

April 8, 2008

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session. Those present were Mayor Webb, Aldermen Anderson, Hunt and Reagor. Alderman Felices was absent. There was a Public Hearing prior to the meeting regarding the Ordinance Establishing Court Costs, the Litigation Tax Ordinance, the Collection Charge Ordinance, and the Rules of the Road Ordinance.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from March 11 and March 28 meetings. All Aye. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction to page 2, paragraph 2 the price of the Shakespeare Festival tickets at the gate are \$15 instead of \$12. Motion carried.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve the financial reports. All Aye.

Supervisor Ronnie Lokey gave the Water/Sewer Report. Water loss was up to 35%. A large leak was repaired today that was losing approximately 15-20,000 gallons a day. We hope to see an improvement in next month's water loss. Mr. Lokey presented the Board with a memo he had written describing the previous week's "Boil Water Alert" from when we received the notice from Wartrace on Tuesday, until Bell Buckle's alert was lifted by David Money from TDEC on Friday. We have been purchasing water from BCUD only since last Tuesday.

For the month of March, we have reported 4 bypasses to the State. Some of this was caused by construction at the WWTP and could not be avoided, and some by the large amounts of rain we received. The new pump was taken out to be repaired and was reinstalled last Thursday. Friday, the new lift station & the existing lift station were pumping about 650 GPM or 936,000 gallons per day and were barely keeping up with the flow. The rainfall caused the EQ basin to fill up last Friday and we started bypassing then and continued until about 1500 hours yesterday. Engineer Patterson came & we opened manholes to check flows and for leaks. He is working on plans to rehab the worst parts of the system to present for Board consideration.

Engineer Patterson reported that the bank is slipping toward the Covered Bridge tank. This is caused from the drought which made the ground brittle and then from all the rains which saturated the soil. The steepness needs to be lessened possibly by a retaining wall. Alderman Reagor expressed concern that we had just corrected that problem with riprap a few years ago. Engineer Scott St. John will give a recommendation regarding possible solutions.

Supervisor Lokey stated that Alderman Felices was getting estimates on radio read meters and will present his findings at next meeting.

It was also reported that Wartrace Water is looking into the possibility of hooking onto Tullahoma Water. We will begin buying water from Wartrace again as soon as TDEC lifts their "Boil Water Alert". Mayor Webb reminded Engineer Patterson and Mr. Lokey that we need to prioritize our goals for the next few years to maximize our funds.

Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. They had answered 20 calls for the month; 14 medical and 6 fire. Two fire training sessions and 1 medical training session had been conducted. The BBVFD is hosting the Tool Sale at the Fire Hall on this Saturday starting at 9 AM. The Auxiliary will be selling food & soft drinks at the event.

On April 24 the BBVFD will have a joint training session with VFSI and Wartrace Fire Department. Bedford County EMA will have the mass casualty trailer there & Bedford EMS will be going over triage procedures for a large scale incident.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Planning Commission Report. They had recommended the subdivision on Quintin Stimpson's lot. There was discussion on the wording of the water resolution. Jeanette Brothers was denied a water tap on Fosterville Road.

Mayor Webb gave the Sidewalks Report. The procurements have been reviewed extensively. This was awarded to St. John Engineering. Scott St. John has a lot of TDOT experience and he feels confident about the project.

Rodney Simmons gave the Chamber of Commerce Report. Motorcycle Days is May 17th. RC Moon Pie Day is coming up June 21st which also includes the 10 mile run. The Shakespeare Festival will be held in July.

There was no Avian Flu Report.

Chairman Jenny Hunt gave the Parks & Recreation Report. Work is ongoing on the amphitheater. Please make sure to stay out of the work area.

Ronnie Lokey is this year's Citizen of the Year recipient. Ronnie was awarded the honor during the annual Daffodil Day ceremonies. Webb School Community Service Day is tomorrow – April 9th – Students will be on site to help with weeding and clean up. We always appreciate Webb participating locally in their community service projects.

For Daffodil Day it was decided to start a Mayor's Grove with the 12 dogwood trees that will be planted with the grant funding. As the Tree Board had discussed this years ago, it was decided to start the Grove with the first tree being planted in honor of former Mayor Eugene Strobel for his years of service to Bell Buckle and as Bell Buckle's current Tree Board chairman.

Bonnie Gamble with Rec Services has nominated the Bell Buckle Park for the annual Governor's Stewardship award. The judging will be April 18.

Per Mr. Elkins, Senator Jim Tracy has donated a flag to the Bell Buckle Park to replace the one that was stolen earlier this year. Volunteers from Deloitte Touche will again help at the park on June 6th this year. They also help with Beautification.

Details on the summer activities are really coming together and will be posted on the park's web site by the end of the month.

- a. The 4th of July event will continue to be a cook out and feature the popular Car Rally and we are discussing adding a Volleyball competition with possibly a challenge between the BBVFD and Town Hall employees and officials.
- b. The BBQ cook off for Labor Day on Sept 1st is starting to shape up many thanks James Anderson's hard work. We will more than likely limit the number of contestants to 20 so if you're good then get ready. We will have it worked out in a month or two and get applications online and at Town Hall.
- c. The Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the BBVFD went well with about 30-40 kids attending.

There are a good bit of fire ant hills at the park. Please use common sense at all times at the park. Do not "play" with the ants or anything else that is not suitable. The ant hills will be treated as soon as there is a 2-3 day dry period.

Mayor Webb reported that he met with John T. Bobo regarding the Roger Ritch lawsuit. John T. has requested the courtesy to discuss the details with his client and a continuance has been set for April 29th at 10 AM.

Old Business: Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve the Ordinance Establishing Court Costs on the 2nd Reading. Motion carried.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve the Litigation Tax Ordinance on 2nd Reading. All Aye.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve the Collection Charge Ordinance on 2nd Reading. Motion carried.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve the Rules of the Road Ordinance on 2nd Reading. All Aye.

Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve the Resolution Regarding Cut-Off Dates on Water Bills. Motion carried.

Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve the Ordinance Establishing Property Maintenance Regulations on 1st Reading. Mayor Webb stated that the part on junk cars was not included in this Ordinance because it is still being worded. He plans to take it before the Planning Commission before presenting it to the Board. All Aye.

New Business: Mrs. BJ Atkins was present to express thanks to some Bell Buckle citizens for their handling of an incident involving her grandson.

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

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor _____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder _____