

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2021

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6 PM. Members present were Mayor Ronnie Lokey, Alderman Vannatta, & Alderman McRady. Alderman Akers & VM Wheeler were absent.

Mayor Lokey called the meeting to order. Alderman McRady, seconded by Alderman Vannatta, made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 8 & special called meeting on June 21. Motion carried. Alderman McRady, seconded by Alderman Vannatta, made a motion to accept the financial reports. All aye.

There was no Water & Sewer Report or Water/Sewer Board Report.

Fire Chief Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. There was a total of 23 calls in June. Twelve of these were medical & eleven were fire calls including 2 standby for Station 2, 1 MVA, 2 10-72 structure fires, 1 public service, 1 dumpster fire, 1 storm-downed power line, and 1 vehicle fire. The department had two training sessions in May and has two new members. They were finally able to have their Christmas Dinner last week.

Mayor Lokey gave the Police Department Report. There were 13 citations, and 8 warnings.

The Planning Commission Report was given by Mayor Lokey. A plat was presented on the properties of Mr. Joe Holt & JR Howell. There was a propane tank which had belonged to Mr. Howell that was over the property line approximately 1.79 ft. on Mr. Holt's property. Mr. Holt sold the owners of the Howell property the small parcel of land. The change in the plat needs to be approved by the planning commission.

It was reported a citizen on Liberty Pike was complaining his neighbor was putting brush in the back of his property & the water was backing up on his property from that. Mr. Coonan know both parties & volunteered to check out the situation.

The Chamber, Park & Historical Commission Reports were all written by Jenny Hunt and read by Mayor Lokey. The RCMP event was a success. People seemed to really enjoy themselves & hopefully sales tax will be up next month. The officers that served as the Kings & Queens of the event couldn't stop thanking us. Many thanks to Lana Garvin & her team for the quilts of honor. These were truly a work of art & love. Mrs. Hunt also thanked everyone for the help with the race keeping the routes free & clear. The race maxed out at 1,100 maximum registration & the runners had an option to donate to a charity. The Chamber chose the Fire Department as the entity for this year. The runners donated over \$1,400 to the BBVFD! What a nice gesture by our runners for our fire department. The Dept. of Tourism representative, Ashely DeRossett, spent a full day in town this month & was extremely helpful. We partner well with the TDTD & this helps the town a lot.

Park Report: New Signage for entry, playground, picnic pavilion & mayor's grove has been unveiled. We are very pleased with the quality & appearance and hope everyone else likes as well. The park surveys were getting stuck in spam folders. We hope that is being rectified now & have also extended the survey outside the town limits to include water customers. Deadline is July 30 & after results are compiled, the Park board will review. The 4th of July was a huge success & thanks to all who attended. Had some issues with parking that was not addressed ahead of time but will plan ahead before next year's event. Many thanks to all the volunteers that helped, especially the Fire Department for their extraordinary grilling skills.

Historical Commission Report: South Central representatives have rescheduled Historic Inventory survey again for some time in August. We got the Historic Preservation grant for landscape architectural planning for the back alley! We are very happy about this!

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There was no Beautification Report or Arts Council Report.

Mayoral Updates: Mayor Lokey reported that the Town has an opportunity to apply for the TN Downtown Grant which will help the Town as well as the Downtown Businesses. The total project cost will be \$200K. The grant amount is 75% (\$150K). The balance of \$50K (or 25%) in local matching contribution, will be provided by the property/business owners for façade improvements & the Town of Bell Buckle for public improvements.

There was nothing under Old Business.

New Business: Resolution to apply for funds from the Downtown Grant. Alderman McRady, seconded by Alderman Vannatta, made a motion to approve the resolution. All Aye.

Mayor Lokey stated we are requesting to sell the old police car. Alderman Vannatta, seconded by Alderman McRady, made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

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

Ronnie Lokey, Mayor _____



Janet Robinson, Town Recorder _____

