

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen
February 12, 2008

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session. All were present. There was a Public Hearing prior to the meeting to discuss the Repeal of the Brown Bagging Ordinance. Mayor Webb reported that our current Ordinance prohibits brown bagging. The new Ordinance would repeal this Ordinance. He reported that the office had contacted the Alcohol Beverage Commission and they had stated that the Ordinance needed to be removed. The Attorney General's office had stated that the only way that a municipality could prohibit brown bagging was to have liquor by the drink. There were some citizen comments.

Reports:

Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to suspend the reading of the Minutes-January 8, 2008 Meeting. All Aye. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. All Aye.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer Report given by Supervisor Ronnie Lokey: Contractor has basically completed the construction of the EQ Basin. The grading, seeding & strawing will have to wait until drier weather arrives. The electrical contractor has a few items to complete when the parts come in. The tank was filled to test for leaks, and none were found. While the tank was filled to capacity, the rain came & we had to bypass. We now have the capacity to pump around the existing station to the plant. We can remove the pumps from the pump station and have them repaired as needed.

We fixed 2 main line leaks this month, and continue to check for leaks so we can hold down the water loss. We changed out several meters that had over a million gallons. We have bought the minimums from BCUD.

S & D Electric installed the electric services today for the telemetry at all 3 sites. The equipment continues to come in for the installations. The water taps for the pressure connections have been made at the Cascade & Covered Bridge tanks.

We installed new light on end of maintenance building & repaired existing light. Plan to install 1 more light on building to discourage vandals. Thieves stole the flag & rope off the pole at the park. A report was written by Bedford County Sheriff's department.

All reports were filled out & sent in on time. All water samples were sent as required and were negative for coliform. We made 1 tap at 421 Peacock.

We are preparing to fill out the paperwork to renew our discharge permit. This is required to be in 180 days before the expiration of the current permit on September 29. From talking to Brett Ward, our MTAS consultant and Dwayne Culpepper from TAUD, our discharge parameters will probably be changed. EPA and TDEC are imposing stricter limits on the effluent being discharged to the waters of the State and we could face higher treatment cost in the future because of this.

Water Tap Billy Belew Sr. Happy Valley Road-all requirements met and approved by Planning Commission. He understands that he would have to pay any additional costs involved with making the tap under the road. Alderman Felices, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve. Motion carried. Mr. Belew requested Ronnie to get him a cost estimate.

Mayor Webb requested Engineer Patterson to send a letter to TDEC requesting the Director's Order be lifted.

Fire Department Report given by Chief Ronnie Lokey. They had 13 calls for the month-12 medical and 1 a brush fire investigation. They had 2 training sessions and a chili cook-off event. Janet Robinson won the 1st place award and her name has been added to the plaque. Twenty people entered and 125 people came to help make the event a success. Thanks to all the members of the Board & the community that came and supported the event. Thanks also to Matthew Joseph who chaired it. We just completed their picture campaign with Olan Mills. The Fire Department's share of the proceeds was \$9,130.

VFSI surplused a 1 ton Chevrolet flat bed truck with a skid load pump and tank so we now have a unit to respond to grass fires. A lease agreement was signed by the Mayor & Fire Chief.

Training materials have just been purchased for the department. The grant that Senator Jim Tracy helped us get will take care of the cost.

The Fire Department requests permission to list the 1968 Ford Fire Truck on Gov.com for sale. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve. All Aye.

Chief Lokey requested permission to allocate \$1000 of the Fire Department's funds to establish an incentive program for the firefighters. Alderman Anderson stated he would like to see the Board add to this amount. This will be discussed in the budget review in April. Chief Lokey will have the criteria ready to present for discussion next month.

Planning Commission Report was given by Chairman Rodney Simmons. They had approved the water tap for Billy Belew. Several changes were made to Bell Buckle's Land Use and Transportation Policy plan.

Sidewalks Committee Report was given by Alderman Hunt. We are still waiting on procurement. A master plan for the sidewalks will be available for discussion next month.

