

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2015

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 6 PM. Members present were Mayor Dennis Webb, and Aldermen Hunt, Winnett, Chilton, and Reagor.

Mayor Webb called the meeting to order. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Winnett, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from August 11. All aye. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Winnett, made a motion to approve the minutes from August 11. Motion carried. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Winnett, made a motion to accept the financial reports. All aye.

Alderman Hunt gave the Water/Sewer Report. Both bacteriological samples were negative for coliform. Water loss was 0% with the flushing percentage 3%. It is thought that the water loss was misleading because the master meter from Wartrace to Bell Buckle had failed and has not been replaced. The meter has probably been slowing down for some time. The Hinkle Hill tap is scheduled to be made soon and the work will probably have to be done on nights and weekends. The Cascade Tank has been inspected with good results.

There was no Sewer Report.

The Water/Sewer Board Report was given by Alderman Hunt. The State had a meeting and inspection at the WWTP in August. All went well. There was one area regarding mailing time lapse with the postal service that has been corrected by personally delivering the lab samples. The new screen is catching a great deal of debris and has to be cleaned every 2 days, however, it is doing what it was supposed to do & will help with the life of the pumps and possibly electric bills during the hot months.

Fire Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. There were a total of 9 calls for the month. Five were fire related which included 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 controlled burn, 1 grass fire and 1 carbon monoxide monitor alarm which turned out to be a faulty alarm system. Four were medical calls. Chief Lokey reported an update on the length of service award payments update. A bill has been introduced in the Senate and the House to authorize the IRS to exclude the taxes on up to \$600 on payments made to volunteers of emergency services agencies.

Saturday, September 12 is BBVFD Open House the Ice Cream Social. It will begin at 3 PM. Fire Prevention materials and free smoke detectors will be available. They will be going to Cascade Elementary School on October 6 to present a program on Fire Prevention & will be working with Wartrace Fire Department in presenting the program to the K-3 children.

Chief Wiley gave the Police Department Report. There were 26 citations, 40 warnings, 2 county assists. We have been approved for the new GHSO High Visibility grant for \$5000 for the coming year.

Mayor Webb reported there had been no Planning Commission meeting in September.

Alderman Hunt gave the Chamber of Commerce Report. The TEMA meeting has been postponed. We hope to get message boards from TDOT to help with traffic at the craft fair. Work is being done to get a map of parking places online and a program to show current spaces available. There had been concern after last year's craft fair with the lack of continuity on how vendor permits are secured & collected. There was discussion regarding doubling the fee if town personnel has to go out and collect on site rather than the permits acquired before the fair either by the property owner or the vendor.

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Alderman Hunt stated that the Town needs to address the use of drones within the town limits and especially during events. We will get advice from MTAS regarding this.

There was no Park & Recreation Report.

Mayor Webb reported that the Historical Commission members are still reviewing guidelines.

Chairwoman Sally Kilgore gave the Arts Commission Report. The annual Plein Arts event planned for Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. They have decided to just have this every other year. The committee plans to help the Chamber of Commerce with the beautification of the downtown area. They did not receive the grant from the TN Arts Commission but still hope to find ways to fund the Poets Garden. Alderman Chilton suggested the committee help set up a "Made in Bell Buckle" booth at the craft fair featuring local artists. This will be discussed with the chamber.

Mayoral Updates: none

Old Business: Alderman Hunt reported that she had interviewed someone for the Building Codes Inspector. He requests to be a part time employee working a maximum of 10 hours a week at \$40 per hour. This would be a 90 day probationary period and a time to set up the paperwork and go through permits that are not completed. There was discussion regarding why he wanted a part time status versus a contract status and how this would be funded. Alderman Hunt requested that since there were several questions, the applicant would meet with the board to answer questions prior to it coming to a vote.

New Business: Mayor Webb stated that the Planning Commission was sending 4 amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for approval.

1) Amendment of Article II regarding definition of "District". There was discussion about how the District related to Regional Planning and the Urban Growth Plan. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve. Alderman Chilton voted no; Alderman Reagor voted aye, Mayor Webb and Aldermen Winnet & Hunt abstained from voting. Motion failed.

2) Amendment of Article III regarding General Provisions". Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. All aye. Motion carried.

3) Amendment of Article IV regarding "Supplementary Provisions Applying to Specific Districts". Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve. Motion passed on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading with all voting aye but Alderman Winnett voting no.

4) Amendment of Article V regarding "Zoning Districts". Alderman Hunt, seconded by Mayor Webb, made a motion to approve. There was discussion on what would be allowed and not allowed in each zone. Mayor Webb reminded the board that several things would still be allowed by Special Exception. Motion passed on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading with Mayor Webb, Alderman Hunt and Alderman Chilton voting aye. Aldermen Winnett and Reagor voted no.

There will be a public hearing prior to the October meeting to discuss the above Amendments to the Ordinances and the Board will vote on a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

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

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

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