

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2015

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6 PM. Members present were Mayor Webb, and Aldermen Winnett, Reagor, and Hunt. Alderman Chilton was absent.

There was a public hearing prior to the meeting to discuss a Farmers Market Ordinance and amendments to Ordinance 14-001 Water Rules & Regulations. Mayor Webb presented the ordinances. There was general discussion on the Farmers Market locations and emphasizing that only food items should be sold. The amendments to the Water Rules and Regulations were reported to be mainly housekeeping items that had been recommended by MTAS during the office review.

Mayor Webb called the meeting to order. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Winnett, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from April 12. All aye. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Winnett, made a motion to approve the minutes from April 12. Motion carried. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Winnett, made a motion to accept the financial reports. All aye.

Water Supervisor Jason Lewis gave the Water & Wastewater Reports. There were a total of 4 water samples, 2 scheduled, 1 for leak repair and 1 for a new service line. All were negative for coliform. One tap was installed on Happy Valley Road. There had been complaints on Coop Road about air in the lines. Originally, flushing was reduced, but then he repaired an air relief valve which should eliminate the problem. The leak survey which will be done by Joe Richards, will begin tomorrow, May 13. As soon as the easements are completed for the Hinkle Hill project, Supervisor Lewis will order the materials and they can hopefully begin soon. One service line leak and two main line leaks were repaired. Water loss was 18%. Rainfall for the month was 7.66 inches & they processed 3.9 million gallons of effluent was treated.

Alderman Hunt reported for the Water/Sewer Board. The CDBG headworks project is completed and we are very pleased with the results. Work is ongoing with Webb School. They are still not connected into our system. Cascade School has asked to speak to us about the cost of hooking into our sewer system for the new high school. They would have to bear the cost of any upgrades to our system.

Fire Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. There were a total of 10 calls for the month. Eight were fire related which included 2 grass/trash fires, 1 false alarm, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 good intent call & 1 car fire. Two were medical calls. The Forestry Grant has been turned in and we will be notified if we were successful. The picture fundraiser drive is complete and many thanks to all that supported the effort. Another grant application was turned in to Firehouse Subs. This is a 100% grant & we are requesting money to buy an ATV for grass fires & for use during the craft fairs to run medical calls.

Three members of the department attended the Smoky Mountain Weekend in Pigeon Forge and attended several training classes. There are 3 members of the department who are finishing up first responder training and will be taking their certification test soon. Chief Lokey stated that after receiving permission from the Mayor, he has been working with Attorney Perry regarding a retirement incentive plan for members of our department. More information regarding this will be coming in the future.

Chief Lokey also gave the Police Department Report. They had issued 14 citations and 31 warnings with 7 county assists.

Mayor Webb reported for the Planning Commission. The Resolution to amend the Zoning Ordinance regarding C1 & C2 businesses was tabled. This will be discussed by the planner and commission as they

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review the Zoning Ordinances. The commission went through the first 3 chapters of the ordinances and noted several questions. The planner presented a copy of the Zoning Ordinances from Shelbyville which had been updated & condensed. They will be studying that to see if there are some things that can be simplified in our ordinances. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1st.

Alderman Hunt gave the Chamber of Commerce Report. June 20 is the RC Moon Pie Festival. The meeting with representatives from the chamber and the town will need to be soon to make sure everything is coordinated for the event.

Park & Recreation Report was given by Alderman Hunt. July 4th Celebration will be held on Saturday July 4th from 5-9 PM.

Mayor Webb reported that the Historical Commission will meet on Tuesday, May 19.

The Arts Council is having the Artisans on the Square this Saturday, May 16 beginning at 10 AM.

There was no Safety Council Report.

Mayoral Updates: We will be setting a special called meeting to discuss the budget soon. The Mayor appointed John Anderson, Alderman Reagor and Janet Robinson to review & update the personnel manual. This was a recommendation from MTAS during the office review.

Old Business: Alderman Reagor reported that both broadband companies had updated their leases. The only thing not completed is getting the frequencies worked out between the two companies so that they will not work against each other.

Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve the Farmers Market Ordinance, with 1 change-instead of "and must be labeled Locally Grown", to "and there must be signage indicating the items are Locally Grown". This is the 2nd Reading. Motion carried.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve the amendments to Ordinance 14-001 Water Rules and Regulations on 2nd Reading. All aye.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan was discussed and has been reviewed by Chief Lokey & Chief Wiley for any needed updates. Alderman Winnett, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve. All aye.

Alderman Hunt reported that the Verizon tower that was added on Webb School property will not help the voice service but will only help with data upgrades. Verizon had misrepresented their plans.

No New Business.

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

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor _____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder _____