

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
Special Called Meeting Minutes  
April 29, 2019

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in special session on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 5 PM. Members present were Mayor Ronnie Lokey, VM Wheeler, Aldermen Anderson, Akers & McRady.

Mayor Lokey called the meeting to order and stated the reason for the meeting was to have a Budget Study Session and to discuss Water & Sewer Regulations.

The discussion on the Water & Sewer Regulations was because of a request for another water tap from Andrew Summerlin for his property on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. He has two lots beside each other, but one water tap. There is a house on one of the lots, but years ago the tap for the house had to be put on the other lot. He wanted an additional tap to build on the vacant lot but the size of the lot did not meet the required 5 acres to be eligible for a tap outside the town limits. There had been discussion about annexing the property into the town, but the town had been advised against doing this for several reasons. The cost of the upkeep of the roads as well as additional street lights would be too expensive at this time to make it a feasible solution.

Samantha Summerlin was present to represent her son, Andrew. She asked if there was a way the one tap could be used for two structures. She was told the only way that is possible if the lots were merged into one lot and the structures are connected to each other making the existing structure part of the principal structure. Mrs. Summerlin stated that solution would work and Andrew would get the lots joined, have this recorded, and bring a copy to the Town. He would also follow the other requirements about connecting the structures for the town to inspect. This is similar to Katie Felices' situation with her property at 215 Maple Street that was addressed by the Board previously.

The amended and anticipated budgets were presented and several points were discussed. The anticipated budget includes a 3% increase in water and sewer charges as well as adding some rate codes that were advised by MTAS (including commercial rates for 3/4 " inside & outside meters, etc). These will be included with the updated schedule of fees presented for approval of first reading in the May BOMA meeting. The tax rate is currently \$ .56 and after discussion, will be presented to be \$ .60 per \$100 assessed of real and personal property.

There being no further business, Alderman Anderson, seconded by VM Wheeler, made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Ronnie Lokey, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_



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

