

April 14, 2009

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session. Those present were Mayor Webb, Alderman Hunt, Reagor, Anderson and Rooney. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from March 17. All Aye. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve the minutes from March 17. Motion carried.

Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve the Financial Reports. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ronnie Lokey gave the Water Sewer Report. During the month we bought most of our water from Wartrace. We bought one time from BCUD because Wartrace had a leak and they could not supply us a sufficient amount. A tap was installed for Bill Jones on Happy Valley Road.

Water loss for the month was 13 %. One main line break was repaired on Emily Lane. We continue to have problems with filamentous growth in the plant process. This leads to a sludge that will not settle very well and limits the amount of flow we can put through the plant. This resulted in having an overflow. Randy continues to consult with MTAS and TAUD to find a solution to the problem.

The EQ basin is almost full. The flow coming into the plant went down today and Randy began draining the basin into the process for treatment.

Michael Bauer was present to request a water and sewer tap on the Peacock Street lot from Jeanette Bauer's estate. The auction on the property is April 25th and he understands that if the taps are not paid for within 30 days, they must be applied for again. The requested structures on the property have been removed and the plat is in order and signed. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve the taps. Motion carried.

Mr. Bauer also requested that a water and sewer tap be approved for the property on Bridge Street that is to be auctioned on the 25th too. It is 100 X 135 and there is no dwelling on it now. The Board told him they would have to do some research but it would have to come before the Planning Commission first before approval could be given.

There was a water tap request from Kelly Wilson on his 50 acre lot at 678 Hwy 82. All criteria have been met. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve. All Aye.

Mayor Webb reported that he had met with Wartrace water board to discuss the current rate of \$2.50 they are offering the Town after they hook on to Tullahoma Utility Board. The meeting went well and they instructed the Mayor that our rate of \$1.55 that we are

paying now should last well into the fall because they don't anticipate tying into TUB until possibly November. That will really aid our budget.

Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. They had 13 calls for service which included 5 fire related and 8 medical calls. They had 2 training sessions with the focus being on the tanker shuttle operations. This is included in the plan to have ISO audit the county fire protection provider (VFSI) and get a lower insurance rating for the county residents. This training and the new tankers could possibly help us to lower our rating to a Class 4.

Work continues on the old building. The fire department has a new member-Landon McKee. He and his family live on Maple Street and he is employed at the Franklin Fire Department. He is an EMT-IV first responder for us and is also employed part time at Home Depot. He is also pursuing a degree at MTSU. We welcome him to the community and the department.

Mayor Webb gave the Police Department Report. Officer Wiley had written 9 citations and 12 warnings. Also he had made 2 arrests. The Town received a 2001 Chevy Impala from the City of Brentwood. This was given at no cost from their surplus and will be an asset to our department. We will be writing them a thank you letter.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Planning Commission Report. A water tap for Kelly Wilson on Hwy 82 was approved for recommendation to the Board. Randy Simpson was approved for a Site Permit for an extended driveway and combined carport/garage after he made some minor changes. There was discussion on the changes for the UGB and approval to pass an ordinance requesting regional planning.

The Annexation Study that MTAS had done for the Town last year was discussed about the cost versus the revenue.

A motion was passed to recommend to the Board to establish a Historical Zoning Committee with the understanding it would be confined to C1 and C2 zoning only and not include any residential unless it was specifically requested in the future. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Rooney, made a motion to approve. All Aye. Mayor Webb will recommend the members next month for approval from the Board. After the Board approves the members, it becomes a free-standing committee, however the Board does approve the rules and any changes to the rules.

Alderman Hunt reported for the Sidewalks Committee. She stated that South Central Development District was late in getting the environmental turned into the State and this would possibly hinder beginning on the sidewalk work this year since the work would need to be completed prior to the Webb Craft Fair in October.

The Chamber of Commerce Report was given by Alderman Hunt. A commercial will be aired on News Channel 5 this week through next month. Each week there will be a drawing for a basket and will end the 4th week for a drawing for a weekend stay in Bell

Buckle. We may try to get a day where the town can come out dressed in red & white to make a "5" and have the helicopter fly over. This will be announced.

The next event is Motorcycle Day on Saturday May 16th. GEOCACHING world convention is Saturday May 23rd. RC Moon Pie is June 20th and is a Southeastern Tourism Society Top 2p event this year.

In our Strategic Planning meetings, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen pointed to Economic Vitality as being the town's main priority. In that vein, it was decided that the Chamber should include local economic trends into its monthly report. For the first quarter, sales tax comparisons are stated below:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>SALES TAX</u>		
January	\$2,405.70	\$2,115.87
February	\$2,958.55	\$2,744.09
March	\$2,154.39	\$1,931.18
<u>LOCAL TAX</u>		
January	\$1,302.01	\$1,475.80
February	\$2,434.01	\$1,260.35
March	\$2,048.86	\$1,869.74

Alderman Hunt gave the Parks and Recreation Report. The Judging Class for the BBQ Cook Off is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th at 11:00 at the Capt Rodney Stage. There are 8 available spots still open.

The restrooms are open. The Park will be awarded the 2009 Rebuild Tennessee Award on April 29th at the TDDA Annual Legislative Dinner. We are working on the annual July 4th Celebration at the Park and this year's event will mark the inaugural performance for the amphitheater and some new things. Stay tuned.

The Park Board is doing an unbelievable job right now and Alderman Hunt wanted to thank them for all they do. We have normally 2 hour meetings and then each member adds individual sweat equity throughout the month to keep the park running smoothly, looking great, and much more with web site updates, fundraising, and planning.

Mayoral Updates: Mayor Webb stressed that although annexation of the "Hill" area was discussed in Planning and the Board Meeting last month, we are proceeding with caution. There is much to consider including legal issues and fairness to everyone, etc. He feels the Town has higher priorities now they must face with finances, the Webb basin and providing water to customers at a reasonable rate.

There was no Old Business.

New Business: Resolution 09-002 Regional Planning Mayor Webb stated that we must pass a reworded resolution to apply for Regional Planning and that for now it had been decided to hold off on changing the UGB. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

Ordinance 09-003 Amending the Purchasing Policy 1st Reading Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve. All Aye.

There being no further business, Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to adjourn.

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor _____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder _____