

December 11, 2007

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

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

Supervisor Ronnie Lokey gave the Water/Sewer Report. The tank is almost complete on the EQ Basin. Pumps are in; control valve pit and piping is in. Three leaks have been repaired that were identified on the sewer survey. The seal on the pump at CBE Pump Station was leaking-approx \$1300 to repair. Joe Richards, leak surveyor, began working today on the survey of the system. He has found 1 leak and it has been repaired.

Randy Johnson passed his Grade III WWTP Operator test! A pay rate increase will be on the agenda for next month for him.

Alderman Hunt stated that we did not receive the CDBG grant. The new cycle will begin the first of the year and there was discussion as to whether we need to apply for a sewer grant or water grant.

Mayor Webb presented the amended contract from BCUD. There was a rate increase from \$2.65 per 1 K gallons to \$4.00 per 1 K gallons effective January 1, 08. This is a 74% increase in a little over a year and will affect our budget by a possible \$30-\$45 thousand a year. We really have no choice but to sign the contract. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lokey stated that they have asked for a calibration of the Wartrace and the BCUD meters. He will also speak with G & C Supply regarding spot checking some of our customer meters.

Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. They had answered 21 calls, 13 fire and 8 medical. A chili cook-off is planned for January 26 at 6 PM at the Fire Hall.

Alderman Reagor reported for the Planning Commission. They had approved three Site Permits-Webb School for a porch and new façade on the Big Room, a subdivision split for Robert Allison on his property on Liberty Pike that was previously owned by Robby Spencer, and the Park Amphitheater.

Alderman Hunt gave the Sidewalks Report. Ronnie attended the grant workshop meeting on the 26th of November. There is a meeting with Ronnie, Engineer Patterson, Sara Brown from South Central, and Jenny on Wednesday the 19th to work out details.

Chamber Report-The grant on renovating the caboose will be a 80/20 grant for \$37,000. The Chamber will bear all the out of pocket expense.

No Avian Flu Preparedness Report

Alderman Hunt gave the Parks & Recreation Report.

1. Work has begun on the amphitheater after 6 years of planning and fundraising. Please be sure to stay out of the construction areas for safety reasons.
2. Reports continue to come in on those who are abusing the park along with visual evidence of unacceptable conduct. Those who are caught will be reported to the Bedford County Sheriff's office. Citizens are urged to keep a watchful eye and the Neighborhood Watch is encouraged to "patrol" the park especially at night. Due to the abuse security cameras will be installed.
3. There will be no park meeting for the month of December. The next park board meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 13th at 5:00 at Town Hall. We will begin planning our 2008 activities and welcome all to either attend the meeting and give input or email or call a park board member with activities they would like to see at the park.

Alderman Hunt reported that there was a Bi Centennial luncheon today. A Resolution from the House of Representatives was presented congratulating the committee-Bell Buckle given a copy.

Mayoral Updates: 1. The Town's audit has been filed and made part of the public record.
2. A reminder to the Board regarding the mandatory electronic filing of statements of disclosure.
3. No monies or letter has been received from Oakwood Subdivision regarding the sewer tap fees. Their 30 days will be up on Monday of next week.
4. Gift certificates have been purchased for the Fire Fighters and will be presented soon.
5. Mayor Webb thanked the Board for the hard work they had done this past year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Old Business: Signage in alley: a citizen had requested that one way signs be posted in the alley to help direct traffic. There was no motion presented. Request dies.

Dr Dale Hyatt was present to request that the speed bump on School Street be removed since it was installed due to the veteran's home being there. After discussion, Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Anderson made a motion to request the engineer to review the situation before a decision is made. Motion carried.

Alderman Reagor presented material he had received from the Property Tax Freeze class he had attended. No action taken.

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

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor _____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder _____