

September 11, 2007

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session. All were present. Prior to the meeting, a short performance was presented by the "Children of Bell Buckle" led by the First Lady, Carla Webb. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to suspend the reading of the previous month's minutes. Motion carried.

Alderman Felices, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve the minutes of August 14. All Aye. Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve the Financial Reports. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ronnie Lokey gave the Water/Sewer Report. They had been able during the hot, dry weather in August to buy and distribute water to all our customers without any major disruption of service. One leak had been repaired at Whistlestop Farm. A tap had been installed for Bedford County EMS on Fairfield Pike and for Ms. Bobbie Wells on Hwy 82 E. Three sewer leaks were repaired. The fence around Webb water tank had been painted and the streets and gutters were cleaned. Sand was put in the drying beds at the sewer plant and the area around was cleaned up for construction of the new tank. The work on the water fountain at the park was completed. A fire hydrant on Peacock Street was repaired with the help of Ernie Milteer with M & H Hydrant Co who supplied most of the parts free of charge. Mr. Lokey attended the water board meeting in Wartrace and brought back information on the plans to upgrade their system. They also carried water samples to the lab for quarterly THM and HAA5 testing.

Realtor Kenneth Parker was present to request a water tap for Bill & Jennifer Nunley on Happy Valley Road. The tract is over 42 acres and meets all of the criteria. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to approve. All Aye.

Alderman Reagor requested that a flow meter be installed on the dead end lines. This would enable Ronnie to pinpoint leaks better, etc. This could be charged out of maintenance and supplies; no vote required. Alderman Reagor also cautioned the Board about the drought situation and how serious it could become.

Mr. Lokey said that the work should begin at the Sewer Plant next week. Alderman Felices had also given the Engineer the OK to proceed with the Telemetry Bid.

Alderman Hunt reported that last month we applied for a TML grant for \$500 (\$250/\$250 matching grant). We did receive that. We will be able to purchase warning lights for the trucks, strobe lights, hand held traffic signs & traffic vests. The signs will be shared with the Fire Department.

Chief Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. They had answered 21 calls-9 medical and 12 fire related. Two training sessions were conducted in the month. Our new tanker truck should be here soon. Ten hours of driving time is required by each driver before being allowed to respond to a call. The painting & color coding of the fire hydrants continues to progress.

Recruitment and retention for the Fire Department has been discussed a lot lately. Ray Crouch from MTAS met with Chief Lokey & made several suggestions. A reward system needs to be set up for the time that is spent in training, station work, fundraising and responding to calls. Chief Lokey proposed taking \$5000 from their savings account and setting up a point system that everyone in the department can take part in. He also wants to set up some form of a retirement program and to institute length of service awards. These need to be in place when they start an aggressive recruitment program.

On Saturday, October 6, the Fire Department will sponsor a "Meet & Greet" day at Covered Bridge Estates. This will involve instructions on fire safety and demonstrating different equipment. Refreshments will be served. Chief Lokey is also trying to get VFSI, Bedford County EMS and EMA to participate in this event. Similar events will be held in other parts of our area in the coming months. Everyone is urged to attend and be a part of this.

Alderman Felices stated that he would like to see the town go ahead and finish off the fire hall including painting, asphaltting and landscaping. This could be accomplished by prison labor. He also mentioned giving the firemen a break on their water bill. This will be discussed. Alderman Hunt reported that we did not receive the AFG grant.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Planning Commission Report. A water tap was approved for Bill & Jennifer Nunley on Happy Valley Road-part of the David Johnson farm. This was over 42 acres & met all requirements. A Site Permit was approved for Kim Mashe on Hwy 82.

State Planner Bo Logan recommended inserting the fence regulations into our Zoning Ordinance instead of having a stand-alone fence ordinance. Temporary Use Permits, Yard Sale Ordinance, Street Vendor Permits were discussed. Recent meetings dealing with the changes to the PC 1101 were also discussed.

Alderman Hunt reported that the Town did receive the TDOT Enhancement Program for Phase III of our comprehensive sidewalks plan! This grant is in the amount of \$300,000. Phase III funding will be used to repair/replace portions of sidewalk along Maple Street and be utilized for safety enhancements on sidewalks along Webb Road between Maple Street and Webb School. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$420,000 with Phase II funding of \$70,000 to be applied to Phase III costs. The Town is grateful to Sen. Jim Tracy and Rep. Curt Cobb in their efforts to secure this funding. In addition, Mayor Webb and the Board of Aldermen are to be thanked for their commitment to seeing this project funded successfully. Mayor Webb thanked Alderman Hunt for all of her hard work on this project.

