

July 17, 2007

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Alderman met in regular session. Those present were Mayor Webb, Aldermen Hunt, Felices and Anderson. Alderman Reagor was absent.

Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes of the June 12 meeting. All Aye. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve the previous month's minutes with the correction made in paragraph 5, the last sentence reading "...with the bid opening on July 10th at 9 AM. Motion carried.

Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve the financial reports. All Aye. Alderman Anderson presented a Budget Summary on the fiscal year ending June 2007 and highlighted areas that were over and under budget.

Supervisor Ronnie Lokey gave the Water/Sewer Report. They had repaired several leaks and the water loss was down from 40% to 27% this month. No bypasses at the Sewer Plant. Several I & I leaks were repaired on the Webb School sewer lines and were tested by the smoke machine.

John Davis was present to request a water tap on his property on Happy Valley Road to water his livestock. The parcel is 103 acres and meets the requirements of the resolution. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Felices, made a motion to approve. All Aye.

Tony Kwapinski requested a water tap for his niece, Jean Cassels, on his adjoining property on Coop Road. The parcel is 16 acres, single family residence and meets all requirements. Alderman Felices, seconded by Hunt, made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

William Townsend requested a water tap on his property on Happy Valley Road. The parcel is 94 acres, single family residence and meets all requirements. He understands that if the cost is greater to install the water tap because of the rocky area, that he is responsible for the difference. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Felices, made a motion to approve. All Aye.

John Davis was present to request a water tap for the Bedford County EMS on the property belonging to the Bedford County Board of Education. This is a 1 acre area, but is surrounded by land the county owns of 103 acres. When built, this will allow the EMS to respond to Bell Buckle's needs more quickly. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Felices, made a motion to approve. All Aye.

Terry Cook was not present for his water issue – no action taken.

Engineer Patterson presented the bid openings for the Equalization Basin at the Sewer Plant. He stated that Prince and Son, who were the apparent low bidders, were disqualified because they failed to follow bid laws of TN by not listing their Electrical

Engineer on the outside of the bid envelope. The bids were all higher than expected. At the Engineers request, Lincoln Utility Contractors sent a letter offering ways to reduce the cost of the project. W & O Construction also said they would be willing to deduct certain items as per the Engineer's re-evaluation of the project. Engineer Patterson said that he does still feel that this is the best way to go and reminded the Board that to meet the January deadline, construction should begin in August. No action taken until Alderman Anderson is able to confirm additional details regarding finances. A special called meeting will be called when this information is obtained.

Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. They had answered 19 calls-13 fire and 6 medical. Two training sessions had been conducted and one First Responder meeting. The new tanker trucks ordered by the County should be in next month. Alderman Hunt reported that we had applied for two grants; one a TML Safety Partners grant for \$500 (matching \$250/\$250) and an enhancement grant for \$5000.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Planning Commission Report. They had approved the four water taps listed above. Three other water taps are pending for more information. They had also approved the fence ordinance.

Alderman Hunt stated that everything looks positive on the Sidewalk Grant and we will hopefully know something next month.

Rodney Simmons reported that Bob Crutcher will be having an Art & Music Show September 14, 15 & 16. RC Moon Pie event went well.

Mayor Webb stated that Katie Felices has been working hard on the County Avian Flu committee and will hopefully have a report for us soon on that.

Alderman Hunt gave the Parks and Recreation Report:

1. Re-grading has begun at the back end of the park and to a large degree in the center area behind the picnic pavilion. Grading should be completed within 30 days and re-asphalting of the back end of the walking trail by October 1st.
2. The 4th of July Celebration was another success. Many thanks to Charles Cooke and Bill Bingham for all their work on the Tri-Lake Sports Car Club Car Rally. It was lots of fun but unfortunately the first lady, Deanna and Sarah Ashleigh won the "Never Been on a Rally" category. This was the largest attended Rally and it will continue to grow as word spreads on how much fun this is. Thanks to the entire Park Board and especially to James Anderson and Joe Hunt for all the cooking. We also celebrated Bell Buckle resident Raymond Mott on his 100th birthday with a huge cake and a Bedford County Bicentennial Medallion. Thanks to the Town of Bell Buckle for the presentation of Mr. Mott's 100 years.

3. The Gospel Sing on the 13th was a phenomenal success. Approximately 50 people from all over the place attended. Julie Anderson should be given a round of applause for putting this event that I'm sure will be repeated together.
4. Tournament Day has become very successful. Katherine Strobel has done a great job putting together these events and heading up Tournament Day. The kids are having a blast and she's making it so much fun that I'm not sure the adults want to leave.
5. Upcoming events are:
 - a. Tournament Day – August 2nd at 10am
 - b. Play Day with Carla Webb – August 11th at 10am
 - c. Labor Day Picnic at the Park – Monday, September 3rd Covered Dish at 5:00pm and Gospel Sing 6:15 to 7:15 (tentative)

The Park Board continues to work very hard to make sure that our park is safe, clean and representative of what our citizens want. If you have any ideas, comments or constructive criticism, we would love to hear from you. Our phone numbers and email addresses are on the Town of Bell Buckle's web site at www.TownOfBellBuckle.com.

