

March 13, 2007

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

Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to dispense with the reading of the previous month's minutes. All Aye. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2007. Motion Carried.

Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve the Financial Reports. All aye.

Supervisor Ronnie Lokey gave the Water/Sewer Report. They had repaired 1 main line leak close to Wartrace and mentioned that it will need to be addressed regarding replacing the 2" line there. They had also repaired 2 service line leaks and had a 30% water loss. Dr. Barton's tap had been installed and a blow-off valve installed on Coop Road. The Contractor has begun work on the Webb Tank. Randy Johnson will be taking the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Grade 3 test for certification in May. DWC has completed their flow monitoring of the sewer lines and the information is being studied. Alderman Reagor mentioned that the Benton property which was approved for a sewer tap last month was sold for back taxes. It was decided to hold off on installing the tap until we see if that gets resolved. The monies that have been donated for that have been kept separated in case they have to be returned.

Alderman Hunt requested the ones of the Board that have not written a letter to Representative Cobb and Senator Tracy regarding the CDBG grant and the Sidewalk grant to please do that.

Fire Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. They had answered 15 calls-6 fire and 9 medical. One of the fire calls was a mutual aid call to Rutherford County. They were very appreciative of the help. Seven members of the department have completed the Arson Detection for the First Responder class. The picture fund-raising will begin next month. Mayor Webb extended thanks to the citizens that have shown appreciation and support to the Fire Department.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Planning Commission Report. There was 1 water tap request. No action taken for lack of information. This month's meeting time will change to 1 PM on the 15th so that several people can attend the seminar in Shelbyville in the evening. Mayor Webb reported that Bo Logan, State Planner, has done a good job of pulling out all of our zoning ordinances and has updated that to make it more user-friendly.

Mayor Webb stated that former Town Attorney Dugger has indicated that he has no more file material in his office that he is aware of. Attorney Cope is going forward with the Sidewalk issue with the material that he has.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Chamber of Commerce Report. This weekend is Daffodil Day and a schedule of events is available. One of the founding members of the Chamber, Mrs. Ida Frances Payne, passed away. A tree has been planted in her memory and will be dedicated on Daffodil Day. Bell Buckle Motorcycle Days is scheduled for May 19 & 20. Alderman Hunt reported that a record has been set with 36 tree memorials. The winners from the 5th grade Arbor Day Art Contest are posted in the Town Hall window.

There was no report from the Avian Flu Preparedness Committee.

Chairman Jenny Hunt gave the Parks and Recreation Committee Report. The Bell Buckle Citizen of the Year will be announced this Saturday during Daffodil Day. The announcement will come during the Arbor Day ceremony at 11:15 on the quilt square.

1. We have added Kite Flying to the Daffodil Day activities at the Park for Saturday. Everyone is encouraged to go fly a kite at the park any time Saturday. Just for fun – no awards or competition.
2. Bathrooms will be re-opened this weekend and will stay open for the season from sun up to sun down as long as the weather allows until Fall.
3. Many thanks to the Bedford County Sheriff's Department for allowing us to use their work crews. They have planted 18 trees, mulched and staked them, and helped spread new mulch on the playground and put in the borders around Ward's Lobster. Many thanks to Jere Hall for all the donated trees and to the Bell Buckle Café and BlueBird Antiques and Ice Cream for providing sustenance!
4. The Bell Buckle Volunteer Fire Department will hold an Easter Egg Hunt at the Park on Easter Sunday which is April 8th. Details will be advertised on the town web site and at Town Hall as they become available.
5. Katherine Strobel has done an excellent job in developing programs for the park through the summer. Those programs will be available at the next town meeting. The Park Board will be discussing and firming up plans at their next meeting on March 20th. If you would like to help with any park programs or take one on as a community service project, please see any Park Board member to discuss.
6. The Park Board advertised and took bids on amenities that are part of our RTP grant. We have a total of \$11,303.66 remaining in grant funds. The total of park board approved bids below is for \$3,126 with kiosks and pedestal signs still needed. The Park Board kindly requests that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approve the bids highlighted in red to be paid out of the park's grant proceeds:

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1. Trash Receptacles bids were received from:
 - i. Reese Recreation – 55 gallon with dome top for \$364
 - ii. Miracle – 55 gallon with dome for \$320 including shipping

4 Trash Receptacles from Miracle for a total of \$1,275 in green (blue is 2nd preference, black 3rd).
2. Picnic table bids were received from:
 - iii. Reese Recreation – 2 for \$578 plus \$115 for shipping (includes ADA table)
 - iv. Miracle – 2 for \$725 with shipping (includes ADA table)

2 Picnic tables from Reese Recreation
2. Charcoal Grill bids were received from:
 - i. Reese - \$350 for each grill
 - ii. Northern - \$129 plus \$25 shipping for each grill - May be able to order direct from Murfreesboro store and omit shipping.
 - iii. Miracle - \$259 for each grill shipping included.

2 charcoal grills from Northern Equipment and Tools.
3. Drinking Fountain bids were received from:
 - i. Limpia – Pedestal fountain bid for \$2,070; Stone aggregate pedestal for \$1,530; stone aggregate wall mount for \$850.
 - ii. Miracle – wall mounted fountain for \$1,525.

1 wall mounted stone aggregate from Limpia. (Town has extended the water line under the walking trail to the picnic pavilion and the fountain can be mounted on one of the posts with Ronnie Lokey already having given his approval)
7. Bids were advertised for Grounds Maintenance and the low bid of \$220 per cut from Hector's Lawn Care was accepted. No bids were accepted for upkeep of landscaped beds.

Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve all bids as recorded in the Park Report. Motion carried.

Mayor Updates: Mayor Webb presented a beautiful Certificate of Achievement to Poet Laureate Maggi Vaughn awarding her for her contribution to society for Bell Buckle and the State of Tennessee. The Park has also designated an area of the Walking Trail for Poet's Corner.

Old Business: Mayor Webb reported that he had spoken with a representative from MTAS regarding the Arson Reward approved in last month's Board Meeting. After much study, they advised that municipalities do not have the authority to offer a reward for the arrest of arson suspects. This being the case, Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to rescind the motion from last month to approve the \$2500 reward to Crime Stoppers. All Aye.

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

Dennis H Webb, Mayor _____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder _____