

January 9, 2007

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session. Those present were Mayor Webb, Aldermen Anderson, Felices, Hunt, and Reagor. Two public hearings were held prior to the meeting. One was on the Ethics Ordinance and the other was regarding the Ordinance on unpaid water/sewer taps.

Alderman Anderson, seconded by Hunt, made a motion to dispense with the reading of the previous month's minutes. All Aye. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Reagor, made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous month. Motion Carried.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Felices made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. Motion Carried.

Water Supervisor Ronnie Lokey gave the Water/Sewer Report. The cleaning and televising of the sewer lines has been completed. Due to heavy rains, the plant bypassed five days. Randy Johnson will be going for 2 weeks of classes for the sewer system soon. They had repaired 2 leaks-1 was a service line and the water loss was 38% due to a large leak. He presented the Board with a 2006 water usage report. The Webb Tank work has been advertised with the bid opening being February 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be ready for Board vote on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

There was much discussion on the Resolution that was passed the previous month regarding establishing a policy for granting water and/or sewer taps outside the town limits. There were suggestions for setting a time limit on the resolution or for tying it in with the county plans and also for sending it to the Planning Commission for further study. The Board did reaffirm their commitment to obtain input from land owners and developers and to work with the community to reach a satisfactory compromise. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Felices, made a motion to amend the resolution to read that it does not imply permanence and can change with future amendments; with the addition from Alderman Hunt for the resolution to also go to the Planning Commission for further study. Motion carried.

Alderman Anderson, seconded by Hunt, made a motion to lift the water moratorium effective immediately. All Aye.

Russell Robinson was present to request a water tap on Happy Valley Road. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Hunt, made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

John Barton was present to request a water tap on Puncheon Camp Road. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Felices, made a motion to approve. All Aye.

Miller and Long had presented an application for a water tap on Hwy 82. Alderman Felices, seconded by Hunt, made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

Frank Mormillo was present to request a water tap on his property on Cemetery Road. This had been considered over a year ago and had been denied due to Mr. Morillo not being able to meet all of the county's requirements. Mr. Mormillo's lot is  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre and has

since received a variance from the county. Due to that fact, Alderman Reagor, seconded by Anderson, made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

Alderman Hunt presented the CDBG Grant Resolution for the sewer system rehab. The requested grant is for \$200,000 with total cost of project being \$238,100. The balance of \$38,100 or 16% will be matching funds provided by Bell Buckle Water and Sewer Fund account. Alderman Hunt also reported that a target area survey is required to be done for this and work will begin the next few days regarding the survey. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Felices, made a motion to approve All Aye.

Fire Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. They had 20 calls-11 medical and 9 fire. The work is still continuing on the new fire hall and concrete will be poured in the next couple of days. For the year 2006, they had answered 191 calls with 62% of the calls being medical related.

Mayor Webb gave the Planning Commission Report. He stated that an issue has arisen in the alley and it is being clarified through the Town Attorney. Mr. Marvin Parker had also presented ideas regarding a Planned Urban Development. The Planning Commission is studying that and will hopefully have a plan to present soon. It was also noted that officials from the Land Trust Alliance will be meeting in the Town Hall on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM to speak with any interested parties regarding Land Trusts. There was discussion on the possibility of Bell Buckle becoming a Regional Planning Commission.

Alderman Hunt reported for the Sidewalks Committee. She presented contact information for Senator Jim Tracy and State Representative Curt Cobb and requested all the board members to please contact these men and encourage them to help us with funding for the 2007 TDOT Enhancement funding for Phase III in our Comprehensive Sidewalks plan.

Florence Hall gave the Chamber of Commerce Report. Daffodilly Day is March 17<sup>th</sup> and she encourages everyone to attend. The Daffodil Show will be at 10; Arbor Day Observance at 11:15 and tree planting at the Park at noon. This is also Bell Buckle's 7<sup>th</sup> year of receiving Tree City USA award.

There was no report from the Avian Flu Preparedness Committee.

Alderman Hunt gave the Parks and Recreation Report. Bell Buckle Citizen of the Year forms are available at the Town Hall. The next Park Board meeting will be January 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. The Park has been informed that Alderman Hunt had been selected Community Volunteer-2<sup>nd</sup> place winner in the 2007 Awards of Excellence Keep TN Beautiful competition for the state. This was a \$300 cash prize & will be presented February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Under Old Business, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading on the Unpaid Water/Sewer Tap Ordinance. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Felices, made a motion to approve. All Aye.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading on the Code of Ethics Ordinance. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Hunt, made a motion to approve. Motion Carried.

BCUD Water Contract-Alderman Reagor, seconded by Hunt, made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

Town Website was reported on by Alderman Hunt. The website is under construction and will hopefully be up within the next couple of months. The name will be townofbellbuckle.com.

Bedford County Bi Centennial-Alderman Hunt reported that Bell Buckle has the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter for the celebration. Planned activities to date are: a tree being planted during Daffodil Day; the BB Chamber will integrate the Bicentennial with its Motorcycle Days by having the Poker Run go to historic sites in the county; and will also integrate with its RC Moon Pie Festival through the parade. Commemorative coins are being researched.

Alderman Hunt reminded the Board that the Chamber Annual Dinner will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

Alderman Reagor stated that we would have had the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading on the AR Residential Estate Zone but it didn't get advertised with the other two public hearings. This will be held prior to the February meeting.

Mayor Webb reported under New Business that he had met with Fire Chief and Water Supervisor Ronnie Lokey. Mr. Lokey will be getting together a business plan to run concurrent with the fiscal year of both of his departments and will have packets of information to present to the aldermen. Mayor Webb requested that Alderman Felices work with Mr. Lokey to get together a 3-5 year plan on rehabilitating our water/sewer system. Alderman Anderson was requested to review our finances and the TML Resolution that was passed regarding this.

Mayor Webb also met with Janet regarding a records purge. She will also be finishing up getting all of the resolutions and ordinance changes to send to MTAS for codifying.

Mayor Webb will be drafting job descriptions and performance evaluations on the employees with the fiscal year. He stated that after much review, he presented a recommendation for salary increases for the employees. He recommended Bobby Maxwell be raised to \$12 an hour; Randy Johnson be raised to \$14 an hour; Ronnie Lokey be raised to \$20 an hour; and Janet Robinson be raised to \$16 an hour. Alderman Felices, seconded by Reagor, made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

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

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

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