

April 10, 2007

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session. All were present. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from March 13, 2007. All Aye. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous month. Motion carried.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve the Financial Reports. All Aye.

Supervisor Ronnie Lokey gave the Water/Sewer Report. They had repaired 1 service leak and installed the backflow preventer at the Park. The work on the Webb Tank has been completed. Engineer Jim Patterson reported that the Equalization Basin is still in the design phase. Although the deadline is approaching, he does not anticipate any problem on the State granting an extension. The Electrical Engineer is working on the electrical design and should be finished in 2-3 weeks. The basin will hold 1 million gallons.

Alderman Felices reported on his study of long term goals for the sewer plant. Eighty four homes were identified needing their service lines repaired. We should see a huge significance of savings in infiltration when these lines are repaired. Alderman Felices presented a sample form letter and Enforcement Policy for the Board to review regarding the customer service lines. After much discussion, Alderman Felices, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion for these letters to be sent with the change of 90 days replacing 60 days after the policy is fine tuned by the attorney and reviewed by the Mayor. Mayor Webb volunteered calling everyone on the list prior to the letter being mailed to explain more details and address concerns. Motion carried.

Alderman Felices also mentioned that work needs to be done on sealing the manholes and that the Abernathy Street water line needs to be replaced very soon.

Supervisor Lokey and Alderman Felices requested that the Board consider looking at grants on automation for the water system. This would be in the range of \$50,000 to \$60,000. Alderman Felices is doing a study on this to be able to justify the cost.

Mr. Wicky Parker was present to request 3 water taps on his lots on Peacock Street. These taps have been approved by the Planning Commission and meet the specified criteria. Alderman Felices, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve. All Aye.

Fire Chief Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. They had answered 16 calls-9 medical and 7 fire. Alderman Hunt is helping the Chief and Dave Fisher apply for a new fire grant. This will be for \$50,000 for equipment and close to \$70,000 for a "fast attack" truck. This is a 5% matching grant.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Planning Commission Report. They approved the 3 water taps on Peacock Street, and considered a Tree Board Ordinance. They have a training session on April 19 from 2-5 PM and their regular meeting at 6 PM.

Alderman Hunt thanked everyone who wrote a letter regarding the Sidewalk Grant.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Chamber of Commerce Report. Bell Buckle Motorcycle Days are May 19-20. They are purchasing a defibrillator that will be located downtown on the square. In conjunction with that, the Fire Department and Mike Clemmons from Emergency Medical Services, are having a CPR class and demonstration of the defibrillator on Monday, April 23 at 5 PM. Grilled chicken will be served and the community will be asked to bring pot luck dishes.

There was no report from the Avian Flu Preparation Committee.

1. Alderman Hunt gave the Parks and Recreation Report: Congratulations to Florence Hall for being named the 2007 Bell Buckle Outstanding Citizen of the Year.
2. Girl Scout Troop 1814 will be hosting two events at the park to earn their Bronze Award. On Saturday, April 21st at 10 am at the Bell Buckle Park, they will have an "April Showers Water Our Flowers" event open to the public. Flower and vegetable seeds along with potting soil and plant markers will be available along with containers. They do encourage you to bring your own planting container if you would like. This is especially geared towards children. Also, on Saturday, May 12th at 10:00 at the Bell Buckle Park, the troop will have a set up for children to make Mother's Day gifts. The project is really a super one and one that the kids will really enjoy. There is no cost involved at all to participate. We do encourage anyone that knows that want to participate to call Town Hall at 389-9513 or go to the town web site at www.TownofBellBuckle.com and sign up so we will have a basic idea of how much supplies to purchase. Posters should be up on these events soon and they will be posted on the town web site and park web site for additional information such as rain dates.
3. Please note that caution tape was put up at the back ends of the walking trail to discourage people from using that area until such a time as repairs to the trail have been addressed. The tape is continually being torn down and it is there for public safety.
4. Also, please be aware that four wheeling is not allowed on the park property.
5. Skate boarding has been going on under the old picnic pavilion and has become a problem to the pavilion structure especially the posts where ramps have been "home made". The Park Board discourages the use of skate boarding at either of the pavilions due to these problems that have occurred.

6. Bids for Kiosks will be accepted through Tuesday, April 24th at 10:00 am.
7. A listing of Park activities for the Spring and Summer is attached. Posters are being made and will be posted throughout the town. As always this information is available on the park web site at www.BellBucklePark.info.

Alderman Hunt reminded everyone that the 1st event for Bedford County Bi Centennial celebration will be on Saturday, May 5 from 10 AM to 4 PM on the Shelbyville Square.

Mayor Webb reported that he had met with Joe Hunt from HB Cowan Insurance. Everything seems to be in order, but the Mayor will meet with Ronnie & Jim to look at the pump stations and tanks to be sure that everything is adequately covered.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve spending up to \$3000 for a new filing system for the office. All Aye.

Alderman Anderson reported on the seminar that several members from the Planning Commission attended last month in Shelbyville hosted by Randall Arndt. Mr. Arndt presented some interesting ideas about controlling density and preserving green space. The Planning Commission will be using some of these ideas in their planning.

Alderman Reagor discussed having a display placed in the Town Hall by Legal Aid Services of Tullahoma. They help in spousal abuse cases and in eldercare, etc. No vote required.

Mayor Webb appointed the Board of Aldermen on the 2007-08 Budget Committee. A meeting was set for Wednesday, May 2 at 4 PM to discuss the new budget.

Mayor Webb reported that he had been contacted by Attorney Cope today. He reported that an attorney hired by Roger Ritch of American Value Homes contacted him and was challenging the ordinance that was passed requiring all previous water taps be paid within 90 days. Mayor Webb requested Attorney Cope to forward what they feel is an issue and we will then review the matter.

There being no further business, Mayor Webb, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to adjourn. All Aye.

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor _____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder _____