

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2014

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 6 PM. Members present were Mayor Webb, and Aldermen Reagor, Hunt, and Winnett & Chilton.

Mayor Webb called the meeting to order. Alderman Chilton, seconded by Alderman Winnett, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from October 14, 2014. All aye. Mayor Webb stated he had one correction on page 2, paragraph 2. Sentence 3 should read "She said that this is basically an enabling ordinance to establish inspection and enforcement of building codes." Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Winnett, made a motion to approve with noted changes. Motion carried. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to accept the financial reports. All aye.

Supervisor Lokey gave the Water Report. They installed a tap at 779 Wartrace/Bell Buckle Road, repaired one service line leak on Maple Street and repaired a 2" main leak on Hannah Street. The water loss was 11.3%. All water samples were negative for coliform and e-coli. We did have to purchase water from BCUD this month because of Wartrace Water installing new water lines.

Plant Operator Randy Johnson gave the WWTP Report. They processed 2.7 million gallons of effluent which was up from the 1.2 from the previous month. Rainfall for the month was 10.92 inches.

Alderman Hunt gave the Water & Sewer Board Report. She reported that as of January 1st, Water Supervisor Ronnie Lokey will be going into a consulting role with the town. He will still help with meter reading and will be on call from 6pm to 6am. She thanked him for all that he has been & has done for the town. Mayor Webb agreed.

Fire Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. There were a total of 7 calls for the month, which includes 4 medical, 1 false alarm at Cascade Elementary, 1 fire call mutual aid with Station 9, and 1 motor vehicle accident. The Webb craft fair parking raised \$2,717 plus over \$1,500 selling T-shirts.

Chief Tommy Wiley gave the Police Department Report. He had issued 16 citations and 38 warnings with 2 county assists. He stated it had been a slow month.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Planning Commission Report. The meeting consisted of 2 ½ hours of training beginning with Michael Blank from the City of Shelbyville explaining about setting up a building codes department with a certified inspector. Then Mr. Sam Edwards, executive director of the Greater Nashville Regional Council explained the Public Chapter 686 which deals with vesting rights. Mayor Webb reported that he plans to have basic training for the planning commission the first of the year. This will be beneficial to the new members and a refresher course for the others. He stated that Chairman Simmons will be cycling off the commission after the December meeting. The Mayor thanked him for all of his hard work down through the years. He plans to present a new member for board approval in the December meeting.

The Chamber of Commerce Report was given by Alderman Hunt. The Webb Craft Show was well attended. She would like to have an exit meeting before the first of December with the craft fair

committee. Chamber has received several emails that should be discussed as well as a better coordination of parking and traffic flow.

Alderman Hunt reported that the TN Magazine once again voted the Webb Craft Show the #1 event in middle TN. She presented an updated spreadsheet on local and state sales taxes which showed an impressive increase by month for 2014 compared to 2013. The Chamber will be putting together the old fashioned greenery and ribbons for the holidays on November 17th at 3 PM. Any help would be appreciated. The café will be serving soup. She said the Chamber also turned in a grant to the Tourism Department and is awaiting notification on award.

Parks & Recreation-Alderman Hunt reported that the walking trail has been resealed. It was in need of some maintenance and this should last a good five years. The Park Board is also talking to the original landscape architect on updated areas of the park where trees and shrubs have died and working on updating that soon.

Mayor Webb reported for the Historical Commission. He said that there have been some changes on properties in the historical business area that the committee is concerned about. Mr. Dan Brown from the State Historical Preservation Department came to speak at the last meeting. It was agreed for the Mayor and Attorney Perry to talk to the property owner about the concerns. There is a special called meeting scheduled for this Thursday, the 13th at 6:30 where the Mayor will give a report on the meeting. Alderman Hunt stated that she has some concerns. She stated that since all of this has come up, she has reviewed the Design Guidelines that were put into place in 2010, and they are not in tandem with TN Code Annotated. Also, she said they didn't represent the spirit of what was intended at the beginning. These were supposed to go back and have some changes made to them and this was never done. The guidelines say that members have to be approved by the Board of Mayor & Aldermen, and while it was done the first time, this has not been done since. Alderman Hunt recommended that the Design Guidelines be revoked and go back to the drawing board. She also recommended that the historical committee have some business owners represented and asked if the Mayor would attend the January Chamber of Commerce meeting to speak to the members regarding this.

Alderman Chilton stated that the representative from the state said that the guidelines that had been passed by the committee needed to be a formal ordinance to be enforceable and that they need to go through a certification process with the state to align with the state historic commission's guidelines & statutes. Alderman Winnett stated that she feels we need to slow down and quit putting so much emphasis on being historical. She said we need to take care of the downtown part but that we don't need so many rules & regulations that you will scare off businesses.

Mayor Webb stated that he agreed we need to go back and get things right. He repeated we have a special called meeting on Thursday and he wants to present this and some information that he has at the meeting. He also noted TCA 13-7-401 is what gives a historic commission enforcement power & that everything else is design guidelines. He stated that in February 2010, the committee, who consisted of himself, Alderman Reagor, Annie Rooney, Joe Sheetz, Greg Heinike and Shirley Johns (which includes quite a few merchants). It was recommended, seconded & approved by that group for that particular code not to be a part of the guidelines. Their intent was historic design guidelines, not the formal commission part. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to revoke the current Historic Guidelines & send back to the Historic Commission to be reworked. Motion passed with Aldermen Hunt, Reagor and Winnett voting aye. Mayor Webb and Alderman Chilton opposed.

The Arts Council report was given by Sally Kilgore. They will begin their membership drive in the New Year.

Mayoral Updates: Mayor Webb stated that with Ronnie retiring and going to a consulting role, this is a good opportunity for Jason to step into more of a supervisory position. He will be looking in the future at the role of Town Administrator which we are able to do under our charter. It would be more of an oversight position which would provide oversight on documentation, records management, trending, and gather data. He said that Jason is showing the capability to do all of those. MTAS recommends that if you have someone doing those things, that you pass a resolution that maps that out. The Mayor is reviewing this and will be presenting the first of the year with a pay increase for Jason because of the added responsibilities.

Alderman Reagor reported he has still not heard back from Monster Broadband. Mayor Webb asked if he would try one more time to follow up with them. The Mayor said he would speak with Attorney Perry again about the federal regulations not allowing a municipality to have a monopoly. He believes we can proceed to work out a lease agreement with Athena Broadband as well and not just be exclusive to Monster Broadband.

Old Business: There was a public hearing prior to the meeting at 5:45 PM to discuss Ordinance 14-005 an Ordinance to Adopt Various Standard Codes Relating to Inspection Activities of the Town of Bell Buckle and Enforcement of Building Provisions as Provided in Said Codes, and Repealing Any Ordinance or Part of an Ordinance in Conflict Herewith. There was some discussion on the upfront cost, the fees, and the qualifications of who would be hired to be the building inspector. The fee schedule will be discussed more at the planning commission meeting. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Winnett, made a motion to approve on 2nd Reading. Motion carried with all voting aye, but Alderman Reagor abstained.

Alderman Hunt reported that she had spoken with the representative from Verizon and there is still no firm date for the roll-out of their VOLT voice. He stated that the new voice technology needs some bug fixes and he does not have a time table.

New Business: Mayor Webb stated that we have asked MTAS to do an office review the first of the year to find out better ways to operate and ways to improve efficiency. There is no cost to the town for this service. Alderman Hunt said that with the personnel changes that are coming the first of the year, it was a good time to get everything done at one time. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Chilton, made a motion to approve doing this. All aye.

There was no citizen input.

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

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor _____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder _____