

## BELLS BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2016

Aldermen present: Bob Pigue, Scotty Runions, John Pigue, Dabney Long and Eric Jordan. Mayor Joe M. Williams, presided. Alicia Pigue, Recorder.

Others present: Wesley Eubanks, Chief Jernigan, Mildred Brimm, Charlie Moore, Heather Crook, Sarah Conley, Chief Jenkins, Kevin Ligon, Junior Jordan and Ricky Pender.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order and gave invocation.

Alderman Eric Jordan moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Alderman Dabney Long seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Wesley Eubanks, Pictsweet Company, discussed purchasing excess land from the State. Alderman Scotty Runions moved to recommend the City to make no objections to the purchase of the surplus property by Pictsweet Company identified as State project 954-c. Alderman John Pigue seconded the motion. Thereupon Mayor Williams called for the roll call vote with all Aldermen being present and all Aldermen voting, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams presented "**RESOLUTION NO 02082016**" a resolution to hire administrative services for the 2016 CDBG sewer rehab project. The resolution identifies Community Development Partners as the qualified administrative management service to assist in preparing and administrating the project. Alderman Bob Pigue moved to accept the resolution as presented and same be made a part of the minutes of this meeting in its entirety. Alderman Scotty Runions seconded the motion. Mayor Williams called for the roll call vote with all Aldermen being present and all Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams presented "**RESOLUTION NO 02082016E**" a resolution to hire engineering services for the 2016 CDBG sewer rehab project. The resolution identifies A2H, Inc., as the firm with the most appropriate experience, background and qualifications to assist in preparing and administrating the project. Alderman Bob Pigue moved to accept the resolution as presented and same be made a part of the minutes of this meeting in its entirety. Alderman Scotty Runions seconded the motion. Mayor Williams called for the roll call vote with all Aldermen being present and all Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams reported that the pre-bid conference for Phase 2 of the TAP grant for the construction phase will be held on February 18, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. and the bid opening will be held on March 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Bells City Hall.

Mayor Williams discuss January 2016 financial statements.

Mayor Williams discussed the findings on the City's Andrew Walker Ball Park examined by Mr. Gerald Parish, JR, CPRP, CPSI of the State of Tennessee

recreational Education Services. Mr. Parish stated that the City needed to declare the Park and obsolete facility and declare the field an open play space. He also asked for the City to make the park handicap accessible by moving the fence space around the bathrooms at least 36 inches from the bathroom itself. He further stated that handicap parking needed to be drawn up with access to the bathroom. The bleachers will also need to be removed. Alderman Scotty Runions moved to authorize the Mayor to make the changes recommended by Mr. Parish. Alderman Bob Pigue seconded the motion. Thereupon Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote with all Aldermen being present and all Aldermen voting, Aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Charlie Moore, Crockett County Chamber Director, addressed the board on behalf of the Crockett County Arts Council. She gave a presentation on the potential of a downtown theater restoration project. The project requires the privately owned theater to be deeded to the City. Grant monies in the amount of \$250,000 with a match of \$250,000 would need to be secured by the City of Bells via 2016 Local Parks and Recreation Funds to fund the project. Mrs. Sarah Conley followed the presentation asking for the City apply for the grant and to give the Arts Council permission to raise the \$250,000 match on the behalf of the City to administer the project. Mrs. Mildred Brimm also expressed her desire to restore the Theater.

Alderman Scotty Runions moved to go forth with the project as presented by the Arts Council. Alderman Dabney Long seconded the motion. Thereupon a roll call vote was requested by Mayor Williams with the following results: Alderman Bob Pigue, "Pass"; Alderman Scotty Runions, "Aye"; Alderman John Pigue, "Aye"; Alderman Dabney Long, "Aye"; Alderman Eric Jordan, "Aye". The Ayes having the vote Mayor Williams declared the motion carried.

City Superintendent Junior Jordan discussed Bells Gas and Water bills and cutoff procedures. Mr. Jordan requested that any office personnel that accepts money to review the cut off list on the 21<sup>st</sup> of every month in order to attempt to catch any errors and avoid accidental cut offs. Alderman Scotty Runions moved to implement the procedures as requested by Mr. Jordan. Alderman John Pigue seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Ricky Pender discussed an incident with what he felt was a violent customer in which Mr. Pender felt threatened. He was not satisfied with the events and communication that took place thereafter. The Board discussed proper procedure for the Employees in the event this situation takes place again. Mayor Williams stated he would contact MTAS for the necessary steps to implement the plan.

Alderman Bob Pigue expressed concern for the safety of children that stand at the four way stop in Bells to do fundraising. He also stated that some of the business owners and citizens felt these children should not be standing beside the highway. Alderman Scotty Runions moved to request a stop to this activity in order to protect the safety of the children. Alderman Bob Pigue seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

Being no further business Alderman Eric Jordan moved the meeting adjourn. Alderman Dabney Long seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

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JOE M WILLIAMS, MAYOR

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