

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2014

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 6 PM. Members present were Mayor Webb, and Aldermen Reagor, Hunt, and Winnett & Chilton.

Mayor Webb called the meeting to order. Town Recorder Janet Robinson read the minutes from September 9, 2014. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Winnett, made a motion to approve. All aye except Alderman Chilton, who abstained. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to accept the financial reports. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lokey gave the Water Report. They repaired one service line leak and repaired 2 meters. The water loss was 3%. All water samples were negative for coliform and e-coli.

Plant Operator Randy Johnson gave the WWTP Report. They processed 1.2 million gallons of effluent to Bell Buckle creek and had 1/10 inch of rainfall for the month. The plant is in compliance with the NPDES permit.

Alderman Hunt gave the Water & Sewer Board Report. Everything is revolving around CDBG & getting the screenworks in. Due to the project approval being so late and equipment having a long order backup, we will not have the project completed in the required time for us to be eligible to apply for funding for 2015. The engineer stated that the warranty on the equipment does not coordinate with the bid specs. A conference call is to be held to discuss this with the contractor. Alderman Hunt said we should not have to be responsible for that and she will not approve without spec warranty therefore the equipment may have to be changed to another approved screenworks.

Fire Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. There were a total of 11 calls for the month, which includes 1 medical, 3 false alarms with no fire, 2 mutual aid structure fires, 1 smoke investigation, 1 grass fire, 1 good intent call and 2 motor vehicle accidents. There were two training sessions. The annual Ice Cream Social was Saturday, September 20. There were several other events in the county so it was not as well attended as it usually is, but he thanked everyone who attended.

Chief Tommy Wiley gave the Police Department Report. He had issued 23 citations and 29 warnings with 6 county assists including an accident with bodily injury, and 1 arrest. He reminded everyone we have a mutual aid agreement with Bedford County and if there is a call where he can get to it more quickly than the county, he needs to assist. Because there have always been issues with parking on Fosterville Road during the craft fair, Chief Wiley spoke with Sheriff Swing and the Sheriff is assigning one of his Lieutenants to address this. New "No Parking, Loading Zone Only" signs are up in the alley.

Chief Wiley also reported that there had recently been a house in town quarantined due to meth manufacturing. The Drug Task Force has been watching some people & places and there are more warrants coming and more arrests to be made. It is an ongoing investigation. Alderman Chilton stated that she has had several calls from concerned citizens. The Mayor reported that we are working with the Sheriff's Department and the Drug Task Force and they are doing an outstanding job. We have asked them to assist Chief Wiley and to give more presence here. Everyone is doing their due diligence. The state agency will have to come inspect the property involved and give their approval before it can be opened back up.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Planning Commission Report. One of the commercial business owners wanted to change the use on their building and the procedures were discussed how a special exception would be needed to do that. There was also discussion about the commercial area and the tax revenue with ways to improve that. There is a special exception application for a Bed & Breakfast.

Alderman Hunt stated that she had spoken with Planner Rhinehart and expressed her concerns about what the town did and did not know after the last Planning Commission meeting. She presented 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. She said that this is basically an enabling ordinance to establish enforcement and inspection of our building codes. Alderman Hunt has spoken with someone who would help us get set up free of charge. With better input and communication, we can properly enforce what we already have on the books. This would be a separate department within the Town and we would be charging for the permits. A certified licensed professional would be enforcing the international building codes and the national flood insurance program. Since this was not on the agenda, Alderman Chilton made a motion to suspend the rules to hear the ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderman Hunt. All aye. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Chilton, made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading with the understanding that additional discussion will need to be presented at the Planning Commission. There will be a public hearing and 2nd reading on November 11th. All aye.

The Chamber of Commerce Report was given by Alderman Hunt. The Webb Craft Show is this weekend, the 18th & 19th. Mayor Webb stated that parking will be a real issue this year with all of the rain and wet ground which will affect the traffic. We will need all the help and support that we can get.

Alderman Hunt also reported that that the Chamber of Commerce has spoken with the Mayor and is going to start renting the old fire hall for \$1 a year. The building is now opened and the fire truck has been moved to the new fire hall. They will set up the fire department museum with all of Mr. Elkin's materials that Mrs. Elkins is donating in the front part and have a small office in the rear. They will be able to move a lot of their storage from the town hall to the new place.

Parks & Recreation-no report.

Mayor Webb reported that the Historical Commission has a visitor from the State Historical Preservation Department coming to help on signage rules. Alderman Chilton said that last month someone from the TN Preservation Trust spoke to them and they are working to move ahead with protecting historical properties. The Mayor said the manuals need to be updated also.

The Arts Council report was given by Betsy Wheeler. They are beginning their membership drive and everyone should receive an invitation soon. The Plein Art event was a success and the artists were enthusiastic.

Mayoral Updates: Mayor Webb will be working with the employees on the financial reports and office procedures. We will be working with MTAS.

Alderman Reagor reported he had left a message with Monster Broadband that we need to change the lease agreement with it not being exclusive to them. We would also like to work out a lease with Athena Broadband. Alderman Reagor will continue to finalize this agreement.

The Mayor stated that the flag ceremony will be on Veterans Day, November 11 at 3 PM. We are working on a plaque that will be on a brick concrete stand. Mr. Haynes wanted that to be donated to all WWII veterans.

There was not any Old Business or New Business.

Citizen Input: Brooke Smith Sanders reported they are still having pressure problems. Mayor Webb stated we would have Jason check on this. The Mayor said that their problems do concern him; the town has worked on this and will continue to work on it. He will also speak with Attorney Perry about these issues as well.

Betsy Wheeler offered to volunteer to write examples so the general public can understand the steps to take for certain issues-example-site permit. She could work on mocking up examples on any areas needed. Mayor Webb asked Betsy Wheeler if she can work on resolving the question of who can be responsible for opening the storm shelter.

Mrs. Strobel asked if a building that is zoned commercial but has been used for residential (# 3 and #5 Webb Road)-when it sells, would it not revert back to commercial use? Mayor Webb said that if it does sale, we have the right to dictate the use. Planning Commission Chairman Simmons stated that the building has never been anything but commercial. A special exception has never been applied for nor approved on that property. However, special exception follows the property until someone gives it up or wants to change it.

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

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor_____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder_____