

May 13, 2008

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

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to suspend the reading of the April 8 minutes. All Aye. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve the minutes from April 8. Motion carried.

Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve the Financial Reports. All Aye.

Supervisor Ronnie Lokey gave the Water/Sewer Report. The telemetry system is in. The computer had to go back to Micro Comm to get repaired but is back and working. There is still a problem with the flow recorder at the Wartrace master meter, but it is being checked on.

The EQ basin is now empty and ready. A new pump is ordered for the Sewer Plant that replaces the one that had a crack in the case. A second pump is also ordered for a backup.

Tosha came and did an inspection. The inspector only found one violation and that has been fixed. The documentation will be sent this week to close the case.

Gary Horne from TDEC made an inspection on the Wastewater Plant. He made several recommendations that need to be implemented. These mainly dealt with cleaning up the lab and grounds and some lab equipment issues. Some of these have already been taken care of.

Scrap metal was collected from cleaning up the shop and we received \$700 from its sale.

New discharge permit has been received.

Engineer Jim Patterson reported on the problem at the tank site at Covered Bridge. He had met with Jimmy Hawkins & Mr. Hawkins gave a price of a maximum of \$3500 to do the repairs. The backhoe work will be completed by town employees. Alderman Felices, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve this on the current year's budget. All Aye.

Mayor Webb reported that he and Ronnie had discussed changing from chlorine gas to liquid bleach for disinfection. This would cost more money, but the safety factors are much better. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to spend up to an additional \$16,500 for repairs on the sewer office and upgrades (which includes the above) and an additional pump. Ronnie will submit a list to Janet for the Board to be able to review at any time.

Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to rescind the voluntary Stage 1 Water Conservation. All Aye.

Mayor Webb stated he had spoken with Mayor Gallagher from Wartrace. He is working on their budget and details regarding water. He will get us an updated rate soon.

The Mayor has been studying depreciation of several other cities and the average amount is approximately 20% of the operating budget. He and Ronnie will be working on a plan to implement an additional 5% into our budget each year until we can reach a more realistic amount.

Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. They had answered 17 calls-12 medical and 5 fire with several being mutual aid calls. There had been 2 fire training sessions and 1 first responder training session which included a refresher CPR class. Three to four new members have also joined. They will be helping in the Motorcycle show this weekend. Alderman Felices, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve obtaining signage for the Fire Department not to exceed \$2500. Motion carried.

Mayor Webb gave the Planning Commission Report. They have been working on a Land Use & Transportation Plan which maps out the town's history and growth. The Junk Car Ordinance was discussed and will be reviewed by the Town Attorney and Judge. It was mentioned possibly changing the Fence Ordinance to allow for chain link in the rear yards and also possibly making some changes on the Water Resolution. Mrs. Strobel was rotated off of the Planning Commission and was temporarily replaced with Annie Rooney. Kimi Abernathy resigned and will be replaced soon.

Alderman Hunt gave the Sidewalk Report. The contracts have been sent to TDOT and she has spoken with Neil Hanson. Also, the application sent in regarding the caboose refurbishing was well received by the committee. TDOT has recommended that our Board write letters to Senator Tracy and Representative Cobb requesting their support of the grant. All of the cost will be borne by the Chamber of Commerce. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve setting aside \$5000 in this year's budget and the remaining coming from the reserves of the One Cent Gas account to pay for Street Lights in the Oakwood Subdivision. Motion carried.

Alderman Felices gave the Chamber of Commerce Report. Motorcycle Day is Saturday, May 17. The Fire Department will be assisting and they are expecting a big crowd.

Katie Felices was present to report for the Avian Flu Preparedness Committee. The committee had met in Shelbyville today. General information was given about preparations being made. Bell Buckle already has made a good start; however the H5N1 strain has now proven to be communicable from human to human with a current outbreak in Pakistan having a 62% fatality rate. One problem that affects Bedford County is the high number of privately owned chickens. More than 1 million backyard chickens are in our county. Commercial chicken operations are enclosed and not as dangerous. The committee will meet again on September 18.

Alderman Hunt gave the Park Report. Many thanks to Webb School. Over a dozen students participated in the bi-annual Webb School Community Service Day at the park on April 9th. A nice impact was made in weeding and clean up.

No word yet on the results of the annual Governor's Stewardship award for which the Bell Buckle Park was nominated.

Volunteers from Deloitte Touche will again help at the park on June 6th this year. They will also help with Beautification. They bring over 25 volunteers each year and their donation of services to the park and town are tremendous.

Summer activities are as follows:

- a. The 4th of July event will continue to be a cook out and feature the popular 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's night at the Shakespeare Festival. Tickets should be available online by the middle of next week.
- b. On August 16th we will hold a "Movie Night". The movie will be announced later. Popcorn, drinks and baked goods will be available. There will be no cost for the movie, however, the food & drink will be sold for a small donation to cover the movie rental/copyright fees.
- c. The BBQ cook off for Labor Day on Sept 1st is coming together. Look for more information on that by the end of this month.
- d. Updates will be posted on the park web site at www.BellBucklePark.info.

Fire Ants are being treated but will take about 3 weeks for the full effect to be felt. Again, please avoid the ant hills and keep an eye on your children so they are not bitten.

New t-shirts to raise money for the park are available in the Town Hall. If you would like one, please sign your name and which you would like and the color/size. I will have it down here within 24 hours. The cost is \$10 for S,M,L; and \$12 for 2SL & 3XL.

Inspections have been passed and the slab has been poured at the amphitheater. The TML Resolution included use of funds for amphitheater construction if needed. The Park Board would like for \$80,000 of the funding to be used for construction with the Park Board paying for that part of the loan on an annual installment payback. Alderman Felices, seconded by Alderman Hunt made a motion to approve. All Aye.

Mayor Webb reported that the lawsuit with Roger Ritch is tentatively settled with the full amount of \$14,000 being paid within 90 days on terms to be negotiated by the attorneys.

We have received a letter congratulating Bell Buckle for their commitment & leadership to Arbor Day for the past 8 years.

Mayor Webb also wanted to address and dismiss rumors that he had been "tearing up traffic tickets." He said the town's new officer had given warnings, but had written no citations and that he would never interfere with that process.

Old Business: 2007-2008 Amended Budget First Reading-changes on One Cent Gas Fund Expenditures Supplies and Maintenance line item \$7400 increasing total to \$11,296.88. Water Sewer Fund Expenditures Maintenance & Supplies line item \$45,000 increasing total to \$514,151.04. General Fund Expenditures Safety line item \$10,000 increasing total to \$99,336.40. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve with changes. All Aye.

2008-2009 Anticipated Budget First Reading-Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

Health Officer Ordinance-changing the name of "Health Officer" to Public Officer/Department under Title 8. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve. All Aye. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve a Resolution that the Site Inspector, Randy Johnson, be named the Health Officer. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer Charges: Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to pass a Resolution to raise the tap fees inside the town limits to \$2000 each and outside the town limits to \$2500. Alderman Reagor requested that this not take effect until the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, 2008, seconded by Alderman Hunt. Motion carried.

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

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor _____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder _____