

October 9, 2007

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session. All were present. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from the September 11 and the special called September 28 meetings. All Aye. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve the minutes from September 11 and September 28. Motion carried.

Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve the financial reports. All Aye.

Supervisor Ronnie Lokey gave the Water/Sewer Report. There was a 33% water loss, but a large service leak had been repaired on Bell Buckle Wartrace Road. A flow meter was installed on Fosterville Rd. The work on the equalization basin is underway and they are planning on beginning to erect the tank sometime next week. Engineer Patterson stated that there was a buried tank found that was part of the original plant. This had to be excavated out and filled in, but the work is still on schedule.

Engineer Patterson also said that the drought situation is predicted to become very serious by next year, even if we have regular rainfall amounts from now until then. It was stressed that Bell Buckle needs to keep a strong relationship with both Wartrace and BCUD for water sources and to plan for the future for water conservation.

Alderman Hunt reported that we are losing money on customers moving off and leaving unpaid bills. She had spoken with David Crowell from Shelbyville Power. They use a collection agency that just charges 1/3 of the amount they collect, which would be an idea for us in the future. It was also discussed moving the cut-off date from the 4th of the next month to the 20th of the current month. This will be reviewed by the Board and discussed more next month.

The telemetry bid is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23rd at 10 AM.

Brent Williams was present to request nine water and sewer taps in Oakwood Subdivision. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve. The approval for these had been rescinded due to nonpayment during the 90 day period. Alderman Anderson abstained from voting, Alderman Felices opposed; Mayor Webb, Alderman Reagor and Alderman Hunt voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Chief Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. They had answered 14 calls-9 medical and 5 fire. The Covered Bridge Meet & Greet event was not very well attended, but they had a good time. Billy Phillips Open House was a big success and the Fire Department received \$667.50 from donations. They received \$62 in donations from the Covered Bridge event. They extended their thanks to Billy Phillips for his generosity in donating the money from his open house. Friday, the Fire Department will be at Cascade School for Fire Education Week.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Planning Commission Report. They had approved 9 water/sewer taps for Oakwood Subdivision that had previously been rescinded due to non payment during the 90 day period. Also discussed were several changes to the zoning ordinance.

Alderman Hunt reported for the Sidewalks Committee that we won't get the contract on the grant until the end of November. There is a mandatory workshop that either the grant administrator or the engineer will need to attend.

Rodney Simmons gave the Chamber of Commerce Report. The Webb School Arts & Craft Fair will be October 20 & 21st. Haunted Evening will be October 27.

No report from the Avian Flu Committee.

Chairman Hunt gave the Parks and Recreation Report.

1. The walking trail has been repaired and is back to being fully functional. We will be sowing seed if it ever rains again. Thanks to Hawkins for donating gravel.
2. Many thanks to The Webb School for sending a group of students to the park on Sept. 12th for their semi-annual Community Service Day. They did a great job in cleaning up and weeding the park.
3. There have been some reports of organized dog fighting at night at the park. Please call the Sheriff's Dept or me or Town Hall to report.
4. Many thanks to Billy Phillips collecting donations for the Park and Fire Dept during his Open House this past Sunday. Billy donated \$667.50 to the Park and that much again to the Fire Dept.
5. We are waiting for new drawings from our landscape architect to reflect the current park rather than the original, pre-construction rendering to put in the kiosk along with the rules and the Memorial and Honorary Tree plantings. As soon as we receive the new pdf files, we will have the kiosk information installed.
6. The RTP grant has been completed and we will have an inspection by the state this Friday. The grant originated in 2004.
7. A work day for the park that was originally scheduled for this Friday has been postponed until we get some rain.
8. On October 28th, we will celebrate the anniversary of the Ward Anderson Playground on Ward's birthday. Starting at 4pm there will be a cookie exchange and then a balloon release at 4:30. A Covered Dish dinner will tentatively begin at 5:00, and we hope to bring back the Anderson Sisters for another Gospel Sing after that. Watch the Town web site (www.TownofBellBuckle.com) and Park web site (www.BellBucklePark.info) for updates.

Alderman Hunt reported that new medallions had been ordered for the Bi Centennial.

Mayoral Updates: MTAS Representative Don Darden came Friday, September 28th and did a workshop on the new laws and how they affect us, as well as talked about setting up a Municipal Court. We need to define Site Inspector and also a Health & Maintenance Officer. We will also need to have a Financial Officer and they will need to be trained with 80 hours of school and pass 10 tests to be certified.

Alderman Hunt is working with Webb School on speeding issues and Bedford County Sheriff's Department is also helping. There have been several thefts and pranks lately in Bell Buckle which is being investigated.

Several complaints have been received about the service of Charter Cable in the past 10 days and Janet spoke with a representative from Charter today regarding that. We now have a direct number to give to people with complaints.

The Non-Smoker Protection Act has passed and we need to post signs at the entrances to all buildings to be in compliance with the law.

The Mayor complimented Alderman Felices and the Beautification Committee for their help in beautifying the area around the Fire Department.

Mayor Webb also thanked the community for their love and support through Carla's accident with a special thank you to Chief Lokey and the Fire Department.

Old Business: Alderman Felices, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve the Amended Budget for 2007-2008. All Aye.

Alderman Anderson presented ideas about moving our accounts into a centralized account to increase interest income and possibly depositing a portion into a brokerage account. The auditor will be consulted on this for his advice.

Alderman Anderson also reported that he had spoken with Mike Cavender of Edward Jones Financial regarding a retirement plan for the employees. After discussion, it was decided to look into this more and to move forward to review in the next budget year.

Alderman Hunt reported that she had spoken with Jim Barnhart regarding the tree trimming in Bell Buckle. That will begin soon.

Mayor Webb received a request from a Bell Buckle resident asking that we make the traffic one way through the alley. This will be considered and discussed more at next month's meeting.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve the Zoning Ordinance changes on the first reading with the clarification on the definition of Section 9 Temporary Use Regulations. All Aye.

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

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor _____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder _____

