

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2021

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6 PM. Members present were Mayor Ronnie Lokey, and Alderman Vannatta. VM Wheeler, Aldermen McRady and Alderman Akers were all present by conference call.

Mayor Lokey called the meeting to order. Alderman Vannatta, seconded by Alderman McRady, made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 19 meeting. Motion carried. VM Wheeler, seconded by Alderman Vannatta, made a motion to accept the financial reports. All aye.

Water/Sewer Supervisor Eddy Lamb gave the Water & Sewer Report. He reported there was still a water loss of 38%. A large leak was finally found and repaired on Puncheon Camp Road in the ditch line. This will show on the water loss for next month. Austin has begun attending his classes for the TAUD intern program. Bouchard & Co. is scheduled to come to repair the altitude valve at Cascade Tank. This bill will be passed on to Bedford County Board of Education.

Firefighter Mark McBryant gave the Fire Department Report. There was a total of 8 calls for January. Five of these were medical & three were fire calls including 3 fire, 2 structure mutual aid and 1 grass fire. The Chili Cook-off has been postponed to a later date TBA.

Chief Tommy Wiley gave the Police Department Report. They had 5 citations, 18 warnings, 2 local assists.

There was no Planning Commission Report.

Jenny Hunt reported for the Chamber of Commerce Report. The Chamber has purchased a Welcome to Bell Buckle sign for either end of Hwy 82. Daffodil Day has been cancelled but M & L Greenhouse will be setting up on the Quilt Square, and the seedling giveaway is still going to happen. The Chamber would like to add a sort of geocaching event for May 29 which is a Car Scavenger Hunt like Mr. Cooke used to organize at the Park. They would also like to raffle off an entire pig that had been donated. Alderman Akers, seconded by Alderman McRady, made a motion for this to be added to the Schedule of Events. Motion carried.

RCMP is on for now. The 5K race has been changed so there is no turn around on 269 for safety reasons. The new certification should be ready by March. The Chattanooga Bakery is re-introducing their lemon flavor, so this year's theme will be Making Lemonade out of 2020 Lemons.

Commercials will start airing next Thursday, Feb 18th. Maggi Vaughn did a great job on American Pickers.

The Park & Recreation Report was given by Jenny Hunt. The Park will be meeting Tuesday, February 16th at 4:30 and would like to invite BOMA to attend either in person or via zoom to have an open discussion on the old Bell Buckle School. They are also looking at possibly doing a "Scarecrow Festival" at some point. She also reported the doorknob on the amphitheater had been torn off & needed to be replaced.

Jenny Hunt gave the Historical Commission Report. The Alleyway grant has been submitted & we should know by mid to late summer. She reported this from Attorney Ted Goodman: In accordance with your suggestion, I spoke with John T Bobo & he suggested that if Bell Buckle has a "city road list" we should add the gravel road to that list. This would require some type of notice to the adjoining property owners and obtaining quitclaim deeds from them. It would also be a good idea to get a survey of the roadway. Ms. Hunt stated she would be glad to look into getting the survey done and the Board agreed.

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VM Wheeler reported for the Beautification Committee. They did not meet in January, but will meet Feb 18th at 6:30 PM. VM Wheeler asked Ms. Hunt if the Park (tree board) could skeletonize the holly bush/tree in the center of the median. Mayor Webb asked if the crepe myrtles on either side could also be trimmed to help with vision pulling out of the parking lot. Ms. Hunt stated they could. Mayor Lokey said he would check with TDOT about possibly moving the stop sign closer to the corner.

There was no report for the Arts Council.

Mayoral Updates: none

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

Public input: none

There being no further business, Alderman Vannatta, seconded by Alderman McRady, made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Ronnie Lokey, Mayor



Janet Robinson, Town Recorder

