

September 9, 2008

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session. Those present were Mayor Webb, Aldermen Hunt, Reagor and Rooney. Alderman Anderson was absent. A Public Hearing was held prior to the meeting to discuss the Travel Reimbursement Ordinance and the Water/Sewer Rules and Regulation Ordinance.

Alderman Rooney, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to suspend the reading of August 12. All Aye. Alderman Rooney, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous month. Motion carried.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Rooney, made a motion to approve the financial reports. All Aye.

Supervisor Ronnie Lokey gave the Water/Sewer Report. They continue to change out meters that are ten years old or have over a million gallons on them since they are confident that part of the water loss is in this area. Water loss was down to 19% this month! Several service line leaks were repaired-425 Liberty Pike, 209 Main St, 2935 Hwy 82 East, Hwy 82 E-Whit Lee Farm, and at the Cascade Lift Station. Three taps were installed-Alan Fox, Addy Floyd and Calvin Hatchett. Alderman Reagor asked why the tap revenue column did not reflect the three taps. It was explained that Calvin Hatchett asked that his extra tap on Happy Valley Road be installed for his new tap and he pay the difference in the tap fee (\$1000). Since this tap helped cover the initial \$50,000 for the Happy Valley Water Line, Alderman Reagor didn't think it should have been approved. Mayor Webb said this would be looked into.

Mr. Lokey presented the report on the inspection of the Covered Bridge Tank and the recommendations from the inspector. These recommendations will be passed on to the engineer for study. He also stated that we had our regularly scheduled inspection of the water system last week and should be getting the results soon.

Randy Johnson is doing a good job at the wastewater plant and continues to try and make the process more efficient. The Board praised Ronnie and Randy for being persistent in lowering the water loss.

Chad and Stephanie Forbes were present to request a water tap on Happy Valley Road. This is 7.2 acres and the tap will need to go under the road. They understand that they must pay any additional fees if the price goes over. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve. All Aye.

There were 3 sealed bids received for the old dump truck. David Johnson bid \$300; Frank Reagor bid \$551; and Wayne Fox bid \$565. Supervisor Lokey stated that he didn't feel like we would be able to get any more than the bids. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to accept Wayne Fox's bid of \$565. All Aye.

Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. They had answered 9 calls-3 medical and 6 fire (4 false alarms-3 at Cascade Schools; 1 truck fire and 1 structure, hay & grass fire). The signs have been ordered for the building and should be in about a month. Demolition on the old building has been done and getting ready to start on renovations.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Planning Commission Report. They had recommended the water tap for Chad and Stephanie Forbes. A request from Kim Mashe was discussed regarding removing the fence on his property and cleaning the alleyway behind his house. The committee agreed he could begin cleanup and a resolution will be drawn up for the Town to abandon the alley. A four hour strategic planning meeting was also held. Alderman Reagor stated that a motion needed to be passed for changing the Planning Commission date from the 3rd Thursday to the 1st Thursday of the month. Alderman Rooney, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion for that change. Motion carried. This will be advertised in the T-G, website and on the Town Hall window.

Alderman Hunt reported that the Chamber did not receive the grant on refurbishing the caboose into a welcome center. She requested to be able to apply again. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Rooney, made a motion to approve. All Aye.

Alderman Hunt stated that Alderman Reagor had passed the Title VI test and all work has been completed for the town to be in compliance. Engineer Patterson has been asked to begin the Design Phase on the sidewalks.

Rodney Simmons presented the 2009 Schedule of Events for the Chamber of Commerce. Alderman Rooney, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve. All Aye. Alderman Hunt also reported that the Chamber did receive a \$1000 tourism grant.

There was no Avian Flu Report.

Alderman Hunt gave the Parks and Recreation Report. The first Bell Buckle “Best of the Butts” BBQ Cook Off was a big success with 21 entries and a lot of BBQ. The numbers are not finalized right yet but we expect to have made a small profit this year with some start up costs not having to be repeated making for future events to profit nicely and start a good fundraiser for the park.

Webb School has their bi-annual Community Service Day next Wednesday, Sept. 17th. They will be working in the following areas: Park – 12 students, Fire Department – 4 students, Town Hall upstairs clean up – 2 students, and Chamber of Commerce – 4 students. Webb is also interested in helping any elderly or anyone that may be in need of help with yard work for the year. Anyone that has someone in mind should contact Jenny Hunt before this Friday so it can be organized in advance.

We have tentatively set up October 25th to celebrate Ward’s birthday at the playground. More information will be forthcoming on the park web site and at town hall.

We will be planting trees around November weather permitting. If you have a tree you would like planted in memory or in honor of someone you know, please contact either Gene Strobel, Florence Hall or Jenny Hunt so the tree can be ordered. Over 20 trees will be planted with grant money that the park was awarded. A tree has been purchased in memory of Jeanette Bauer who recently passed away.

The amphitheater work continues. The electrical has been purchased and has begun installation. We will begin to hook up the other lamp posts at this time as well to the amphitheater electrical box to fully light the area. We will be working on the trusses and roofing in the next few weeks.

Our next park board meeting has been moved to Monday, September 5th at 5:00

Mayor Webb re-appointed Mark Felices to the Park Board.

Mayor Webb reported that the Craft Fair Committee met on Monday night and began planning details for the Craft Fair. It was emphasized for anyone parking cars to have the price clearly stated on both sides of their signs to avoid any misunderstanding or controversy.

Mayor Webb requested the Board to consider raising Sandy Thompson's salary to \$9.25 an hour (\$1 an hour increase) since her hours had been cut and insurance benefits resolved. Alderman Reagor made a motion to approve. Motion died for lack of a second. Alderman Hunt asked if it might be better to wait until we see how our water purchasing is confirmed with either BCUD or Wartrace before granting any raises.

Old Business: Alderman Rooney, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve the Travel Reimbursement Ordinance on 2nd Reading. Motion carried.

Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Rooney, made a motion to approve the Water/Sewer Rules and Regulations on 2nd Reading. Editorial changes had been made on the numbering of the sections. All Aye.

Mayor Webb presented a contract with the County Animal Control stating that it would be on an as needed basis and that they will only send someone out if the call comes from the Town Recorder. If an animal is not considered vicious or aggressive, other steps will be taken to solve the problem. Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Rooney, made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

There being no comments from the audience, Alderman Rooney made a motion to adjourn. All Aye.

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor _____

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder _____