

February 13, 2007

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session. All members were present. A Public Hearing was held prior to the meeting regarding the AR1 Residential Zone.

Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to dispense with the reading of the previous month's minutes. All Aye.

Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9 meeting. Motion carried. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve the minutes of the special called meeting from February 8. All Aye.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve the financial reports. Motion carried. Alderman Anderson reported that in the next few days he should have information on the current interest rates on the TML fixed loan which will be for a 12 year term.

Supervisor Ronnie Lokey gave the Water Sewer Report. They had repaired 1 main line break, 1 service leak and a leak at the Park. They also installed 1 sewer tap for Jeff Ross and 2 water taps-Frank Mormillo and Russell Robinson. The reports from DWC on the flow monitoring will be available soon.

Two bids had been received for the Webb Water Tank Repair. One was from Preferred Tank & Tower out of Evansville IN in the amount of \$15,310. The other one was from Preferred Sandblasting and Painting, LLC in Shelbyville in the amount of \$11,200. Alderman Felices, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve the lower bid from the Shelbyville company in the amount of \$11,200. Motion carried.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve a sewer tap for Robert Benton at 225 Hannah Street. This Director's Order hardship exemption was received from TDEC Division of Water Pollution Control. Motion carried.

Mayor Webb reported on the February 8 Special called meeting. The Planning Commission had sent a recommendation to the Board to strike the Water Resolution and send it back to the Planning Commission for review. It was decided at the special called meeting to leave the Resolution intact but to send it to the Planning Commission for possible changes after review. It was also decided to approve the Water Services Agreement with recommended changes of moving the property information at the top of the page. It was voted to suspend the request for Bell Buckle to become a Regional Planning Commission so that the county can focus attention on other planning issues.

Fire Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department report. They had answered 14 calls-9 medical and 5 fire calls. He reminded everyone about the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off that will be held on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The grand prize will be a gift certificate from the Bell Buckle Café. Mayor Webb commended Ronnie and the fire department on their performance regarding the latest fire in Bell Buckle. He stated that he and Ronnie have been in close contact with the Fire Marshall's office and the Sheriff's department and they

are actively investigating suspects. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to match the \$2500 that has already been promised to Crime Stoppers for the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the arson fires in Bell Buckle. Motion carried.

Mayor Webb reported for the Planning Commission. There is a property owner who wants to build a structure on their property in the alley. Their attorney has implied that he can obtain a signed order from the court from all the parties in this former litigation in the alley situation. We have requested from the attorney a copy of these signatures, but have not heard back from them.

Mrs. Talley from Cemetery Road, has asked for the Town's assistance on obtaining a quick claim deed on an old alleyway known as Elm Street. The county has said they do not claim this and the Town has no record of ever owning it either. Our attorney has advised us that we can not issue a quick claim deed on property that we do not own.

Mayor Webb reported that we have received a letter from the City of Shelbyville regarding a seminar/dinner they are hosting on March 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-8:30 featuring Randall Arendt as the keynote speaker. This will focus on subdivision design, conservation of natural environmental areas, open space design, etc. It was decided that Alderman Hunt, Katherine Strobel, and Florence Hall will attend this meeting.

Under the Sidewalk Committee, it was reported that Attorney Cope is continuing to work with the Board to obtain the information regarding the sidewalk issues from Attorney Dugger.

There was no report from the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Webb stated that we had been contacted by the Bedford County Emergency Management Association. They specialize in helping people through disasters. They have been working on a flu preparedness agenda and are forming a committee to study this. Our representative is Katie Felices. The association has met and has also identified several places in the county that will serve as emergency shelters. The United Methodist Church here in Bell Buckle will be our local shelter.

Alderman Hunt gave the Parks and Recreation Report. Bell Buckle Citizen of the Year forms are available in the Town Hall and have been mailed to everyone on the water bill address list. Forms should be turned in to the Town Hall by March 1. Announcement of the recipient will be at the Daffodil Day ceremony on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:15. Mayor Webb named Maggi Vaughn, Billy Phillips, and Gayle Winnett as a committee to decide the recipient of this award. Bids for amenities and grounds maintenance have been advertised and will be accepted until Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Webb showed the award that Alderman Hunt received for the Keep TN Beautiful Community Volunteer. There was a \$300 award given to the park for this.

Mayor Webb thanked Judd Sulcer for his hard work in organizing the Neighborhood Watch Program for the community. The first meeting will be Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Methodist Church and will be a potluck dinner.

The Mayor is writing letters to Senator Tracy and Representative Cobb to ask for their help in requiring semi trucks to use alternate routes. He has received numerous complaints about that. Mrs. Strobel had presented a petition signed by many Bell Buckle citizens and Alderman Reagor has been working on some plans regarding that also.

The TN Hwy Patrol has been contacted to run traffic in the peak hours to help slow down the speeding through town. There have been many reports of speeders being tracked at going 80-85 mph.

Three property owners have been contacted by Mayor Webb regarding the need to remove debris from their property. Two of the owners have complied. It does not appear that the third one will be cooperative. He is working with the State Fire Marshall's office, will be sending a certified letter to the property owner and will be working with county officials on that too. If that doesn't work, further action will be taken.

The CDBG grant has been completed and turned in ahead of time.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve the AR 1 Residential Zone on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. This is a "generic" ordinance for planning and does not identify a specific piece of property. It is a 3 acre lot size. All Aye.

Alderman Hunt reported that the Website will hopefully be up and running by March 1.

Alderman Hunt also gave the Bi Centennial Report. Wartrace voted to give \$250 to the committee. She recommended Bell Buckle do the same, as well as to purchase 2 signs for no more than \$26.40 each to go on the Town Limits signs. Alderman Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve the Codifying Resolution which requests MTAS to codify and revise the ordinances of the TOBB. The Town agrees to pay \$2,970 for this. The first ½ will be paid when the ordinances are requested for codification and the remaining ½ upon delivery of the first draft of the municipal code. All aye.

Alderman Reagor asked to research the possibility of getting a blinking stop light at the corner of Cemetery Road and Hwy 82.

There being no further business, Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to adjourn. All Aye.

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder \_\_\_\_\_

