

MARCH 11, 2019
BELLS BOARD MEETING

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

Others present: Trey Ross, Lily Bradshaw, Isabel Henderson, Hannah Scallion, Chief Jenkins, Junior Jordan, Vanessa Guerrero, Carmack Arnold and Kathy Smith.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order and Alderman Eric Jordan gave invocation.

Mayor Williams presented the minutes of February board meeting. Alderman Scotty Runions moved to accept the minutes as written. Alderman Eric Jordan seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams presented the financials through February 2019.

Mayor Williams reported that bids would be taken for demolition for the old Jewelry Store and Bonniel Store on March 28, 2019 at 2:00 o clock at Bells City Hall.

Mayor Williams reported on the status of the Theater. He reported that there was still some preliminary work needed to be completed before construction could begin.

Mayor Williams presented RESOLUTION NO. 03112019 a **“RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BELLS, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND PAYMENT OF 2019 DOWNTOWN PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT CAPITAL OUTLAY NOTES NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000”** Alderman Eric Jordan moved to adopt the Resolution as presented and further authorized Mayor Williams to execute any and all necessary documents. Alderman Scotty Runions seconded the motion. Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote with all Aldermen voting, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams discussed taking bids for streets to pave in the spring.

Mayor Williams presented a list of 2017 delinquent taxes and penalty to be sent to Attorney Randy Camp for collection. Alderman Eric Jordan moved to send the list to Attorney Randy Camp for collection. Alderman Scotty Runions seconded the motion. Mayor Williams called for a roll call voted with all Aldermen voting, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams presented RESOLUTION NO 03112019-LPRF, a resolution to provide funds to match but not to exceed \$500,000 for the 2016 Local Parks and Recreation Grant. Alderman Eric Jordan moved to adopt the Resolution as presented and further moved to authorize Mayor Williams to execute any and all necessary documents. Alderman Lee Overton seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted Aye. Motion carried.

City Superintendent Junior Jordan asked for the Mayor and Board to consider hiring Austin Sweat into the City of Bells Utility Department with a 90 day probationary period and a beginning salary of \$10.50 per hour and increasing to \$11.00 per hour after 6 months. Alderman Eric Jordan moved to hire Mr. Sweat upon approval of the Mayor. Alderman Lee Overton seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Kathy Smith addressed the board concerning the flooding down her road and beside her home.

Mrs. Vanessa Guerrero inquired about selling beer by the drink in her restaurant El Molcajete in Bells. Alderman Eric Jordan moved for the Mayor to inquire about the steps to take to allow beer by the drink in restaurants in Bells. Alderman Lee Overton seconded the motion. Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote with all Aldermen voting, Aye. Motion carried.

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

JOE M WILLIAMS, MAYOR

ALICIA PIGUE, RECORDER