There was no Bi Centennial Report.

Mayor Webb stated that the cost of the employee's health insurance had risen markedly and they are going to begin contributing 15% each month on that with the understanding it will be reevaluated each year. He asked Alderman Felices to help update the Personnel Policy.

Mayor Webb also requested Alderman Felices to continue to be the Title VI Coordinator and handle the compliance issues.

There is a meeting sponsored by MTAS in Franklin on Thursday, July 19th in Franklin regarding the new laws that affect municipalities. Mayor Webb asked Planning Commission chairman Rodney Simmons to attend this.

The Mayor met with representatives from Duck River Electric this AM regarding the trimming of trees in the Bell Buckle area. They want our input and will be making grids and charts to show which trees need trimming and/or cutting. Mayor Webb asked Alderman Hunt to ask the Tree Board to work with them on this project.

Under Old Business: Alderman Felices presented a Water System Upgrade Report: As requested by the Board of Mayor and Alderman, I submit the following information concerning the equipment upgrades I propose for our water system. Most of your concerns were to do with reliability and warranty for the electronics. I had Dave Brann, of Brann & Whittemore, provide the names and contact information for 5 municipalities

or utilities currently using this Micro-Comm equipment. I was able to speak with Lewisburg, Consolidated Utility and Wartrace concerning their history and satisfaction with the equipment.

Lewisburg: Installed approximately 15 years ago. Equipment has been reliable with only few failures attributed to lightning. Upgraded their control boxes a few years ago. They monitor water and waste with the equipment. Overall very good support from Micro-Comm.

Consolidated Utility District: They have had their equipment for about three years. Very happy with the equipment.

Wartrace: Had their equipment not quite a year. No failures of any kind. Had a back up battery issue and was sent a replacement right away.

Warranty

Essentially the warranty is 5 years, parts and labor. This is a paragraph from the statement of warranty:

“In the event of a problem or equipment failure, the first attempt to repair the problem will occur by Micro-Comm, inc. sending parts via overnight delivery and “over the phone” instructions. The customer shall supply labor for removal and installation of repair parts at customer’s premises. If the problem cannot be fixed by “over the phone” instruction and shipped parts, Micro-Comm, inc. shall, as part of the warranty, go to the job site and repair the equipment as necessary.”

Alderman Felices also spoke with Sarah Brown from South Central Development. She said this would not be a good candidate for a CDBG grant but would for a Rural Development grant. This would just be a 25% grant and then a low interest loan for the remainder. He made a motion to approve the telemetry expense and to proceed with applying to Rural Development for a grant/loan. Seconded by Alderman Anderson. After much discussion, motion failed-all opposed. Alderman Felices made another motion, seconded by Alderman Hunt, to approve the telemetry expense and to use the best financial option-whether to fund through TML Bond Fund or Water/Sewer funds. All Aye.

Michael Gregory from the Bedford County Animal Control and Commissioner Bobby Fox were present to speak about the Animal Control issue. They presented the Rules and Regulations as well as a copy of their Agreement which would be between the county and the town for their services. No action taken at this time.

Under New Business: Mayor Webb stated that Alderman Reagor hoped to report on the Municipal Court issue next month.

Alderman Hunt made a motion to approve the TML Resolution authorizing the Town of Bell Buckle to participate in the TML Risk Management Pool “Safety Partners” Loss Control Matching Grant Program. This is a \$500 grant (\$250/\$250) and will be shared by the Water Department and the Fire Department for safety equipment. Seconded by Alderman Anderson. All Aye.

Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve the Fence Ordinance on the 1st Reading. Motion carried with all voting Aye and Alderman Felices abstaining.

Mayor Webb stated the Amendment of the Ordinance regarding transient and temporary vendors would need to be discussed more at the Planning Commission meeting before bringing to the Board.

Alderman Anderson presented information from the TN Municipal Bond Fund which included amortization schedules, closing costs and program fees for fixed and variable loans. There was discussion on what could be included in this loan. Alderman Anderson will be seeking more details and a special called meeting will be called to discuss his findings prior to the August meeting.

Bob Crutcher was present to request that the Town put a moratorium on selling vendor permits during his Art and Music Show in September. He would like to keep it a higher quality of show. It is on private property and he is paying for all the publicity and all costs. The Café is furnishing all the food. There were questions regarding the legalities of the town restricting vendors to a particular area. A legal opinion was obtained from MTAS stating that restricting permits is legal as long as long as it is consistent. This will be studied more in the Planning Commission. No action taken.

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

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor _____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder _____