

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2019

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6 PM. Members present were Mayor Ronnie Lokey, VM Wheeler, Aldermen Anderson & Akers. Alderman McRady was absent.

Mayor Lokey called the meeting to order. Alderman Anderson, seconded by VM Wheeler, made a motion to approve the minutes from October 8. Motion carried. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Akers, made a motion to accept the financial reports. Mayor Lokey stated he would not be voting on checks 1652 & 1666. All aye.

Assistant Water Supervisor Mark McBryant gave the Water Report. The water loss percentage was 6%. Three leaks were repaired and the mini barn has been moved.

There was no report from the Water/Sewer Board.

Chief Tommy Wiley gave the Police Department Report. There were 17 citations, 22 warnings & 4 county assists. The Craft Fair was a big success and there were fewer calls & complaints as well as better safety awareness. Mayor Lokey praised Chief Wiley and the other employees & workers who helped make it run smoothly.

Chief Wiley requested funds be appropriated for a new radar gun. The cost would be approximately \$800. VM Wheeler, seconded by Alderman Anderson approved this request. Motion carried.

Firefighter Mark McBryant gave the Fire Department Report. There were a total of 25 calls for October. Sixteen of these were medical and nine were fire related including 2 MVA, 3 grass/brush, 1 alarm with no fire, 1 illegal burn, 1 fire education at Cascade School, & 1 public service. There were two training sessions. We received the State Forestry matching grant and will receive nearly \$3000 from the Forestry Department. We will be ordering communications equipment to update our department's ability to talk with dispatch & other departments.

There were no reports from the Planning Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, the Park & Recreation Committee or the Historical Commission.

VM Wheeler reported for the Beautification Committee. The cleanup day went very well. They had approximately 35 students, and 10 adults, including Mayor Lokey. All worked hard. Many bags of leaves & trash were collected. Thanks to all who participated. VM Wheeler also stated there is a grant that might be available that would help the "Back of the Buckle Project" in the spring of 2020.

Alderman Anderson reported for the Arts Council. The Council met with Mr. Gary Coonan. They are discussing ideas promoting the town with signage, banners & signs and will bring the design requests to the Board for approval. They requested permission to accept the donation from Mr. Coonan for a Digital Speed Sign. Alderman Anderson, seconded by VM Wheeler, made a motion to accept the donation. All aye. The sign will be positioned first on the north side of town to collect data. It can be moved to other areas of town at a later time. Alderman Anderson, seconded by VM Wheeler, made a motion to approve the purchase & installation of the sign. Motion carried. The Council will meet on November 17th at 3 PM at the 82 Diner to discuss ideas for the caboose.

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Mayoral Updates: Mayor Lokey reported he had spoken with Representative Pat Marsh and the paving that will be done in early spring will hopefully be extended past Webb School. Representative Marsh will speak with TDOT regarding this. The water lines on Webb Road are complete. Both lines are in service for now.

Old Business: Alderman Anderson reported he had spoken with the MTAS Representative regarding the vendor permits for the Arts Council. MTAS stated we cannot waive the fees. Alderman Anderson suggested the flexibility of having an annual fee but the council was not in favor of this idea. He asked for this item to be tabled for now so it could be reviewed more.

VM Wheeler, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to request the rules be suspended and something be added to the agenda. All aye. VM Wheeler apologized for the miscommunication regarding the plaque in memory of former Mayor Strobel. She presented the plaque that had been made and asked for approval for it to be accepted. The plaque reads that the building is dedicated to & named in honor of Mr. Strobel. Alderman Anderson stated he would like to withdraw his objection he had made in the August meeting that the plaque should just be in memory of Mr. Strobel. Mayor Lokey restated his feelings that while Mayor Strobel had done a lot of good things for the town, so had a lot of other people & he didn't feel that the Town Hall should be named in anyone's honor. VM Wheeler, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve the acceptance of the plaque. Motion carried with all voting aye but Mayor Lokey, who opposed.

There was no New Business.

Public Input: Annie Rooney asked about the wooden sign by the RR tracks. The Arts Council would like permission to redo it. It was not known for sure who had placed the sign years ago. Alderman Anderson, seconded by VM Wheeler, made a motion for the Town to take ownership of the sign so it can be redone. They will check about the stones in memory that are placed under the sign to see about them possibly being moved to the Park. All aye. Mrs. BJ Haverkorn asked if the repaving of Hinkle Hill was still in the plans for the Spring and she was assured it was.

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 _____

