

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2021

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6 PM. Members present were Mayor Ronnie Lokey, VM Wheeler, Alderman Akers, Alderman McRady & Alderman Vannatta.

Mayor Lokey called the meeting to order. Alderman McRady, seconded by Alderman Vannatta, made a motion to approve the minutes from April 13. Motion carried. VM Wheeler, seconded by Alderman McRady, made a motion to accept the financial reports. All aye.

Supervisor Eddy Lamb gave the Water & Sewer Report. Water loss was approximately 8%. He introduced customer Traci Craig who lives on Emily Lane. Mrs. Craig has had issues with water pressure for some time & was seeking advice on avenues to solve the problem. She stated she had no complaint about the town workers-customer service has been great as they had tried hard looking for different solutions, but so far had not found one. Several ideas were discussed, seeking help from TAUD or Fleming Training Center, relocating the meter, etc. They will continue to work toward a solution.

Firefighter Mark McBryant gave the Fire Department Report. There was a total of 14 calls for March. Seven of these were medical & seven were fire calls including 1 public service, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 brush/grass fire, 1 structure fire mutual aid, 1 standby for Bedford County Fire Dept, and 1 fire alarm false call. There were 2 training sessions during April. The Community Club Building demolition is complete and the millings are spread for parking. They spent \$11,500 on the demolition of the building & building the parking lot. A surveyor is coming to mark the property & provide a plat for their records. The Department has received money from the safety grant & are purchasing 2 sets of turnout gear.

Chief Tommy Wiley's brother had passed away so he was not present to give the Police Department Report. The board expressed condolence to Chief Wiley. Mayor Lokey reported he had written a letter to Mr. Cheeseman at Webb School to caution the students of their responsibility to watch for traffic when crossing the road. Too many times the students depend on a vehicle stopping for them at the crosswalk and don't even look before crossing. Members of the Board discussed speeding issues again and ideas on what needs to be done. Better signage, possibly purchasing more flashing radar signs, and heavier patrol were all mentioned.

There was no Planning Commission Report.

Jenny Hunt reported for the Chamber of Commerce. The HVAC unit has been installed in the old fire hall. They will be accepting donations for the museum soon. The items will be inventoried and a master list started. The ribbon cutting is August 29th which is Mrs. Elkins' birthday. The Car Cache and Pig Bash will be held Saturday, May 29th with details on FB. The theme for RCMP is "making lemonade out of lemons" & will feature the officers that responded to the Christmas Day bombing as this year's Kings & Queens. The artwork will be unveiled tomorrow. Everyone is excited to have this event back!

The Park & Recreation Report was given by Jenny Hunt. 1. The tree board had the trees in the downtown island skeletonized & shaped. 2. There has been more vandalism in the girls' restroom again. 3. The park board would love any photos or items from the old school donated & will consider how to best display those or highlight on social media as a tribute to the old school. 4. There is a yoga class on Saturday. No cost to attend. 5. Remember the 4th of July is on this year featuring the Escape Band, concessions, reading of the Declaration of Independence & fireworks.

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Jenny Hunt gave the Historical Commission Report. South Central representatives have rescheduled to Thursday, June 10 to begin work on updating the Historic Survey that was done in 1975. The Town Hall will email out a notice so people will have a heads up about the survey. This update is being done at no cost.

VM Wheeler reported for the Beautification Committee. Tianna Hyatt will be updating the town website to add a link to the Beautification Committee and the committee will pay for that addition. They have planted 340 flowers around town. Everyone agreed they look wonderful.

There was no report from the Arts Council.


Mayoral Updates: 1. The street light change-out is complete and the town is much brighter from the LED bulbs. 2. There has been vandalism on the old police car that has been parked at the park. 3. Mayor Lokey reported he had spoken with Ryan Forbes, who had done the demolition on the Community Club building, and he said he could demo the old school for \$13K after the lead had been removed.

There was no Old or New Business.

Public input: none

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

