak Easy and Uncle Tom's band will both be playing. Event begins at 5 PM with fireworks at 9:30.

Mayor Webb reported for the Historical Commission. Last month the Demolition Delay Ordinance had been deferred until the June meeting for more review. Since this was left off the Agenda, Alderman Chilton, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to suspend the rules and allow it to be presented. All aye. There was much discussion from board members as well as audience, both pro and con. There were suggestions made about having citizens apply to have their home in the historical zone if they wished, and to identify the historic homes in the town. Alderman Chilton gave an overview of a historical overlay. After discussion, Alderman Chilton, seconded by Mayor Webb, made a motion to approve the Demolition Delay Ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Alderman Chilton and Mayor Webb voted aye and Aldermen Hunt & Reagor voted no. Motion failed.

Chairman Sally Kilgore reported for the Arts Council. They had had a rainy day for the Craft Show, but considered it a success. They plan to have a possible event in the fall and also to help promote arts in the schools.

Mayoral Updates: Mayor Webb reported that he plans to regroup the personnel committee soon.

Old Business: Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, 14-005 Budget Ordinance. All aye. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, the Amended Budget FY 13-14. Motion carried. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, the Anticipated Budget FY 14-15. All aye. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, the Tax Rate FY 14-15 at \$0.3000 per \$100 assessed value on all real and personal property. Motion carried.

New Business: A request had been made by Ama Quao, a current graduate film student, to make an 8-12 minute film shooting various locations in and around Bell Buckle. This has been discussed with Attorney Perry. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve this request with the stipulation that the Town is named on their insurance for liability purposes. All aye.

The Mayor opened the floor up to citizen comments. Katherine Strobel had several concerns regarding retail/commercial shops allowing living quarters and complained about Alderman

Reagor's commercial building having a continuous yard sale. After discussion, Alderman Reagor agreed to take care of the tables set out for the sale. Mayor Webb stated that we are reviewing the situations.

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

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder \_\_\_\_\_