Chamber of Commerce Report given by Alderman Hunt. Daffodil Day is March 15. This is the 8th year for Bell buckle to receive Tree City USA status. Duck River has asked to participate in the Arbor Day ceremony to celebrate their 4th year as a Tree City USA-the only utility in the state to qualify as such.

Avian Flu Preparedness Committee: Katie Felices stated there was no report.

Park and Recreation Committee Report was given by Chairman Hunt.

1. The Forestry Division has awarded the Bell Buckle Tree Board \$6,000 in funding to replace trees lost due to the late freeze and drought of 2007. The grant is 50/50 with the Tree Board responsible for 50% of the cost and planting of the trees. The trees will be planted between October 2008 and January 2009.
2. Eagle Scout hopeful Matt Bettis has completed planting 500 tree seedlings at the park. Local Forester Tom Hall was on hand and very impressed. A nursery was planted in one area of the park with hopes that those seedlings will be able to replace not only trees lost at the park but residents of Bell Buckle who may lose trees due to storms, age, disease, drought, etc. This project will serve our entire community well into the future. Many thanks to Matthew!
3. Bids are currently being accepted for the mowing at the park. Bid info is on the Town web site and posted in the Town hall window. Bid opening is Monday, Feb. 25th at 10am. **The Park Board respectfully requests the authority to accept or decline the best bid for mowing at bid opening. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve. All Aye.**

4. A bid of \$3,444 was received by Sequatchie for the concrete block. **The Park Board respectfully requests that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen accept the bid of \$3,444 from Sequatchie. Alderman Felices, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve. Motion carried.**
5. **The Park Board is working on the amphitheater constantly and would like the authority to accept or decline bids in relation to the project.** Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve. All Aye.
6. The Hyatts have donated the hosting, domain, and work for the Bell Buckle Park web site. Many thanks to the Hyatts for such a generous donation!
7. Citizen of the Year nominations are currently being accepted. Those nominations may be turned in at Town Hall no later than March 1st. The winner will be announced at the Arbor Day ceremony during Daffodil Day festivities at 11am on the Quilt Square. The winner of this award is based on the merit of the nomination NOT on the number of nominations received. **The Park Board requests that Mayor Webb appoint an unbiased committee to decide on the recipient. The Mayor appointed Rodney Simmons, Frank Reagor and Janet Robinson to be the committee.**
8. The American flag was raised at the Bell Buckle Park on Friday, January 18th as a gift arranged by James Elkins. Some time between Wednesday, January 23rd and Thursday, January 24th the flag was stolen and a handicap parking sign was turned around in its place. Vandalism and other unlawful activity continue to be a problem at the park. Please notify the Bedford County Sheriff's Dept to report problems at the park as well as Bell Buckle Town Hall.
9. Mayor Webb appointed Ray Shivers to fill the vacant place on the Park Board.

There were no Mayoral Updates

Old Business:

CDBG Resolution to rehabilitate the water system: Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve. All Aye.

2nd Reading Repeal of Brown Bagging Ordinance: passed unanimously.

New Business:

Election Approval Letter: Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve an election in August.

Employee Retirement Program: Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve and papers will be signed so that this will begin the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Town Hall Renovations: Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to seek bids on renovating the back of the Town Hall. All Aye.

Rules of the Road Ordinance: deferred until March Meeting

Ordinance Establishing Court Costs: deferred until March Meeting

Hiring Part Time Police Officer: There was much discussion from citizens in the study session regarding this issue. Mayor Webb stated that the county cannot enforce our city ordinances. This is not a revenue generating issue, but merely a safety issue and to help enforce our ordinances. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve going with the plan to hire a part time police officer. This is for a trial period until June 30. Details are in minutes of Study Session from February 1, 2008. All Aye.

Property Ordinances: deferred until March Meeting

Selection of Municipal Judge: Alderman Anderson presented the name of a retired judge to be considered. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to defer until March Meeting so that the Board could meet with this judge and to possibly bring forth other candidates for the position.

3 Star Meeting Report was given by Alderman Reagor. The criteria is more stringent to become a 3 Star community now and it is tied in with grant money. Another meeting has been tentatively set for Feb 29 at 9 AM.

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

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor _____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder _____