

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2014

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, May 13, 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 Anderson, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes of the April 8 meeting. All aye but Alderman Chilton abstained since she was absent last month. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8 meeting. All aye but Alderman Chilton abstained. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to accept the financial reports. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lokey gave the Water Report. They repaired a blow off hydrant on Puncheon Camp Road that had been hit by a car. A bill was sent for materials and labor. They also repaired a 4" mainline on Puncheon Camp Road that was broken by a contractor digging a ditch for underground electric service. (The lines had been marked). A bill was sent for materials, labor and water loss. Two leaks were repaired-one on Coop Road and the meter at the Park. Both regular water samples were all negative for coliform and e-coli. The water loss was 15.30% this month. The THMM & HAA5 samples have been collected but results are not in yet.

Plant Operator Randy Johnson gave the Sewer Report. The WWTP recorded 6.7 inches of rain for the month of April and treated 2.7 million gallons of wastewater (daily average of .091). Maintenance was done on the generator and all checked out good but a battery will probably be needed before winter. We received the rules from TDEC on bio-solids and will be working with Brett Ward (MTAS) soon to complete the permit application.

Alderman Hunt gave the Water & Sewer Board Report. She reported that the terms on the remaining SRF loan money, which is approximately \$48,000 have changed. When Alderman Hunt and Engineer Travis Wilson met with SRF officials last fall, the officials had agreed that the remaining money could be used for engineering costs for the CDBG grant without having to restart the SRF paperwork process which is costly and is a time vacuum

Alderman Hunt has been notified that the SRF has now changed the terms and wants the full SRF process including facility plans and the review process for the entire project. Due to this change in terms, Alderman Hunt recommends closing the loan and using capital to finish the CDBG project rather than the leftover loan money. This has been discussed with CDBG officials, and if the Board agrees to use capital funds, then a Resolution will need to be passed to satisfy CDBG requirements for financial obligations. Mayor Webb, seconded by Alderman Hunt made a motion to approve this Resolution. Motion carried.

Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. There were a total of 7 calls for the month, which included 3 medical calls & 4 fire related calls (1 mutual aid on a structure fire, 2 grass fires & 1 motor vehicle accident. The Easter Egg Hunt at the park was a big success with 40-50 children attending. The new grass/medical first responder truck is in service on the medical side. We are waiting on the pump unit to arrive for the grass part.

The Fire Department requested permission to apply for the Forestry Grant again. This is a \$6,000 50/50 grant and they will match what we spend up to \$3000 on equipment & tools. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve. All aye.

Chief Tommy Wiley gave the Police Department Report. He had issued 18 citations, 34 warnings and had 4 county assists.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Planning Commission Report. A subdivision application from Bill Walker was reviewed and all criteria have been met but one item, which is being done. There was discussion on a Site Permit for Mr. JR Howell where fees have not been paid for additional work that has been done. Mr. Howell has been notified and he has until Friday, May 16 to bring in the additional fees. The 5 year Growth Plan has been updated by MTAS Representative Jeff Broughton and will be discussed in the June meeting.

There has been a request from Julie & Michael Harris regarding an alley/drainage ditch at the back of their property on Peacock Street. They are willing to pay the fees to have it reviewed by the attorney and engineer if the Town will agree to abandon the property. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve with all expenses being paid by the customer. Motion carried.

Alderman Hunt gave the Chamber of Commerce Report. Plans are still going strong on the RC Moon Pie Festival. She stated the sales tax is still improving.

The Parks and Recreation Board report was given by Alderman Anderson. Plans for the 4th of July Celebration are being made. He stated that since the park fund has monies available, the committee is currently identifying projects to improve the park.

Mayor Webb reported that the Historical Commission was presenting a Demolition Delay Ordinance for Board Approval. There was much discussion about this, both pro and con. Alderman Reagor said he felt that it was an "over-reach" expecting citizens to hire a consultant, post a bond, and wait up to 180 days. He was also concerned that an unelected committee (the Historical Committee) be able to approve the application. He referred to the minutes from April 2009 which stated that the Historical Committee's jurisdiction would be confined to the shops in the C1 Zoning only and not include any residential unless it was specifically requested in the future. Alderman Anderson stated that the Board would have the final say, not the committee. Gayle Winnett said she felt like the ordinance was too restrictive and gives the committee too much power. David Robinson agreed and said this needed public input. Alderman Chilton stated that there will be different philosophies and opinions on this subject and will require compromise on both sides. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to defer this ordinance and give time for review. All aye. The public is invited to the meeting on May 27th for their input.

Mayor Webb reported that the Arts Council would be sponsoring their event this Saturday, May 17 which will involve approximately 15 artists demonstrating their craft.

There were no Mayoral Updates.

Old Business- Ordinance 14-002 was presented for approval on 2nd Reading to the Board which would amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow illuminated and non-electronic changeable text signs for churches and schools as a special exception. After much discussion, Alderman Reagor, seconded

by Mayor Webb, made a motion to approve. Motion failed with Aldermen Chilton, Anderson and Hunt voting no; Alderman Reagor and Mayor voted aye.

Ordinance 14-005-the Budget Ordinance, was presented. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve on 1st Reading. Motion carried.

Amended Budget 2013-14 was presented for 1st Reading. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve. All aye.

Anticipated Budget 2014-15 was presented for 1st Reading. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

The property tax rate of \$0.3000 per \$100 of assessed value on all real and personal property was presented for 1st Reading. All aye. A public hearing will be held prior to the June meeting to discuss all three of the above items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor_____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder_____