

June 10, 2008

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session. All were present. There was a Public Hearing prior to the meeting to discuss the 07-08 Amended Budget; the 08-09 Anticipated Budget; the Ordinance establishing Property Maintenance Regulations; and the Health Officer Ordinance.

Alderman Felices, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes for May 13, 2008. Motion carried. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve the reading of the previous month's minutes. All Aye.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve the financial reports. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ronnie Lokey gave the Water/Sewer Report. All Water samples for Bacteriological testing were sent in and were negative for coliform. All reports in on time.

Application for permit to land apply sludge was sent in to TDEC. David Ervine, a TDEC Representative, was here to inspect sites. He said all looked good.

Work has not begun on CBE tank yet. Engineer Patterson stated that he had spoken with Jimmy Hawkins and he knows the importance of completing the work prior to the end of the month and plans on having it done.

Fixed service line leaks at 601 Hwy 82 E; 800 Hwy 82 E; 119 Mt View; and 618 Bell Buckle/Wartrace Road. Water loss was 27%

NO BYPASSES FOR MAY 2008!!

We received a letter from TDEC that lifted the sewer moratorium.

Frank Reagor requested a sewer tap for his property on Hinkle Hill. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve. Mayor Webb, Alderman Hunt & Alderman Felices voted Aye. Alderman Reagor and Alderman Anderson abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. They responded to 12 calls-8 medical & 4 fire related.

BBVFD assisted with Motorcycle Days and received about \$875 for the day.

There was no Planning Commission meeting last month.

Supervisor Lokey reported that Street signs, Stop Signs, and Speed Limit Signs were all installed at Oakwood Subdivision and around Town. DREMC is in the process of getting street lights installed at Oakwood. Mayor Webb sent them a letter to proceed.

Alderman Hunt gave the Chamber of Commerce Report. Thanks to all the volunteers during the Motorcycle Event. As always a portion of the proceeds went to benefit the Fire Department.

RC-Moon Pie is Saturday, June 21st. The road between Cumberland and Hwy 82 will be closed from 7:30 to 10:00. Permission has been granted from TDOT for this. Posters are up in town with the schedule for the day's events. Last year's RCMP Festival was recently featured on the Travel Channel's Taste of America with Mark DeCarlo. We were also written up with Lynchburg in this month's Southern Living magazine.

The Shakespeare Festival begins Friday, June 27th and runs the 28th and 29th and July 4th, 5th and 6th with July 4th being designated "Bell Buckle Night". Actors and actresses have flown in from California and are now staying on site at Webb while rehearsals start.

The quilt has been completed in the parking lot.

The Chamber adds a lot to the character, community spirit, and revenue to Bell Buckle. The Bell Buckle Chamber of Commerce appreciates the support of the Town of Bell Buckle as well as the citizens that volunteer. In that vein of community support, the Bell Buckle Chamber annually donates \$1,000 to the Bell Buckle Beautification committee and several donations throughout the year to the Bell Buckle Volunteer Fire Department.

There was no report from the Avian Flu Preparedness Committee.

Alderman Hunt gave the Parks and Recreation Report. Volunteers from Deloitte Touche helped again at the park and downtown this past Friday. The work they did was phenomenal but most of all they are really nice people. They even were able to get started with laying bricks around the kiosk that people have purchased. Those bricks are still available to anyone at any time even when the project is completed as we can lift unmarked pavers to add engraved ones.

The Summer Activities schedule has been somewhat revised as follows:

a. The 4th of July event is the same – no changes. As a reminder it includes a cook out and the Car Rally. A volleyball game will take place before lunch. After lunch will be an encore presentation of the RC-Moon Pie Synchronized Wading's "A MidSummer's Nightmare". Afterwards is Bell Buckle night at the Shakespeare Festival. Posters are up all over town with the information.

b. On August 16th we will hold a "Movie Night" which is the same as previously announced but a Hawaiian theme is being incorporated. As a reminder the movie is still TBD, but popcorn, drinks and baked goods will be available. There will be no cost for the movie, however, the food and drink will be sold for a small donation to cover the movie rental/copyright fees.

c. The BBQ Cook Off has been changed. Check in will begin on Friday, August 29th and judging on Saturday, August 30th on the lot behind the stores. The two meats for the Cook-Off will be pork ribs and butts. Rules will be available by July 1st at Town Hall and on the park web site at www.BellBucklePark.info.

The amphitheater is progressing nicely. A stain was put down on the performing area and it is obvious to see that skateboarders have already damaged some of the areas. Please do not use anything with wheels on the amphitheater stage and kindly ask those who are to use the walking trail for that.

Unfortunately there has been some vandalism at the park. Graffiti was found on 2 of the limestone benches at Ward's playground as well as the handprint base for Ward's Sculpture. A report was made with the Bell Buckle police officer. In addition, picnic tables have been removed from the pavilion and used for skateboarders. These tables are \$600 each and should never be used for any purpose other than picnicking. As always please report problems at the park to Town Hall, me, or our police officer Chris.

THE BELL BUCKLE PARK WAS AWARDED THE GOVERNOR'S STEWARDSHIP AWARD IN THE PARK CATEGORY! This was not a solicited designation; we were nominated by our representative at TDEC and that this is NOT a small town category. The luncheon/awards ceremony is Friday, June 20th and we will be there!

Mayor Webb reported that he had been in contact with Mayor Gallagher trying to secure the best water rate for the Town. He said that due to Wartrace not being able to supply us with enough water and the fact that we have had to purchase more water from BCUD, this has had an effect on our budget. Expense management is critical and several areas were affected in the budget. One employee is being reduced to part-time status, and the part-time police officer's wages were reduced by nearly 40 percent.

He stated that the town has worked very hard to improve its water loss situation, but more work was needed. Focus over the next year will be not only on leak detection, but testing meters to ensure accurate readings.

One option the Mayor suggested was to ease the five-acre minimum requirement on water taps outside the city limits.

Old Business: Alderman Felices, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance Establishing Property Maintenance Regulations. Motion carried.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of the 2007-2008 Amended Budget. All Aye.

Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of the 2008-2009 Anticipated Budget with the following changes: Water/Sewer Fund Expenditures: Salary & Wages \$110,000; Maintenance & Supplies \$20,000;

Services \$8,600; Mileage \$1536; Laundry \$600; Professional Services \$15,000; Attorney Professional Services \$500; Water Purchases \$225,000; Payroll Tax \$8000; Depreciation \$20,000; Miscellaneous \$2,000; Health Insurance \$10,000 for a total of \$542,000. General Fund Revenue: Judicial Services \$600 for a total of \$110,655. General Fund Expenditures: Wages \$40,000; Judicial Services \$600; Office Supplies \$120; Professional Services \$1500; Maintenance & Supplies \$1600; Site Permit Expense \$275; Safety \$7500; Depreciation \$10,000 for a total of \$110,641. Motion carried.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve the Health Officer Ordinance on 2nd Reading. All Aye.

1st Reading Tax Rate-Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve leaving the tax rate the same (15 cents) as last year. Motion carried.

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

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor _____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder _____