

November 11, 2008

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session. Those present were Mayor Webb, Aldermen Hunt, Reagor, Anderson and Rooney. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from October 7 and special called meeting of October 22. All Aye. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve the minutes from Oct 7 and the 22. 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. There was a meeting with the engineer and water supervisor from the Town of Wartrace to discuss their plans when they are connected to Tullahoma Utilities. Engineer Jim Patterson was also in attendance. An outline of the work that was going to be included with the project was presented with a map of the system and the new pressures and flows associated with the new source of water. It was a very informative meeting and cleared up several questions we had about the project.

We fixed one service line leak on an old service that wasn't being used (Wayne West). A lot of water was lost before we found and fixed it. This service belongs to the town now since Wayne had his service moved to Bynum Road.

We have installed the new pumps at the WWTP and they are working great. We will take the two old pumps and take parts and make one reserve pump to have on hand if we need to send one off to be repaired.

Timers have been installed on the blowers and we can see a remarkable change in the treatment process. The effluent coming out of the clarifier is cleaner and the filters are staying cleaner longer. The electric bill we receive in November should reflect a decrease in the amount of power that has been used. We have them on for 6 hours and off for 2 hours. Brett Ward recommended that we do this. The cost for the timers was \$380, and we should recoup our investment in a short period of time.

Under the new guidelines we have repossessed 2 water taps. One was at the request of the property owner and the other was for failure to pay the minimum bill each month.

During the month of October we treated 1,425,000 gallons of sewage for an average daily flow of 46,000 gallons a day. We had a maximum flow for the month of 145,000 gallons, and this came during a rain of 2.25 inches. We had no overflows for the month.

Micro-Comm is still working on fine-tuning the telemetry system.

Mayor Webb stated that he is working on mechanical issues with BCUD and Wartrace and hopes to call a special called meeting soon to decide on the Town's water supply.

Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. There were 10 calls for service for the month with 6 medical calls and 4 fire related. Of the 4 fire calls, 2 were false alarms, 1 was a car fire, and 1 a mutual aid call to the Unionville area.

The Chili Cook Off is scheduled for February 28 at 6 P.M. at the fire hall. We have conducted hose testing and hydrant flow testing during the month as part of the requirements for our ISO rating. Matthew Haddock, one of our members, will be graduating from the recruit class, at the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy, as a certified Firefighter 1 on Friday November 14<sup>th</sup>. We are very happy for Matthew and his great accomplishment and thankful for his dedication to our department.

Wartrace and Bell Buckle departments co-sponsored Fire Education at Cascade Elementary School with Sparky the Fire Dog. The Exchange Club of Shelbyville honored BBVFD with a nice plaque for its community service. The department will get a new Thermal Imaging camera from VFSI.

Mayor Webb reported that the new policeman candidate had been narrowed to three applicants. Several interviews were conducted and a decision will be announced tomorrow.

Alderman Reagor gave the Planning Commission report. A Site Permit for the First Baptist Church was approved with stipulations regarding a firewall and attaching the three pieces of property into one with the Register of Deeds. They will also install a concrete culvert for drainage.

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance was approved to send to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that defines Open Space, Cluster Development, Conservation Easement, Impact Fee, and Recreational Vehicle.

Alderman Hunt gave the Sidewalks Report. She had met with Engineer Patterson to look at replacing the sidewalks on Maple Street in case any funds were left over in grant money. Engineering fees for design work on the sidewalks on Maple Street can be done using the soft money from the TDOT grant even if the work is not able to be done if funding runs short after the Webb Road work. The preliminary designs will be finished by the end of November and we will meet with TDOT early in December.

Alderman Reagor reported that he did attend the 3 Star Meeting on Friday at the Chamber. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup> and a Strategic Plan will be formulated.

The Chamber of Commerce Report was given by Alderman Hunt. The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Webb School Art & Craft was a good one. There was good communication and support between the town and the chamber. The current Leadership Bedford and Bedford Beginnings classes will meet with Chamber representatives on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> to hear about the importance Bell Buckle's tourism industry plays in Bedford County.

The Bell Buckle Chamber of Commerce will hold their first ever Holiday Mixer next Monday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 at the Bell Buckle Banquet Hall. The Café will provide the entrée & drinks with appetizers and desserts being a Covered Dish with everyone attending asked to bring something. During this time there will be opportunities to spread the Bell Buckle Christmas spirit and if you would like to participate in the bundling and tying of the traditional Bell Buckle Christmas greenery and ribbons that are placed throughout the town. At 7:00 we will light the Christmas tree in the island in front of the stores officially starting the Christmas season in Bell Buckle. Everyone is invited and there is no charge.

Our next event is Christmas in Bell Buckle on Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be carolers and horse & buggy rides as well as new items and specials in all the stores.

If you can make the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce Holiday Mixer is Tuesday, Nov. 25 from 5-7 at the Blue Ribbon Circle. RSVP by calling 684-3482 or emailing [Bedford-chamber@bellsouth.net](mailto:Bedford-chamber@bellsouth.net)

The TDOT grant for caboose renovation was recently re-submitted. Deterioration of the inside of the caboose is a real concern. Back windows are knocked and something/someone has gotten inside and made a good mess. Unless the windows are boarded up the rain and winter weather will cause further, more rapid deterioration.

The Bell Buckle Chamber is currently working on its 2009 brochure and it is hoped it will be ready by the first of December.

There was no report from the Avian Flu Preparedness Committee.

Alderman Hunt gave the Parks and Recreation Report. We had the celebration of Ward's birthday at the playground on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> and it was a wonderful time. Photos of Ward's celebration will be posted on the park web site by the end of the week.

We have begun work on the tree grant with replacement of trees lost by the freeze and drought of 2007. Memorial and Honorary trees are being planted at the same time so please let a Tree Board or Park Board member know if you would like to have one planted. If you see an orange flag at the park, just leave it there as that is marking a tree planting. At the same time that trees are planted, we will probably begin planting of a row of hedges to landscape the park and also to provide a hindrance to cars driving in the park and especially on the walking trail.

The roof is on the back end of the amphitheater with hopes to add the front roof within the next 30 days weather permitting. We are nearing the end with electrical and inside walls being the vast remainder of the construction. We will probably begin within the next 30 days the bidding out for the sound system and lighting from the grant we received last year for \$20,000. When construction debris is cleared, the seating area will be dug

out and we will grade the dirt mounds between the amphitheater and convenience center into a landscaped berm.

The park restrooms will be closed at the end of the month or at the first hard freeze, whichever comes first.

Under Mayoral Updates, Mayor Webb reported that the Town did not receive the CDBG grant.

He asked the Board to come prepared in the December meeting to discuss budget items involving employee bonuses and salaries. The 2008-2009 Budget will need to be amended sometime the first of the year.

There will be an Annual Employee meeting in January with the employees presenting a logo and slogan from a Town Hall prospective on customer service.

Everyone will be invited to a potluck in December with the Town Employees, Board, Planning Commission, etc.

Mayor Webb thanked all the veterans in the room and town for their service to our country and in celebration of Veterans Day.

Old Business: Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Rooney, made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the FOG Ordinance #08-009. All Aye.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Rooney, made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Ordinance Clarifying a Motion Changing Fees for Site Permits #08-010. Motion carried.

New Business: Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Rooney, made a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance #08-011. Motion carried.

Alderman Hunt reported that there will be a “Blue Lighting” of the Town Hall on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> for Diabetes Awareness.

Mayor Webb reported that we had received a letter from Cory Hartbarger regarding the Senior Olympics and encouraged the Board members to read the letter and contribute if they wanted.

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

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder \_\_\_\_\_