

June 12, 2007

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session. Those present were Mayor Webb, Aldermen Hunt, Felices, Anderson and Reagor. Also present was State Planner, Bo Logan. There was a Public Hearing prior to the meeting to discuss the new Zoning Ordinances and Zoning Map.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Board meeting on May 8 and the June 1 special called meeting. All Aye. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve the minutes from May 8. Motion carried. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve the minutes from June 1. All Aye.

Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. Motion carried.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Mayor Webb, made a motion to approve the water tap request from Thomas and Sandra Carney on Happy Valley Road. This met the town's requirements with a lot size of 5.76 acres. All Aye.

Supervisor Ronnie Lokey gave the Water/Sewer Report. They had installed one tap, fixed one main line leak and two service line leaks. A lot of water has been bought and sold. We had a 40% water loss due to the large leaks. Our Water Quality report was advertised in the Times Gazette today with the pre-notification printed on the 5th which met the State's requirements. The bids on the equalization basin will be advertised in the paper on Wednesday, June 13 with the bid opening being at the next Board meeting on July 10th.

Mayor Webb stated that Mr. Lokey has been in contact with all of the people who just had minor corrections to repair from the smoke tests and that most of those had been taken care of. The Mayor will begin to call the others so the letters can be mailed soon.

Alderman Hunt thanked the members of the Board for writing the letters regarding the CDBG grant and requested they copy their letter to Gov Bredesen's legal advisor, Jason Spain. She will give the information to Janet to forward to the Board.

Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. They had answered 28 calls, 16 medical and 12 fire. Several of the fire calls were mutual aid calls. The photo fund raiser is complete with almost \$7000 being donated. Chief Lokey thanked the Chamber for allowing them to help with the Motorcycle Days Championship Show. Special thanks for the 50/50 ticket sale donation and the First Lady's hard work at selling tickets. The Fire Department's profit on that was \$1250. Alderman Felices stated he would like to have a work day with beautification committee and the prisoners helping do planting and landscaping in front of the new fire hall.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Planning Commission Report. They had approved the water tap request from Thomas & Sandra Carney and had a training session with the State Planner on June 1.

Alderman Hunt gave the Sidewalks Committee Report. We received a phone call from TDOT concerning terminology on the Phase 2 grant. They have to de-obligate the funds and will require us to do new environmental studies.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Chamber Report. Motorcycle Days was a big success. This Saturday is RC Moon Pie Festival and the race. Main Street from the square to Cumberland will be closed from 7:30 – 9 AM for the race.

Mayor Webb reported for the Avian Flu Committee that there will be an Advisory Council meeting on July 19th.

Alderman Hunt gave the Parks and Recreation Report.

1. The Bell Buckle Park Board will hold the first Tournament Day for children on Thursday, June 14th at 10:00. Ribbons will be given to all. A variety of games will be played. Contact Katherine Strobel for more information.
2. On June 30th at 10am, there will be photo day at the Park. Florence and Jere Hall will give instructions on how to take great photos. Please bring your own camera. It can be digital, flash, or disposable. The event will last one hour.
3. Bell Buckle Park's Annual 4th of July Celebration will be on Wednesday, July 4th beginning at 10 am. There will be a free hamburger cook out with everyone attending asked to bring a side dish. The Tri-Lake Sports Car Club of Tullahoma will host their annual Car Rally with proceeds benefiting the park. There will be music, games, and also a grand birthday cake celebrating Bell Buckle citizen Raymond Mott's 100th birthday.
4. Volunteers from Deloitte Touche were here last Friday. They dug up dead trees, weeded, mulched, painted, cleaned, and anything else that was asked of them. They also bought all the supplies needed for the projects and donated this as in kind. This probably adds up to over \$1,000 worth of materials and labor and for the 4th year the Board members for the Park cannot begin to adequately thank these volunteers for all they do. Their work makes a large significant impact on the park and its maintenance and progress. Thanks to Frank for helping lead that volunteer effort and the Park Board members for their help and Mark for helping with the wood cutting for the tree posts.
5. There will be re-grading of the back portion and center grass section of the park beginning in early to mid-July. Grading should be completed in less than a month. Hawkins Asphalt will then re-lay the walking trail in the areas where it will be dug up, re-graded, and repaired. All work is scheduled for a completion date no later than Oct. 1st.
6. I have asked the Bedford County Sheriff's Dept. to include the park when they make their patrols in the Bell Buckle area. We would please ask that no cars be driven on the walking trail and to report any problems or vandalism to either Town Hall, me or the Sheriff's Dept.

Alderman Hunt also reported that she had spoken with the contractor that was awarded the Public Restrooms bid. There was not enough grade to make the ramp side to side. It will have to be built down to the road, and will hopefully be completed by Horse Show. Bid amount stays the same.

Bi Centennial Report was given by Alderman Hunt. The next event scheduled is on July 4th at the Shelbyville Park. Mayor Webb stated that as special events unfold in Bell Buckle, he would like to give out some of the Bi Centennial medallions

Mayoral Updates: Mayor Webb thanked State Planner Bo Logan and Planning Commission Chairman Rodney Simmons for all of their hard work on planning. The Board needs to focus on

sidewalks, streets, water, sewer and other infrastructure long term items. He drew attention to the article in the TML paper regarding some major changes that will be beneficial to a municipality. These changes will give a municipality authority on dealing with growth and debris on private properties.

Mayor Webb presented the need for increasing Sandy Thompson's hours to approximately 30 per week at a rate of \$8.25 an hour. She would be eligible for health insurance and this would be on a 90 day review period. Alderman Felices, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve. All Aye.

Old Business: 2nd Reading Amended Budget 2006-2007-Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

2nd Reading Anticipated Budget 2007-2008-Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve. All Aye.

2nd Reading Tax Rate-Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve leaving the tax rate the same (15 cents) as last year. Motion carried.

A public hearing had been held prior to the meeting to discuss the new zoning ordinances and zoning map. Alderman Felices, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve. This will repeal the old ordinances and the new ones will be in effect immediately. All Aye.

New Business: Alderman Felices and Mr. Lokey met with Dave Brann from Brann & Whittemore regarding the telemetry equipment for the water tanks. The cost could be justified by saving man power, water loss, fuel costs and maintenance expense on the trucks. Alderman Felices presented an approximate price of \$75,000 total (including installation). This would enable us to see the levels of all the tanks, to be able to automatically control the pumps that will fill the tanks, and to have accurate flow information on the water that we are getting from Wartrace. It will also allow us to look for water leaks. This price also includes about \$10,000 to put flow meters on the master meter pumps at Wartrace. He suggested approaching the Town of Wartrace to split the cost of this since it would benefit Wartrace too. It was decided for Alderman Felices to gather more information, speak to Wartrace, and to report back next month. Alderman Hunt mentioned it might be possible to get a grant through Rural Development. They will look into that.

Mayor Webb presented a copy of The Municipal Court manual to each board member. He asked them to please review it before next meeting and be ready to discuss. Possibly MTAS could have a question and answer session regarding this in the future.

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

Dennis H. Webb,
Mayor _____

Janet Robinson, Town
Recorder _____