Rodney Simmons gave the Chamber of Commerce Report. The Art and Music Festival will be Sept 14, 15 and 16. Billy Phillips will have an Open House on Thursday, Sept. 13 at his shops and at his home on Sunday, October 7. In lieu of gifts, donations could be

made to either BB Park or the BBVFD at the Open House at his home. Webb School Arts and Crafts Fair will be Oct 20-21 and the committee is meeting on plans for that.

There was no report from the Avian Flu Preparedness Committee.

Chairman Jenny Hunt gave the Bell Buckle Park Report.

1. Grading has been completed at the park. New asphalt on the damaged portions of the walking trail should be completed by Oct. 1st. Many thanks to Randy Johnson for all his hard work in removing the damaged asphalt.
2. Webb School is having their bi-annual Community Service today tomorrow, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, and will be sending a group of students to the park to weed and mulch. The Bell Buckle Park Board very much appreciates Webb School's involvement and dedication to bettering our community.
3. The Child Development Center is having their annual workshop/conference in Shelbyville on Friday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. They will have a delegation of about 55 adults, and local director Sarah Hunt has arranged for them to spend the day in Bell Buckle. I will be giving them a brief history of Bell Buckle and tour of Webb School and afterwards they will be making a presentation and donation to the Ward Anderson Playground. Many thanks to the Bell Buckle Chamber of Commerce for all their help in arranging for Bell Buckle gift bags.
4. On Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Billy Phillips will be holding an Open House at his home from noon to 5:00 on Main Street 2 doors down from the new Fire Hall. Billy will be sending out press releases and is expecting a large crowd. No admission will be charged but donations will be requested and those donations will be split between the Bell Buckle Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Bell Buckle Park. Parking is still to be determined and will be announced when known on the town's web site. Many thanks to Billy for all he does for the town and all his hard work.
5. The kiosk is up and the board inserts have arrived and will be installed shortly. Hopefully rules and the layout of the park will be ready to go in within the month.
6. The Park Board made the decision not to hold the Labor Day picnic and gospel sing due to the heat and the dusty conditions created by the grading and drought. Plans are in the works to hold the event on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. More details will be provided as they become available at the next Town meeting and on the town and park web sites.
7. Invitations to bid on the Amphitheater will be out within the next week. Kay Adcock will be providing the information, and announcements will be in the T-G as well as the town web site.
8. Again, please do not dump any yard debris at the park and do not drive on park property. There have been numerous reports on incidents such as these taking place. I have given my phone number to the attendants at the Convenience Center and they have started calling me when these things occur and I am running down there and diplomatically taking care of what I can. Please also no four wheeling on park property.

Alderman Hunt also gave the Bi Centennial Report. The Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Two cookbooks will also be available soon.

Mayoral Updates: Mayor Webb has requested Alderman Reagor and Ronnie Lokey to coordinate security, parking & emergency planning for the weekend with the Arts and Music Festival. The Craft Fair Committee has been meeting and coordinating for that event. We have our training session with MTAS on Friday, September 28 at 10 AM to discuss the new laws passed in the House & Senate. After that, we should be in a better position to move along with Municipal Court-which will also be covered in the training.

Employee health insurance has been taken over by United Health Care. We worked hard with HB Cowan to get the numbers where they need to be. We are also checking on quotes from the State program which is thru Cigna Insurance.

Mayor Webb has asked Chief Lokey to utilize more county prisoners on projects-mainly clean-up. Janet & the Mayor are currently working with several property owners to clean up their property.

The TN Shakespeare, in sponsorship with Webb School, is moving along. He believes it will good for Bell Buckle and the County. More information soon.

There was a gas leak this AM at the new Mexican Restaurant. BBVFD is to be commended for their quick and efficient handling of this matter.

MTAS is presenting a class on Annexation on Sept 25. Aldermen Anderson and Reagor are attending at the Town's expense.

Alderman Felices completed the survey to make us compliant with Title VI.

Alderman Hunt reported on the 2010 Census. This is a 3 year process and we will have more information soon.

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

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

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

